

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.

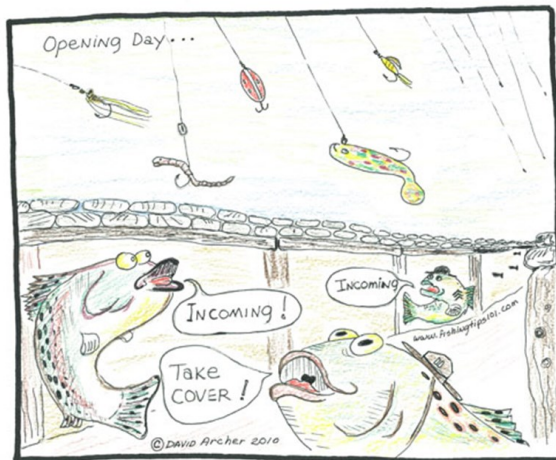
"Tight Lines"—President's Column:

Spring has sprung up here in the White Mountains, well in Show Low at least. The daffodils are blooming and the birds are flocking back. It is 70 degrees today but I understand we will have a drop in temps next week with periods of rain and snow on Tuesday. Now that is how Spring is up here but temps will heat back up to the 60s the following week. Perfect for fishing. Have you been fishing lately? I know Mike Styveart was out yesterday but not sure where.

Our Board has dwindled down to only a few and most will not be coming back to the mountain until sometime in May or June. I will try my best to get this season kicked off for those of us who are here year round. I don't have any plans for an April meeting but would like to suggest that we join Arizona Flycasters at Becker Lake on April 23rd & 24th. I would like to hear from you if you plan to join them. I will plan on going up on the 24th as I have a previous commitment on the 23rd. I know it can be windy in April but what better way to practice your roll casts. Hope to see you there. Becker is being stocked on April 11th.

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. You may notice if you visit our website that there are no pictures or articles. I am working with our Web host to get those restored. This is a vital history of our club.

2021-22 WMFFC Board Members

President:	Dawn Hewitt	(480) 695-3965
Past President:	Barry Curseaden	(623) 398-5242
Vice President:	Gary Hall	(480) 510-6362
Secretary:	Kitty Wiemelt	(480) 329-6996
Treasurer:	Marge Dennis	(928) 358-1901
Board Member at Large:	John Potts	(480)766-8020
Board Member at Large:	Erich Schmidt	(928) 242-3691
Board Member at Large:	Tim Groth	(480) 760-5913
Membership Chairman:	Peggy Sherman	(480) 203-6414
Conservation and Community Projects		
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.

PROPOSED OUTING SCHEDULE

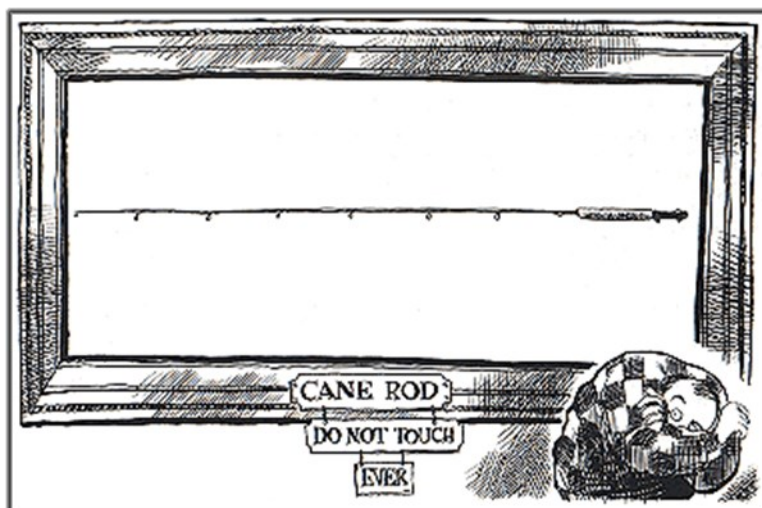
During Covid we were not able to host outings or even many meetings. I am hoping to reignite the fire in this club and I have the following proposed outing that I will need help with:

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| April 23rd & 24th | Joint outing with AFC at Becker Lake |
| May 20-22nd | Joint outing with DFC at Big Lake |
| June | I would like to propose an club sponsored outing at X-Diamond |
| 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 |

Let me know what you think of these plans and/or if you would rather have outing without joining the other clubs.

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.



Sorry for the minimal information in this Newsletter but it is not easy doing it all. I am delighted that some folks have reached out to me and offered to help.