



# NEWSLETTER

*wmflyfishingclub.com*

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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"—Column:***

At July's meeting our guest speaker was Josh Criswell, Arizona Conservation Project Manager with Trout Unlimited (TU). Josh spoke with us about his position and what he is and has been doing since taking over this job. Josh helped folks from Payson Flycasters and some WMFFC members clean a section of Silver Creek of reeds and also did some relocation of rocks to create pools to hold fish.

Josh spoke about all of the grant monies that are available thru TU for conservation projects for Arizona. One of the projects that has been in the works at Camp Geronimo: 200 acres of forest, meadows, and adventure nestled in the shadows of the magnificent Mogollon Rim Camp Geronimo. I will get mor info on this and pass it along. At one point Boy Scouts of America was considering selling Geronimo to pay for some of the costs of the abuse law suits. After much outcry from parents that has been avoided.

This month's meeting will feature a few TU/Orvis videos. One will feature TU/Orvis Principals of Dry Fly Fishing by Tom Rosenbauer and a second one will cover using Wet Flies and Nymphs. These both are very informative and I know you each will learn something new.

Are you getting ready for the first new annual banquet to be held on Thursday September 7th at The Hungry Buffalo on Porter Mountain Road in Lakeside? The meal choices are Prime Rib or Salmon. Reach out to Dawn at 480-695-3965 or Kitty at 480-329-6996 to reserve your place as only 80 tickets will be sold (capacity). There will be loads of raffle tickets and a few high priced silent auction items. This will be out first fund raiser since 2019 and we would like to make this a big success.

Wishing you a tug at the end of you line.

***Dawn Hewitt***  
President



## PROPOSED OUTING SCHEDULE

**We need a volunteer to be our Outings Chair.** Please reach out to me if you will be willing to take this over. The previous Chair had to resign.

These are the proposed Outings for 2023: We are desperately in need to a volunteer to lead the Outings.

August 19:	Reservation Lake
<b>September 7</b>	<b>Annual Fund Raising Banquet at Hungry Buffalo in Lakeside</b>
September 23:	To Be Determined
October 21:	Becker Best Days
November 18:	Silver Creek

The Committee chair will need/appoint a Captain for each outing. The Captain will speak at the meeting prior to the Outing addressing where we will meet and what we can expect in the way of fishing. They will be responsible for putting out the signs showing the way. They will determine whether or not we bring the club trailer depending on the number of participants.

## ***2022-23 WMFFC Board Members*** ***Elections will be held next July when we have more*** ***volunteers step up***

<b>President:</b>	Dawn Hewitt	(480) 695-3965
<b>Past President:</b>	Barry Curseaden	(623) 398-5242
<b>Vice President:</b>	Gary Hall	(480) 510-6362
<b>Secretary:</b>	Kitty Wiemelt	(480) 329-6996
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Margie Dennis	(928) 358-1901
<b>Board Member at Large:</b>	John Potts	(480)766-8020
<b>Board Member at Large:</b>	Gary Miller	(602)478-0883
<b>Board Member at Large:</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	
<b>Membership Chairman:</b>	Peggy Sherman	(480) 203-6414
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<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	
<b>Education Chairman:</b>	Gary Miller	(602) 478-0883
<b>Newsletter Chairman:</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	
<b>Outings Chairman:</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	
<b>IFFF Representative:</b>	Gary Hall	(480) 510-7381
<b>AZG&amp;F Liaison &amp; Website Coordinator</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	
<b>Banquet Committee</b>	Gary Miller, Kitty Wiemelt, Marcy Greenberg, Dawn Hewitt, Gary Hall and Mary	

**Fault :** When fishing from a float tube or boat the line hits the water on the back cast. Anglers may blame the fly rod, a longer one would keep the back cast up. The actual cause is a rod tip direction down toward the water rather than rising.

**Fix:** Strip in some line. Use a more oval, sidearm back cast rather than straight overhead. Thrust the hand and thumb upwards at the end of the back cast. The rod tip and line will rise to the rear, not go downward. **Capt. Kirk**



Our youngest member Xander fishing at Sheep's Crossing. Mom told him that AZG&F had not stocked there but he was not about to give up. You go young fisherman.

**I FISH...**



**FOR HOURS, TO HOLD A  
TROUT FOR SECONDS.**

Panquitch Lake Fishing from Phil Larriva's fishing trip with Bonnie Henry in July.

