



# NEWSLETTER

*wmflyfishingclub.com*

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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:*

Wow it is March 2023 already. Our lakes are full and overflowing and the rivers are running high. Here's to hoping the fishing will be outstanding this year.

We have a great opportunity this spring again to meet up with Desert FlyCasters on a joint fishing outing at Big Lake May 19th to 21st. Check out the invitation below in this newsletter. They have reserved a group campground and we will do a Saturday Social/Dinner together.

Casting for Recovery will be conducting their annual retreat at X-Diamond Ranch this same weekend. For those of you who are not familiar with this organization, it is a 501c3 nonprofit that offers weekend retreats for women with Breast Cancer or who have had Breast Cancer. Our club used to be really involved in supporting these events. They teach the ladies all about fly fishing and on Sunday each participant is matched up with a guide to take the fishing in the river or on the ponds. I will be volunteering again this year as a guide. You can donate flies by contacting [jen.lofgrene@castingforrecovery.com](mailto:jen.lofgrene@castingforrecovery.com) or directly to the Arizona Retreat at [karen@lauransa.net](mailto:karen@lauransa.net)

Wishing you a tug at the end of you line.

*Daw Hewitt*

President



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### **PROPOSED OUTING SCHEDULE**

April is fast approaching and 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.

April 22:	Rainbow Lake
May 20:	Big Lake
June 24:	Greer Lakes
July 22:	Hawley Lake
August 19:	Reservation Lake
September 23:	Possible Trip to the San Juan
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.

## White Mountains Extravaganza, Big Lake

**Friday-Sunday May 19-21, 2023**

Come join us at one of the most anticipated annual club outings: Our annual White Mountains Extravaganza. This year, we will be camping at Big Lake. We have reserved the Fir Group campsite in the Apache Trout campground. There are 24 camping sites surrounding a covered Ramada and bathroom facilities. The bathrooms include hot showers and flush toilets, so even those who are not wilderness campers should be comfortable! There are no electrical or sewer connections. Water is available.

May fishing at Big Lake can be outstanding. The summer rush has not started yet, but we can still expect warm weather days, although slightly chilly nights. Last year, the group did really well fishing midge imitations below an indicator, with brook, rainbows and cutthroat trout making frequent appearances. If you do not like lake fishing, there are several nearby streams you can check out.

**Saturday Social/Dinner: Gather in the group camp site pavilion.** Dinner will be about 6pm –The club will provide grilled meat (hot dogs, hamburgers, or perhaps brats), **please bring a side dish or dessert to share.**

**How to sign up and reserve your campsite:** Two nights of camping and Saturday dinner are included for the low, low cost of \$45. 5/19 Friday check in 2 PM, 5/21 Sunday check out 1 PM. Use this link to pay your deposit on PayPal:

[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=2RZ7FCP2E24L8](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=2RZ7FCP2E24L8)

Alternatively, mail your check for \$45 and a note that this is for the May White Mountains outing to:

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PO Box 6404

Chandler, AZ 85246

For more info, contact your hosts: Joe Staller at joestaller@yahoo.com or Dick Brooks at gdubby77@gmail.com

I attended this event last year along with Bonnie Henry and Phil Larriva. The fishing was a little tough as the wind created white caps but the social was great fun meeting other like minded fishermen and women. Hope you can join us.

The roll cast is the go to move when back cast room is limited.

It's useful for:

straightening slack line prior to an overhead cast

Removing debris from the fly

Clearing a snagged fly

Dry fly pickup

Raising a sinking line or heavy fly to the surface

Mending the line to increase or decrease fly speed.

The delivery cast for all Spey moves

**Article submitted by Capt. Kirk Eberhard**

I FISH...



FOR HOURS, TO HOLD A  
TROUT FOR SECONDS.