

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:

Here's hoping you were able to spend the holidays with family or friends and celebrate the beginning of 2022.

On December 15th a small group of members and some spouses gathered at Licanos in Show Low to celebrate the holiday season. Thanks to everyone that was able to join us and share in the good food and laughter. Here is hoping that next year we will be able to share the fun with a larger group.

I sent out an e-mail earlier this month to share with you the passing of Georganne Jannenga. Georganne was a member of the club and Secretary back in 2011-12. She was an adventurous fisherwoman and enjoyed many of our outings and events.

Not much fishing going on in the mountains this month. I got up this morning to 7 degrees and it dropped to 1 degree a little while later. I'll bet the lakes are frozen over by now.

Wishing you a tug at the end of you line.

Dawn Hewitt

President



Arizona Game & Fish Department Announcement

We're simplifying! Beginning January 1, 2022 the Community Fishing License option will be going away. Anglers will now just need a general fishing license or a hunt/fish combo license. But that doesn't mean amazing community water fishing opportunities are going anywhere - plus, you'll now have access to more opportunities all over AZ! So go far from home, go to the park down the street, it's your choice, just go fishing - all with one license!

Read More: <https://www.azgfd.com/azgfd-to-discontinue-selling.../>

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.

2021-22 WMFFC Board Members

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Outings Chairman:	VACANT	
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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.**

Please Consider Volunteering- it does not take much work!

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.

This article was published in the February 2013 Newsletter and submitted by former President Steve Hofmann

Since there were no outings to report about and most of the lakes are still frozen over, I thought it would be appropriate to present an article on a good winter fly fishing project to be performed while waiting the “*Spring Thaw*”.

-How to Care for Your Fly Lines –

Fly Lines Do Get Dirty:

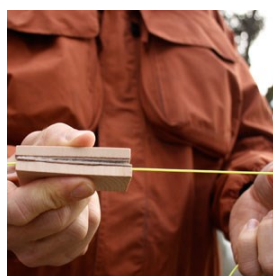
Everybody’s fly lines get dirty like everything else in the outdoors. The ground the line is lying on will have dirt and mud that will be picked up by the wet fly line. Fishing out of a drift boat creates many problems as the fly line will pick up muck from the bottom of the boat, as well as invariably being stood on. A fly line can even get dirty from water as well. Dirt, algae and pollen dust that are dissolved in water will adhere to the outer surface of a fly line. Therefore, fly lines should be gently cleaned after being used for any length of time. “Any length of time” could be after every trip or every other trip or at the end of the season, depending on the usage and conditions. The end of the fishing season is a golden opportunity to perform fly line cleaning, especially in the White Mountains during the winter months.

Cleaning

There basically two methods to clean fly lines: (1) the simple bucket wash and (2) one step cleaning treatment-paste method. For the ***first method***, simply put your line in a bucket or sink with a solution of warm water with mild dish soap. Let line soak (1-2 hours) and then strip to an adjacent clean bucket/sink of water and then strip/wipe the fly line down with a soft cloth. These steps are particularly recommended after saltwater or when fishing from the edge of a lake or a river. After wiping the line clean, apply a light coating of a fly line dressing. This will help to re-lubricate the line and gives the fly line a slick and clean finish. There are many fly line dressings on the market, but it is not known if one is particularly better than the other. ([Rio lines has a good U-tube video on this method](#)). It is a good idea to clean the reel spool at this time also before you wind your line back onto the spool.



The ***second method*** is to purchase cleaning /treatment agent and a sponge type pad. Pull all the line off the reel and rewind the line back on using the pad soaked up with the cleaning/treatment agent. See the photos below. Scientific Anglers likes this method.



Do not put too much pressure on the line when rewinding, as the heat generated in the cloth can distort a fly line. Too much line pressure or tension can also cause reel set or line memory. There are products on the market with pads and cleaning/treatment agents all in one package. Some line treatments can be used immediately some have to dry overnight, need to check the manufacturer's instructions.

Regardless of the method used, clean and treat your fly line and you will be rewarded by a line with better performance and considerably longer life. **Note:** All fly line manufacturers suggest **not** using **any** of the automotive products for cleaning fly lines. These products have chemicals in that will certainly de-plasticize the fly line, leaving it dry and cracked over time. Use a cleaning agent manufactured and sold by a fly line company. There are other fly line treatments out there (Example: "Zip Cast, Fish Pimp, etc.), but I would trust fly line companies' treatments first. Other agents to **avoid** getting on fly lines are insect repellent and sunscreen. Insect repellent (Deet) is murder on fly lines. Fly lines don't last forever. Eventually you'll notice radial cracks in the finish of your line, which signals that it's time to get a new one. Most fly lines last two to six years, depending on how hard you use them. During the winter cleaning period is a good time to inspect your fly lines.

Fly Line Storage:

Most fly line manufacturers say that it is not necessary to remove lines from your reels for off-season storage. They should be clean and dry, and should be stored where they will not be exposed to heat, light, or any chemicals. If you have lines that you plan to store for extended periods, the refrigerator is best.

Conclusion:

Most experienced fly anglers agree that the fly line is just about the most important part of your fly fishing equipment because it plays such an important role in the effective presentation of artificial flies. Your fly line deserves "Tender Loving Care". If you give it TLC, it will respond by giving you much fishing pleasure.

(Compiled from internet articles by Rio, Scientific Anglers, Orvis, & Airflo Fly Lines)