

NEWSLETTER

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“President’s Column-Tight Lines”

Your WMFFC Board would like to Wish You All “Happy Holidays”

Hopefully you will all be enjoying the Holidays with your Family and Friends, having quality time and creating precious memories.

As we go forward into 2025, your BOD is going to be planning a one day “Fly Fishing Expo” in the Spring to introduce and enhance the fly-fishing experience to our communities. We will also start the planning process for a WMFFC Banquet in the fall of 2025. As we go forward with these two events, we will need your assistance in the planning and your participation to make them a success and hopefully an annual event.

I personally am looking forward to learning about our new home area, getting to know you all and fishing local streams and lakes with you.

As always, I encourage your thoughts and suggestions to improve our club and our meetings, to include speakers and presentations from our members. And let’s all get some pictures for our newsletters. Also, please submit short topic columns of interest for our membership. Your President, Mike Whitney

CHRISTMAS DINNER

TORREON—DECEMBER 19, 2024

5 P.M. WHITE ELEPHANT FUN

DOOR PRIZES

SOLD OUT



Remember WMFF will be continuing throughout the winter.

THERE WILL BE A JANUARY MEETING AT NATURE CENTER

This year dues will be paid in January—December

Dying to get out there? Don't be intimidated by winter angling!!

Anglers shy away from fishing in the cold. Odds are, fishing is going to be slow. Right? Nope! Trout eat all year long, just feed a little slower. Here are some tips:

- ◆ Cold-tolerant midges and blue winged olives hatch throughout winter and those hatches can be huge.
- ◆ Use small flies and light tippet
- ◆ Fish are slower and lay more on the bottom, so adapt your techniques.
- ◆ Pay attention to weather conditions, as they heavily govern dry fly fishing during this time.
- ◆ Winter is a time to enjoy the solitude of the back country streams and lakes that aren't frozen over—Snowshoes, skis, and snowmobiles are the easiest way to get to these remote places.
- ◆ In Colorado, rivers like the Fryingpan, Taylor, Blue, and South Platt are well known winter fisheries. Not all that far from Arizona are both the San Juan and Lees Ferry—look to the Bighorn, The North Platte, Green, and Provo are outstanding.



If Santa Claus can fish in winter—we can too!!

Remember our 12 month challenge of a fish a month. Start now and send pictures of the kind of fish, where and when you caught it to Mike Whitney at elkfever22@gmail.com

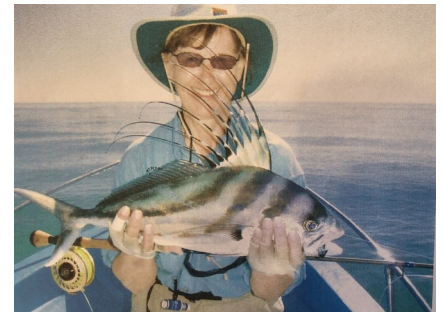
WMFFC MISSION STATEMENT:

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.



Mexico East Cape—above is an Oar fish 20 feet long and found on ocean floor.



Guide Jeff DeBrown in East Cape. I caught this fish we thought would be a record—no women fly fishing category. Caught on an 8 wt.

Let's see your pictures—
always fun to see

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