



NEWSLETTER

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“What will 2025 look like for WMFF?”

“President’s Column-Tight Lines”



Well, it appears “Winter” has made its appearance in our neighborhoods with a bit of snow.

Several of you have made your way to a lower and warmer climate, with safe journeys and minimum of incidents along the way we hope.

Our November meeting theme will be discussing plans and planning trips for 2025 to get on the calendar. Please bring your ideas and be prepared to discuss them. We would like your input and opinion on having a “Trip Captain” assigned to upcoming trips. The responsibility would be a meeting briefing on the destination, time and place to meet, best flies to use and whether or not we need the trailer for possible lunch at the site, and any other information deemed necessary. Maybe weekday trips VS weekend trips.

We will continue to have raffles through the Winter months and continue to request raffle items, the “Special Raffle” of the Fly Rod and Reel setup to fund “Special Projects” as needed. The drawing for the “Special Raffle” will be held in the Spring of 2025, upon the return of the folks from warmer climates.

As always, I am open to suggestions for the improvement of the club and our meetings, including speakers or brief presentations from our membership.

Your President,

Mike Whitney

MEETING NOVEMBER 20TH, 2024

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 cards \$5.00 a card. Our new fundraiser will be continued on the brand new rod and reel. Rod donated by Rick Buchanan and reel donated by Jon Wallace. Thank you Rick and Jon

Thank you to all who have donated used items for the monthly raffle, it really helps.

Remember WMFF will be continuing throughout the winter.



Get These Flies in Your Box (Phillippa blog-8-2024 & Kitty italics)

For anglers who are new to river fishing or traveling from still water to river fishing. It can be quite daunting to know what flies you need and when to use them. Over the past few years I've made some slight changes to how many flies I need in my box and when to use them. I always have too many and rarely use more than half. (*don't we all?*) My goal is to have just a handful of flies in different colors and sizes.

My favorite is the Caddis—use a little floatant in the elk hair and skate it across the water. (favorite is Fly Agra –our guide in Montana used it and was amazed how many times we could re-use the same fly). It is always fantastic when you see the awesome mouth of a trout gobble it down. Phillippa suggests some of the following: Pheasant Tail Nymph, Blue Winged Olive, Parachute Adams, Royal Coachman and the Royal Wulff and Prince Nymph.

Are You a Newbie to Fly Fishing?

Here are some of the items you might start out with. Five/six wt. rod with reel; floating and/or intermediate sink fly line with monofilament leaders; fluorocarbon tippet; fly vest or chest pack; breathable chest waders or hip boots; wading boots; stripping basket; wading staff; tackle bags; fish net (soft nylon mesh so not to hurt fish); 32 degrees clothing top and bottom (on sale right now at Costco); pontoon boat & personal floatation device (PFD); force finn flippers; rubber booties; and, of course, a box of wet and dry flies.

UPDATE ON SHOW LOW LAKE LIGHT PROJECT

Hi Jay,

Hope all is well with you! I have reached out to several companies for options for an overhead light at Show Low Lake. In the attached quote you will find an option that several of my coworkers and I have vetted and all of us are happy with this option. The good news is that these lights are significantly cheaper than what we had discussed initially and the total cost for the purchase of the light/pole is just over \$1,800. The environmental compliance process for the Department should also be done by the end of March so feasible this project could be started around 04/01/2025. Do we want to get together for a quick meeting again to discuss moving forward? Thanks Ryan Fulmuth



Members: Places Greg Munson has been successful at fishing.

Happy November everyone. Late October and well into November is probably my favorite time of year to fish. I prefer European Style Nymphing or ESN for short and almost always fish weighted euro nymphs. I much prefer stream fishing but do occasionally fish a lake or two. Most of the time you'll find me fishing solo but I always enjoy having someone go with me if he/she doesn't mind doing a bit of hiking and bushwhacking. Lately, fishing has been great at Becker Lake for Tigers and an occasional Rainbow. In addition, Silver Creek has been great for 3# plus, 20" plus stockers. Silver Creek is always great to fish in the winter when access elsewhere can be tough. I still plan on fishing a stream or two this month for the wild fish that streams offer. Should anyone have an interest in ESN I will be happy to share what little knowledge I have. Happy fishing everyone.



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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.

NOVEMBER OUTING

NOVEMBER 22ND—BECKER LAKE

FYI—Make plans to attend the Arizona Game and Fish Commission Awards banquet, Jan. 25

WMLF Member Appreciation Day

As most of you are aware, the WMLF board cancelled the Becker Best event that was originally scheduled for Oct 19 at Becker Lake due to the inclement weather (wind, rain and even some snow!!) that suppressed turnout. Plus, I was really cold!

As promised, we have rescheduled the event. Here are the details:

New Date: Wednesday, December 4. 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

New Location: The Elk's club in Chandler, located at 1775 West Chandler Road, Chandler, AZ 85224. This is on the SW corner of West Chandler Blvd and Pennington Street. It is partially behind a car wash, but trust me it is there!

Dinner options: The Elks will bring in their cook staff to prepare sandwich items to order. Options include Burgers, Cheeseburgers, Patty Melts, Chicken fingers and Chicken Salad sandwiches. They come with fries or tater tots. The Elk's also have a full bar, so you can wash down your sandwich with a cold beer, soft drinks etc. Dinners are reasonably priced at \$10.

Festivities: Similar to what was planned for the original date, we will have a raffle that is open to everyone. You do not need to be a member of WMLF to participate, (although we hope you will join us!) Because we've had some additional time, we've reached out to additional supporters of WMLF, and have significantly improved the raffle. Items include a Sage One 4 pc 8 weight (over \$1000 retail), 2 certificates for guided fishing trips (thanks Cinda and Todd!) An Oasis Grande Fly tying bench (beautiful item from Rick Weisberg that I'm lusting after) Reddington, Ross and Lamson reels, 100's of new flies, new fly boxes, new fins, vests, sling packs, and many, many other items.

Membership Rod Raffle: We will also have the much anticipated drawing for the Dave Weaver built 9 foot 4 weight rod built on a Winston Air 2 blank. This rod is built using the finest components, and features a custom turned grip. Retail on the factory built version is \$1195, and this rod is so much cooler. To participate in this drawing you need to be a member of WMLF who has paid their annual dues, or is a lifetime member. Not a member yet?? There's still time to join! Go to WMLF.ORG, push the "Join Us" button and follow the instructions. Anyone who joins by December 3 will be added into the drawing.

Joe Staller, Membership Chair