

NEWSLETTER

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WMFF WILL ENJOY

ALL THINGS NEW IN AZFG.

Ryan Follmuth, AZ Region 1
Aquatic-Wildlife Program Manager.

How the lakes and streams are running, interest in stocking schedules, what is the condition of using boats opposed to float tubes, best places to fish in the White Mountains.



July MEETING on Wednesday, July 17th

at Nature Center 435 E. Woodland Lakeside, AZ

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

Rod Building, fly tying demonstrations, casting before meeting

“Tight Lines-Vice President’s column

The board is making an all out effort to keep the club going into the future. However, it is imperative that we need some members to step forward and assume the following positions: President, Treasurer and Conservation & Community Projects.

We are looking into the possibility of having our annual fundraising banquet in late August or early September. The Nature Center put on their fundraiser in the room we use and they had a caterer—less money and more profit.

Light the Dock project is moving forward, but we still need donations towards the Dawn Hewitt memorial light a reality.

Fly tying, Rod Building and Casting classes are being offered and we need for you to sign up for these classes. We are looking into the possibility of having the Fly tying at Sportsman Warehouse.

A recent report indicates the Sunrise is fishing well and we will be holding our next club outing at the lake on Friday, July 19th. (several members had mentioned it would be Nice having outings during the week) Gary Hall, VP



Panguitch Lake Trip June 20-25



Several Club members have been traveling to Panguitch Lake (Utah) for a few years now for an “out-of-town” fishing adventure. Usually we go in May or September but this year, due to scheduling conflicts, we went in June. It’s a six-eight hour trip to the lake but the fishing is usually a good experience.

Panguitch is an old natural lake that has been dammed and is now a recreational destination. It’s located between Panguitch, Utah and Cedar Breaks National Monument. The name itself means “big fish” in the Paiute language and it often lives up to that moniker. Don Gage, Bob Bowers, Jim Natcher, Dennis Jones, Gary Hall and Mary Duran made this trip. Some stayed at the near lake-side Blue Springs Lodge, others at the close-by Panguitch Lake Resort cabin rentals. Gary and Mary rented a boat while the rest of us used our inflatable pontoons. The lake is noted for its large rainbow, tiger, and cutthroat trout. Water levels had been lowered due to the discovery of a crack in the dam which occurred because of ice buildup overwinter. The dam is now being repaired. Fishing there is carried out by practically every conceivable method such as ice fishing, trolling lures, casting lures, bank fishing with baits, boat fishing with bait and others. We were mostly fly fishing from our pontoon boats either moving with electric motors or just anchoring and fishing static. On an overall scale fishing was only fair compared to previous years. However, a number of good sized rainbows and cutthroats were caught daily. The large tiger trout that the lake is famous for eluded us. They were holding deep within the weed beds and only came out at night or in the very early morning hours. Most of our catches were good sized ranging from 14 to twenty inches. Various bugger fly styles worked ok along with damsel nymphs and leeches. Our biggest nemesis was the wind which picked up to a gale by noon daily and drove us off the water.

Food service was limited to the “Burger Barn”, a local BBQ and sandwich place. There is a general store near the lodge and a small fishing supply down at the resort. Both the lodge and resort cabins have full kitchens available if one chooses to cook in. The resort has RV campsites, rental cabins, and a boat dock.

A good trip and highly recommended. Dennis Jones



WEED REMOVAL ON SILVER CREEK by Dennis Mahony

There were five volunteers for the reed and hydrilla removal plus three young fish & game men. We started at 9 a.m. at the stump chair and ended at 2:30 p.m. at the footbridge near the entrance. The fish & game worked in the water and we worked the shoreline cutting reeds and raking. The weather was a little warm, but not too bad. We did a pretty good job. They are planning another cleanup in September. Tom Osterday took some pictures so maybe you'll get to see them.

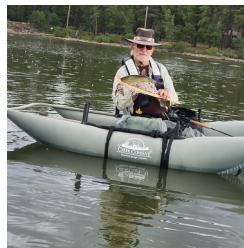


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First outing of 2024—Hoping to see the Balloons AND Catch fish

Sometimes you just have to call it. We decided it might be fun to have an outing under the balloons on Rainbow. Saturday the 22nd arrived with heavy clouds and some rain—NO Balloons. Six WMFF braved the climate and came to Rainbow. Five old members and one brand new member, Jeff Price came out. Gerry and I were able to help him in the beginning with rod and flies and John Potts worked with him on fly casting. Dennis Mahoney and Mike Styvaert came out but didn't stay to fish. Mike gave me a big fly to fish with and Gerry ended up catching a nice catfish. Lots of donuts and coffee left over. KW



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, July 19TH, 2024 SUNRISE LAKE

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