

# 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:*

Our August meeting will be on Wednesday August 17th at the Nature Center. At last month's meeting the membership voted to elect Gary Miller and Rick Tisinski as Board Members at Large. Thanks guys for stepping up to help our club.

No guest speaker but I will be doing a PowerPoint presentation I was able to download from the FFI website. It will be on Fish Behavior. Some very interesting insight. If you are not currently an FFI member I highly recommend looking into it as there are many invaluable resources for you to explore. The website is [www.flyfishersinternational.org](http://www.flyfishersinternational.org). Copy and paste this in your browser to see more.

Thanks Rick Tesinski for the article on Knots. If any of you have some interesting information that our members would enjoy please send to me @ [azsunrise47@yahoo.com](mailto:azsunrise47@yahoo.com)

**Reminder, if you have not yet paid your annual dues of \$30 please bring it to the next meeting or send it to WMFFC, PO Box 2187, Pinetop, AZ 85939.**

Wishing you a tug at the end of you line.

*Dawn Hewitt*

President

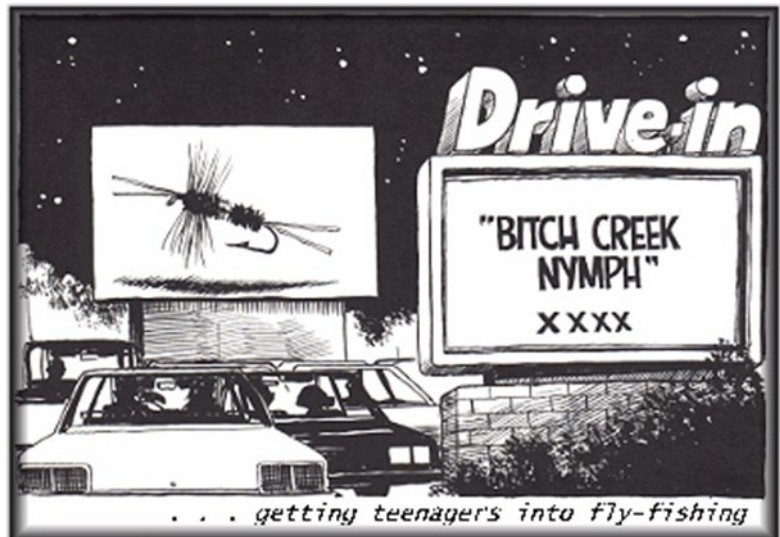
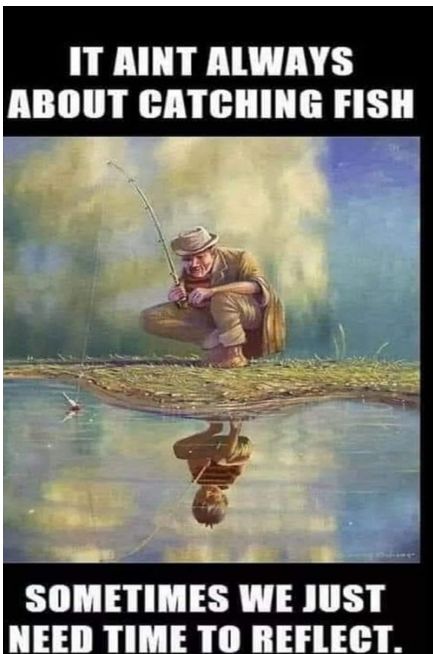


## *2021-22 WMFFC Board Members*

<b>President:</b>	Dawn Hewitt	(480) 695-3965
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<b>Newsletter Chairman:</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	
<b>Outings Chairman:</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	
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<b>AZG&amp;F Liaison &amp; Website Coordinator</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	
<b>Banquet Committee</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	

### PROPOSED OUTING SCHEDULE

August Outing	To Be determined I will e fishing the Greer Lakes with a bunch of friends and camping at Hoyer Campground Aug 26-29th. It is a very nice campground so come join us for a weekend of fun even for only a day.
September 24th	To Be determined
October 15th	<b>Becker Lake Days</b> with White Mountain Lakes Foundation, AFC and DFC



## Picture Gallery

Ted Lane working with Anika at the Casting Pone



Xander learning casting from Bob Bowers and Ted Lane.



Anika and Xander were at our last meeting and Bob and Ted volunteered to take them to the casting pond to give them their first casting instructions. Anika and Xander first found about our club at the Fly Tying Classes last fall at Show Low Library. Their sister Talia joined them casting.

Take a kid fishing and you will help grow our next generation of fishers.



Zac Jackson, last months presenter and his fish at Bodega Bay, CA



Phil Larriva fishing a lovely trout lake south of Telluride, CO.

***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.

Fly Tying Classes will be offered soon. Gary Hall and Rick Tesinsky are starting to work out the logistics and schedule.

# Knot to be Ignored...

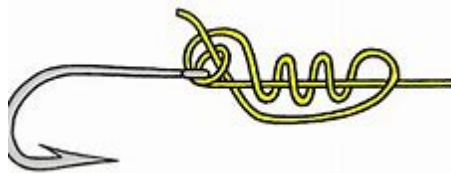
We all have our favorite knots and tried and true winners. I learned the Improved Clinch Knot years ago for tying to a hook/lure when I was a bass and pan fisherman and before I ever gave fly fishing a try. To this day I still like to use this knot and it's my go-to knot most of the time. However, we all have our favs besides that one, e.g., clinch, Palomar, Davy, Uni, etc. They all have their pluses and minuses – ease of tying, breaking strength, amount of material needed, and my favorite - can I do this on a windy day. Here's a couple more you might want to consider and remember monofilament vs fluorocarbon makes a difference when you think about knot strength.

## Double Davy Knot



Somewhat like going from the Surgeon knot to the double or triple surgeon knot this one adds one more layer of strength to the knot. You simply add another loop near the eye of the hook and it can improve the breaking strength by 5% or more depending on the tippet you're using. One article I read put it closer to 15% increase in knot strength improvement.

## Trilene Knot



Ok, this one seems a little more involved and sort of reminds me of an improved clinch knot inside out. However, tying this is not as involved as it may seem and the testing strength on this knot is widely considered to be at the top of the chart with monofilament or fluorocarbon.

Whatever knot you choose is certainly a personal choice and when you're comfortable with what you've been doing it's hard to change. You might want to give one or both of these a try next time you're on the water.

Good fishing!

Thank you Rick