



# NEWSLETTER

[wmflyfishingclub.com](http://wmflyfishingclub.com) New Web Site

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## WMFFC Mission Statement:

The Mission Statement of the White Mountain Fly Fishing Club is: "To assist in the development and maintenance of fly fishing opportunities and to promote and participate in fly fishing in its many forms."

We support the practice of "Catch and Release." We support the use of barbless hooks and harmless netting-and-release practices. Fish should never be held out of water for longer than you can hold your breath.

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## *President's Column:*

The months continue to fly by faster than ever! I hope that everyone enjoyed (did not forget) Valentine's Day. We need to start building up some good points for all those days we want to go fishing in the summer!

### *"Fly Fishing Safety" - Steve Hofmann*

Attached you will find an article written by past president Steve Hofmann on "Fly Fishing Safety". We cannot be reminded enough of how quickly dangerous our sport of fly fishing can be if we do not stay vigilant in our safety practices. We will also post this article on our [flyfishingwm.com](http://flyfishingwm.com) web site for your future reference. Steve has also submitted 2 other articles that we will be posting on our web site - "Fly Fishing Etiquette" and "Fishing the Miracle Mile". Thanks so much Steve and Ellen for sharing your experiences. These are the type of articles that will help draw people to our web site and possibly attract new members.

### *February Membership Meeting*

Gary Miller has planned a fly tying activity and possible knot tying lessons. I wish I were there!

### *Orvis Fly Fishing 101 Classes*

FYI - I know that many of our members live in the valley over the winter and might want to take advantage of the information that I just received from my Sun City Grand Fly Fishing Club member John Pierson. Orvis is doing the fly Fishing 101 classed on Saturday mornings. Go to [Orvis.com](http://Orvis.com) and near the top, open store locator to find Phoenix and then look for classes. You need to register for the class and they are held at Desert Storm Park in Phoenix on Georgia St. just East of 16th St. the classes begin at 7:30 AM and go to 9:30 AM. The first open class appears to be March 3rd, they continue through March. If you have any questions it says to contact Jack Houck at Orvis, 602-626-7558.

### *AZGF - March 5, Meeting on Proposed Lees Ferry Rainbow trout Stocking*

PHOENIX – The Arizona Game and Fish Department plans to stock rainbow trout this spring into the lower 3 mile walk-in section of Lees Ferry, a blue-ribbon trout fishery below Glen Canyon Dam in northern Arizona.

A public meeting on the proposed stocking and the current status of the Lees Ferry fishery will be held 5-7 p.m. on Monday, March 5, at the old lodge across from [Marble Canyon Lodge](#) on U.S. Hwy 89 A in Marble Canyon.

The overall rainbow trout fishery at Lees Ferry has been in decline since early 2014. Accordingly, AZGFD creel survey results during recent years have shown a dramatic decrease in angler catch rates.

Although rainbow trout fishing during the past year seems to have recovered somewhat in the upper portion of the river with reports of large rainbow trout being captured, trout fishing in the walk-in area has not recovered as quickly as the Department had hoped.

This stocking is intended to boost sport-fishing opportunities for rainbow trout at this walk-in portion.

Lees Ferry is regarded as one of the top tailwater rainbow trout fisheries in the nation, and fishing at this massive, clear-running river has a profound impact on the local economy near Marble Canyon.

The Department will plan to stock trout at this portion of Lees Ferry as necessary throughout 2018.

### **Reminders**

**Christmas Tree Lake Reservations** - June 1 is a date chosen for our annual club outing at Christmas Tree Lake. 10 spaces have been reserved and I believe that 9 have been taken at this point. If you wish to make a reservation on your own or for the one reserved spot, call Mylee at 928-338-4385. A reminder to members who have never fished Christmas Tree Lake, it can be fished from shore as well as a float tube or boat. The 13 mile dirt road into Christmas Tree can be a little dusty and bumpy. A low clearance vehicle might not do well. Take it from someone who knows from experience!

**Elections** - Election will be coming up in June. Please give some serious thought about running for the Board. We can only be as good of a club as we are diverse with different members input and your willingness to step forward with your ideas and suggestions. We promise not to nominate you for President! If you do not want to run for the Board we still need to hear what our membership wants us to pursue. Too many times we hear the complaints after the fact and we are really trying to be proactive, a club that represents your interest and concerns. We know will not be able to make everyone happy, however, we can still become a better club from listening.

**Web site** - Please check out our web site at [wmflyfishingclub.com](http://wmflyfishingclub.com) and tell us how we might be able to make it better. We are also looking for more articles from our members about fishing trips and or experiences you may have had. Thanks again to Steve and Ellen for their submissions.

**Bob Henry** - Bob Henry's Celebration of Life was held in Tucson on February 16. One of Bob's wishes is that donations be made in his name to the White Mountain Fly Fishing Club and the Interfaith Community Service in Tucson if you wish to make a contribution in his name. Bob will be missed for his club activism and as a good friend to many of us.

Tight Lines,

Barry Curseaden

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## ***No General Monthly Meeting Minutes for January 2018***

### ***Next Meeting March 21st***

**6:00 PM** Timber Mesa Fire Station, Lakeside

### ***Condolences*** to the family of our member Judy Vicarro, wife of Larry Vicarro.

Judith (Judy) Anne Vicario, 77, beloved wife of Larry Vicario, died peacefully Feb. 5, 2108 at home. She will be missed by her many friends and relatives. Judy was born May 5, 1940 in Bisbee to Lenard and Lillian Wootan.

Judy graduated from UCLA majoring in history with a minor in education. She became an outstanding elementary school teacher and assistant principal at R.D. White School in Glendale, Calif.

Judy is survived by her husband of 34 years, Larry Vicario; two children: Bill (Valerie) and Brett (Lynette) Miketta. Her survivors also include: seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers can make a donation to Accord Hospice; 5658 Highway 260; Suite 6; Lakeside, AZ 85929.

Silver Creek Mortuary handled arrangements. To share condolences with the Vicario family, visit [www.silvercreekmortuary.net](http://www.silvercreekmortuary.net).

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