

NEWSLETTER

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P.O. Box 2187, Pinetop, AZ 85935

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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:

June's meeting has been moved to the 22nd as I was not available on the 15th and other Board members who would have run the meeting were also out of town. We have been able to secure Zacary (Zac) Jackson as our speaker for June. Zac is the Project Coordinator for the USFWS Arizona Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office (AZFWCO) in Whiteriver, Arizona. He has worked for USFWS since 2007, first in California working on Chinook Salmon habitat restoration and White Sturgeon research and monitoring designed to inform habitat restoration and population management decisions. Zac has worked for AZFWCO since 2017 and focuses his time working with tribes in Arizona on native fish conservation and sportfish management projects.

Before coming to work for USFWS, Zac worked for North Dakota Game and Fish Department as a seasonal fisheries aid during the summers while pursuing B.S. degrees in Zoology–Fish and Wildlife Management and Natural Resources Management from North Dakota State University (GO BIZON!). After graduating, he worked for Iowa Department of Natural Resources as a natural resources aid before pursuing his M.S. degree in Fisheries Biology at Iowa State University (go Cyclones!) His thesis focused on assessment of the interrelationships between fish population dynamics and limnological characteristics of Iowa lakes. Zac has coauthored 16 peer-reviewed journal publications and a book chapter (with six publications in review or significantly developed).

Wishing you a tug at the end of you line.

Dawn Hewitt

President





Kitty and Gerry Wiemelt fishing the Big Hole in Montana

Picture Gallery



2021-22 WMFFC Board Members

President:	Dawn Hewitt	(480) 695-3965
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Board Member at Large:	Tim Groth	(480) 760-5913
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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. 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 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.

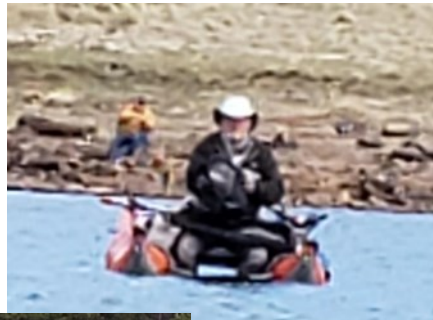
A CLUB IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE IT.

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.

BIG LAKE OUTING May 20-22

Several members joined me at the joint weekend outing with the Desert Flycasters. Bonnie Henry and Phil Larriva and John Potts and his son had their campers there for the weekend. The winds were pretty strong on Friday and Saturday but Sunday morning was a little better. Desert Flycasters did a great job including us for their Saturday evening happy hour and Burgers and Brats cookout at the group campground ramada. Joe Staller and Tom Horvath were great cooks and there was plenty of different salads and desserts.



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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| June 25th | Horseshoe (Reservation Permit Required) If you want to camp you will need a camping permit as well. |
| July 8-10th | Joint outing with AFC at Greer Lakes (AFC will be camped at Benny Creek Campground) |
| August or Sept | I am hoping I can get some help and support to have a fund raising BANQUET . So far I have only heard from e members willing to help. |
| September 9-11 | Joint outing with AFC at Luna Lake |
| October 15th | Becker Lake Days with White Mountain Lakes Foundation, AFC and DFC |