



NEWSLETTER

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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.

"Tight Lines"—President's Column:

Get ready to join us on Wednesday May 18th for our first club meeting this year. I was not able to obtain my planned guest speaker so I will be asking everyone to bring your best fishing tales and stories so we can all enjoy the evening.

The best laid plans can always change. I had planned to meet up with some of Arizona Flycasters at Becker Lake on April 24th but then received an e-mail that due to the heavy winds they were going to be fishing River Reservoir in Greer. Oh boy I'm going to do some fishing. Well after the drive up to Greer and searching for their group, I finally gave up. It turned out they had decided to stay at Becker but forgot to let me know.

I have scheduled our club to fish Big Lake on May 21st, the Saturday after our meeting. I am trying to coordinate with Desert Flycasters as they will be there from the 20-22nd. Now that I am the proud owner of a 13' Casita Patriot I plan on spending the weekend there and launch my float tube. If you would like to join us please let me know so that I can arrange to have our trailer brought up for those that will need the supplies we have for cooking lunch.

Wishing you a tug at the end of you line.

Dawn Hewitt

President



Picture Gallery

If you've been fishing lately please share your pictures with me. We all love a good fish story and what better way to brag than having your pictures published in the newsletter for everyone to see. Send your shots to me at azsunrise47@yahoo.com and I'll make sure you get credit for them. All of the club pictures have finally been restored to our website along with Articles posted in the past.

2021-22 WMFFC Board Members

President:	Dawn Hewitt	(480) 695-3965
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Chairman:	VACANT	
Education Chairman:	Gary Miller	(602) 478-0883
Newsletter Chairman:	VACANT	
Outings Chairman:	VACANT	
IFFF Representative:	Gary Hall	(480) 510-7381
AZG&F Liaison & Website Coordinator	VACANT	
Banquet Committee	VACANT	

If you have an Ad or Article that you would like featured in the next Newsletter, please contact Dawn Hewitt at azsunrise47@yahoo.com, 480-695-3965.

Elections for Board Positions will be held in June 2022.

Openings will be Vice President, Treasurer and One Board Member at Large. The current Board has agreed to stay on for the time being. If you are interested in running for any positions currently vacant or for any future positions please reach out to Dawn or any other Board member. **It takes everyone to keep this club alive going forward.**

CASTING FOR RECOVERY

There is a retreat scheduled for May 13th –15th at X-Diamond Ranch in Eager. Some of you may have volunteered to help with this event. I will be one of the river helpers working with these ladies and hoping to land a fish or two. If you were selected to help I'll be driving out so if you want to carpool reach out to me at azsunrise47@yahoo.com or 480-695-3965.

Please Consider Volunteering- it does not take much work and you don't have to be a Board Member!

Duties of the Outing Chairperson: You do not have to run every outing but find members to sponsor the events. The board along with an Outings Chair will suggest a schedule of locations in the next month so we can get started with planning.

The club owns a trailer that we will bring to the outings event each month. It contains chairs, grills, tables and most supplies that would be needed for events. Members will just need to bring their lunch.

Newsletter Editor: The President will submit his or her "Tight Lines" article to the editor along with any other articles or information that is current. Using software provided will compose the newsletter and reach out to members for their input of articles or photos for inclusion.

Conservation and Community Projects: Chairman will create as many sub-committee chairs and committee members as may be required to carry out an active Club role in fishery resource conservation management issues and community projects, such as Casting for Recovery, Keep America Clean, Project Healing Waters and others. Prepare and submit a timely monthly article to the Newsletter Editor.

Annual Banquet Committee:
Create sub-committee chairs to assist with the following:
Secure the banquet site, Torreon or other comparable venue.
Have Banquet tickets printed, distributed and sold, including the accounting for same.
Prepare and mail donation letters to vendors, etc.
Prepare and mail "thank you" letters to raffle donors.
Prepare and submit article summarizing the annual banquet to Newsletter Editor.

AZG&F Liaison and Website Coordinator:
Coordinator will maintain contact with AZG&F Pinetop Office to keep the club advised of any upcoming volunteer opportunities for WMFFC. Will submit Newsletters to Website Manager for publication on the Website. Will keep website current and post articles and schedules of events.

If you can help in any manner there are plenty of members that have done these duties before that would be very willing to help and guide you.

A CLUB IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE IT.

ROD BUILDING CLASSES

Gary Miller, Jon Wallace and Bob Bowers are all set to offer rod building again this year most likely in May and will be offering making personal corks to go with the rods. If you are interested please contact Gary at (602) 478-0883.

How to choose the right tippet size

Most tippet sizes will support three or four fly sizes before they either get too stiff for a lifelike presentation or too thin to straighten a fly. In general, choose the heavier size if the water is dirty, if it's windy, or if the fish are unusually strong.

Choose the finer size if the water is very clear and the fish are spooky, or if you are fishing tricky currents and drag is a problem, because a thinner tippet will lessen un-natural drag on your fly. For average conditions choose the middle size.

TIPPET SIZE	TIPPET DIAMETER	APPROXIMATE BREAKING STRENGTH IN	BALANCES WITH FLY SIZES:
8X	.003"	1.75	22, 24, 26, 28
7X	.004"	2.5	18, 20, 22, 24
6X	.004"	3.5	16, 18, 20, 22
5X	.006"	4.75	14, 16, 18
4X	.007"	6	12, 14, 16
3.5	.008"	8.5	6, 8, 10
2X	.009"	11.5	4, 6, 8
1X	.010"	13.5	2, 4, 6
0X	.011"	15.5	1/0, 2, 4
.012	.012"	18.5	5/0, 4/0, 3/0, 2/0
.013	.013"	20	5/0, 4/0, 3/0, 2/0
.015	.015"	25	5/0, 4/0, 3/0, 2/0

PROPOSED OUTING SCHEDULE

During Covid we were not able to host outings or even many meetings. I am hoping to reignite the fire in this club and I have the following proposed outing that I will need help with:

May 20-22nd	Joint outing with DFC at Big Lake
June ?????	Give some suggestions.
July 8-10th	Joint outing with AFC at Greer Lakes (AFC will be camped at Benny Creek Campground)
August	I am hoping I can get some help and support to have a fund raising BANQUET .
September 9-11	Joint outing with AFC at Luna Lake
October 15th	Becker Lake Days with White Mountain Lakes Foundation, AFC and DFC