

White Mountain



Fly Fishing Club

# NEWSLETTER

[wmflyfishingclub.com](http://wmflyfishingclub.com)

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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.

## President's Column:

Good Day!

As I am writing this Newsletter, I am looking at the snow falling outside my window! Needless to say, I am a little surprised and hoping that it does not affect the ability of any of our 5 Veterans to arrive in Show Low this afternoon. We leave tomorrow morning for the San Juan River trip.

The mountain lakes seem to be cooling down and maybe the spawning will start soon. Ted Lambert and I fished Becker Lake with Cinda on Friday. The catching was spotty, but I was surprised at how big the fish were that we did catch. Most were in the deepest part of the lake. No tiger trout caught just rainbows.

This will probably be our last scheduled Newsletter until next April. Our last scheduled club meeting will be this month. **Please note the change in location!** Time and location Information are given below.

### **October 17, 2018, 6 PM Club Meeting**

Our last meeting of the season will be held at the Lakeside Nature Center. The meeting will start at 6 PM. However if you wish to practice your casting skills before the meeting starts at 6 PM, you have direct driving access to the Bob Bowers casting pond located behind the Nature Center. Our guest speaker will be John Jarchow who will represent the Nature Center and be able to answer club members' questions regarding how we can use and take advantage of the Nature Center facilities.

The WMFFC Board has already met with John and other members of the Nature Center and believes that holding our meetings at the Nature Center can evolve into a win - win opportunity for the WMFFC and the Nature Center.

### **2018 Christmas Party Cancelled**

We had hoped that someone would step forward and help coordinate a 2018 Christmas Party, however, this has not happened. Unfortunately, this means that we have had to cancel our Christmas Party date with Torreon. This is a sign that different people will need to step up to help with club events in the future or we will just not be able to have them. It is somewhat of a mystery to me, that our club social events always seem very successful and well attended, yet, there are so few people who want to help do the work to make them happen?

### **New Club Secretary**

Yeah! Thank you, thank you, Kitty Wiemelt for volunteering and being appointed to our WMFFC Secretary Board position. The Board and our Club members look forward to working with and supporting you.

## **2019 June Elections**

Believe it or not, our 2019 Club elections in June are not that far away. By having no meetings until next April does not leave much time to think about becoming an officer. I will be appointing a Nomination Committee at let you know who you should contact if you are interested in becoming a Board member. I will also let you know which positions will be open for nominations.

## **2019 May Fly Fishing 101 Clinic**

We have approved to offer a Fly Fishing 101 Clinic with the City of Show Low's Park and Recreation Department and I am looking for some expert helpers!

I and Steve Hofmann along with some other fly fishing programs I have attended have produced a tentative agenda for the 101 program that will run about a day and a half. The City of Show Low is providing a facility and some promotional opportunities.

The most difficult part of planning this clinic is making it less confusing for the beginner. Too much information can be overwhelming which a very easy thing to do is. Most of this winter will be trying to condense and the information I have received to a simple and logical introduction to beginner. If you have any suggestions and or expertise please contact me.

If you would like to assist and use your expertise in any of these areas, please let me know. Equipment, lines/leaders, trout food lecture, introduction to casting, knot tying, flies and fly selection, casting demonstration, etiquette, safety.

We could especially use help on the casting instruction. Hopefully we can get 6 - 8 members to help with this clinic which will most likely be held on a Thursday and Friday date.

## **Fly Fishing International (FFI)**

As a reminder, if you are looking into a membership with FFI. Go to this web site for the different membership opportunities. [operations@flyfishersinternational.org](mailto:operations@flyfishersinternational.org)

## **May 18, 2019 Bob Henry Spring Social**

Mark your calendars for our WMFFC kickoff social at the Nature Center, May 18, 2019. Let's hope that the wind is not as strong as it was this year.

## **2018 SJR Veterans Float Trip**

The 2018 SJR Veterans Float Trip was a great success! Especially for our 5 Veterans, one who had never fly fished before! All Veterans caught multiple fish and some pretty good size ones as well.



Special thanks to our 9 WMFFC members who attended the event. You made it especially meaningful for our Veterans.

All our Veterans spoke at our closing banquet of how much they appreciated not only the fishing, but also how much your physical presence meant to them as well.

Tight Lines  
Barry

John Gehring, Volunteer Float Guide, and Stuart Almon with his biggest fish ever.

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### Next Meeting April 17th

5:30 PM Social Hour

6:30 PM The Nature Center Lakeside

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



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