

NEWSLETTER

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LOOK WHO'S BACK!! OUR OWN LOCAL EXPERT on Smallies and Carp!!

JOHN ROHMER

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COME LISTEN TO HIS STORIES, LOCAL PLACES HE'S FISHED AND "WON" — HE ALWAYS SHARES SECRETS.



John previously was part owner of AZ Fly Fishing. A long time Arizonan, he has been fishing Arizona's waters for over 45 years. He is currently actively involved and serves as the president of a new non profit organization, the White Mountain Lakes Foundation. This foundation was formed for the sole purpose of improving the trout fishing waters of the White Mountains of Arizona.

AUGUST WMFF MEETING on Wednesday, August 21st

at Nature Center 435 E. Woodland Lakeside, AZ

Raffle and social—5:30 p.m. Meeting—6:00 p.m.

SPECIAL FUND RAISER: fifty two card for one of three hand

Carved fish by Bob Sorsen. You could have one of these hanging in your family room. They are beautiful. \$5.00 a card. Gary Miller





“Tight Lines-Vice President Gary Hall’s column

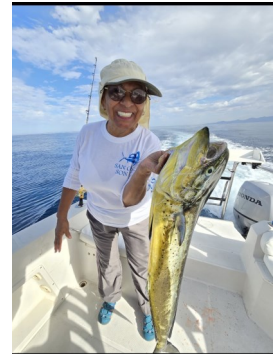
Good day fellow fly casters. I hope you have been keeping tight lines this summer. Mary and I had to go down to our home in San Carlos Mexico for a couple of weeks to take care of business. While we were in San Carlos Mary caught three sail fish and two large Dorado.

I would like to thank the members that have volunteered to accept two leadership positions in the club, as I understand transpired while I was gone. We are also excited that we have a new president, Mike Whittney and Marcie Greenberg

has stepped up to take Treasurer.

We need to get more signups for rod building and fly tying in order to have these classes. Remember that you need to be a paid member to participate in these classes, as these are the perks of membership. (Youth 16 and under are free.)

If you are contemplating fishing, it is my understanding that Sunrise is one of the best choices. Reports have been very good.



FFI INTRODUCES FISHING BASICS

We're excited to share the launch of our newest fly fishing educational resource, designed to help people learn basic fly fishing skills. Hosted by On Water Ambassador Kayla Lockhart, this five-episode video series is accompanied by an engaging downloadable guide for new fly fishers to use in learning about equipment, terminology, knots, and fish species to begin their journey in fly fishing.

FFI has long been at the forefront of fly fishing education, with luminaries of the sport designing our teaching materials for decades. As methods of learning have changed, we want to be sure the basics of fly fishing are accessible to anyone, anywhere, so they're able to get out and fish

where they are," says Dave Peterson, Chairman of FFI's Board of Directors.

"This series is an excellent resource allowing anyone curious about fly fishing to follow along on a new fly fishers's journey."

(The more WMFF belong to FFI, the less our club insurance is. Standard rate is \$35 for a year)



MESSAGE FROM John Ellis of Fisheads at San Juan:The Juan has been fishing great lately. Not a whole lot of fish eating dries but lots of fish eating worms, scuds and midges. Mike S.



BIG SMALLIE—SHOW LOW LAKE



Nice Rainbow from Sunrise

Walleye from Show Low Lake — 17”

2023-24 WMFFC Board Members

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WE HAVE A NEW PRESIDENT!! Mike Whitney moved here from Brighton, CO. He has been active in High Plains Drifters Flyfishing Club in Denver, part of the Eastern Rocky Mt. Council of FFI in Denver. He's also been active in American Legion, Band-of-Brothers Military Veteran, Bow Hunting groups as well as other organizations. **Welcome Mike Whitney**

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.

JULY OUTING

FRIDAY, August 23, 2024

Horseshoe Cienega

Remember to get permits for the Reservation on White Mt. Blvd near the casino or Sportsman.

As found in the **Inlander Fishing Magazine-Thanks to films (and novellas) like *A River Runs Through It*** along with historical figures like James A. Hensall waxing eloquent about the way it calms "over-taxed brains and wearied nerves," fly-fishing has become synonymous in the popular imagination with serenity and meditation.

Tom Rosenbauer says, "I hate hearing the term *Zen* used in relation to fly-fishing," he says. "It's not meditative."

Rosenbauer is one of the most respected anglers in the contemporary fly-fishing scene. Having authored books like *Fly Fishing in America* and *Casting Illusions: The World of Fly-Fishing*,

"In fly-fishing, you're not sitting in a boat or on the bank ruminating on life or gazing at your navel, waiting for a fish to bite. You're always moving, you're observing. You need to notice the way the water flows, the way the currents move. You need to notice the insects that are hatching. Even the birds along a stream can tell you when the insects are hatching," Rosenbauer says.

It's this perpetual state of alertness and engagement with one's surroundings that, to him, not only define the art of fly-fishing but also contribute to its positive effects on well-being.

"Our bodies are tied to our minds. And when you're fly-fishing, you're often using your balance wading in a stream or standing in a boat. Here you are, out in nature, you're active, you're moving, you're occupying your mind, you're trying to solve problems. What about that couldn't be good for your mental health, right?"

"Let's all get out and get our minds and bodies active!!" See you at Horseshoe Cienega