



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 Fall to All,

The temperatures are finally beginning to cool off, now if the lake and stream levels will finally start rising, we will be in better fishing shape. I am sure that the fish are still stressed out because of the higher summer water temperatures so please try not to fight them too long and try to keep them wet and released ASAP.

On another note, what have **YOU**; yes **YOU**, done this year to help make our Club better?

We started the past year with only 30 + paid members. Currently we have 52 paid members which is great! However, it is still the same 5-6 volunteers, only 11% of that membership, doing all the work trying to keep the Club going in a positive direction, make the Club better, and serves our membership needs. This current situation is just not sustainable.

I have some suggestions on what **YOU** can do to make the Club better. Choose the contribution(s) you would like to make and/or help with.

How about:

- Donating a couple of hours to help organize a Christmas Event at Torreon? We still do not have a chairperson for this event.
- Volunteer and be appointed to the Board as our Secretary to help record minutes?
- Working with our Banquet Committee to get donations or help pick donated items up?
- Bringing a neighbor/friend to our monthly membership meetings.
- Volunteer to help Richard Dryer with our monthly membership meeting raffle.
- Help with our Spring Club Social.
- Become a Mentor
- Assist with Wounded Veterans San Juan River Float Trip

See how easy it can be!

Your Board has worked very hard to keep this Club meaningful. We will continue to do so as long as our terms permit, but unless others step forward too; we will end up in the same situation we were in a little over a year ago, most likely realizing we cannot do it alone or just become too tired to continue.

I will paraphrase Pres. Kennedy, it is time to "ask not what your Club can do for you, but rather what can you do for your Club."

I realize we only have September and October left for our membership this year. However, please try to give some thought to what you or working with a friend can do to share some of the Club responsibilities next Spring and help lighten the load on current volunteers.

What recommendation from above did you choose to help with?

I hope you realize that the above message is not meant to sound like a scolding, but rather meant to be a reality check on what might happen if each of us doesn't step up and help. Enough of the pep talk, on to important announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Meeting

September 19, 2018

5:30 PM Timber Mesa Fire Station in Lakeside

One of our new members, Al Heitz, will be presenting a program on fishing Pyramid Lake. Al will be giving a Power Point presentation and if you think you have seen large cutthroats wait until you see some of Al's pictures. Al and I belong to the Hooked On Fishing/Fly Fishing Club in Sun City Grand, Surprise, AZ and has planned many trips to Pyramid Lake. See photo below.



Board Meeting

September 12, 2018

4:45

Lakeside Fire Station

Cancelled

Please note the new time and day for our Board Meetings. The second Wednesday of the month at 4:45 PM

Banquet Update

September 15, 2018, 5:30 PM

Torreon Golf Club

The hard work of Dawn Hewitt, and Gary and Doris Miller has really paid off. Not only are there some great raffle and Silent auction prizes but the event is actually sold out one week before it happens! Great job! We will see the fortunate ones who have their tickets already this coming Saturday.

X-Diamond Report

September 10 - 14, 2018 and returning on the 16th

Mike Smith's project has had a great volunteer response from our membership. Some of our members who have already contacted Mike have made arrangements to stay over in some of the X-Diamond cabins that Wink has donated. You can still help out on a daily basis by contacting Mike at 602-316-0948. Mike will be on site for the week and phone reception can be spotty, so if you need to just leave him a message or show up for the day at X-Diamond.

SJR Wounded Veterans Float Trip

October 8 - 11, 2018

I believe that Abe's Motel may still have rooms available for these dates if you wish to join us. We have confirmed 6 Veterans representing Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan will be in attendance. Contact me if you need information or have questions. 623-398-5242.

Volunteers Needed

Silver Creek

9 AM, Sept. 30, Sunday

The WMFFC helps with Veterans Fishing Event on Opening Day on October 1, 2018 at Silver Creek. However, on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 9 AM we have been asked to help set up the large dining tarps that Gary Miller has donated to Silver Creek so that Veterans will have a shaded area to sit under and have lunch.

If you would like to help with setting up on the 30th, please meet in front of Ken McGowan's office at the entrance to Silver Creek. I will be there and hope some of you will join me.

Christmas Banquet Event

Saturday December 8, 2018

This event has no chairperson so at this point; it will most likely not take place if someone does not step forward very soon.

Tight Lines Everyone,

Barry

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Next Meeting September 19th

5:30 PM Social Hour

6:30 PM Timber Mesa Fire Station, Lakeside

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