

NEWSLETTER

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WELL KNOWN LOCAL GUIDE— CINDA HOWARD

Guest speaker at the White Mountain Fly Fishing September meeting at the Nature Center.

Come support local talent in a fly fishing woman with great skills. Learn “how to” and where to go for good fishing.



Cinda Howard has been an Arizona fly fishing guide for several years. She’s spent her whole life fishing and picked up a fly rod in 1996. She worked for the Orvis Company as a Fly Fishing Manager for eight years before branching off and starting her own business in 2012. Cinda spends a considerable amount of time instructing people on the sport of fly fishing. Cinda has been featured in several fly fishing articles and books (“Fly Fisher’s Guide to Arizona” by Will Jordan, “Arizona’s Official Fishing Guide” by Arizona Highways and Arizona Game and Fish Department) as an expert on fly fishing Arizona. She is extremely passionate not only about fly fishing but also about teaching others. She hosts trips all across the world and has taken customers fly fishing in Alaska, Belize, Oregon, Montana, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and The Bahamas. Cinda loves to fish for trout, steelhead, pike, carp, bonefish, tarpon and anything else that will eat a fly. She is a past President of Desert Fly Casters and is a Zane Grey Trout Unlimited board member.

SEPTEMBER MEETING-Wednesday, SEPT.18TH

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 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.

DRAWING FOR FISH AT SEPTEMBER MEETING.



NEW FUNDRAISER STARTING SEPTEMBER-BRAND NEW ROD!!



“Tight Lines- President’s column

This is my first “Presidents Column”, so please bear with me as I ramble on. I promise to try to get better at this.

I took the presidency of the WMFFC as I am passionate about fly tying, fly fishing and was excited to find a fly-fishing club in the Show Low, Pinetop/Lakeside area. My wife and I have visited this area many times over the last 10 years as my daughter and her husband lived in Vernon, AZ. The first time we visited there was a small fly shop in the area, so I assumed there was fly fishing in the area but never pursued it any further. We moved here in May 2024 as my wife’s two sisters had moved here from Colorado and she is close to her family, and it was closer to my daughter.

I read of a WMFFC meeting in July in a local newspaper and came to the meeting and met Kitty and she introduced me as a visitor and new member. I asked if I could help the club in any position and she was enthusiastic that I was interested. I was invited to a WMFFC board meeting where I decided to accept the presidency of WMFFC.

I have been involved in several outdoor organizations for approximately 20 years in several capacities. Most recently with the “High Plains Drifters Fly Fishing Club” in Denver, Colorado for the last 10 years in several capacities. I had the pleasure of working a booth with them and FFI at the Denver Fly Fishing Show for the past 10 years.

At the August meeting of the WMFFC, I was introduced to you as your new president. Thank you for a rousing welcome. I look forward to getting to know you all and fishing with you in 2025. My only agenda is the support and promotion of WMFFC in our area and working with the Arizona Fish and Game department in fisheries programs.

Michael (Mike) Whitney President - WMFFC

NEW CHALLENGE

#1-Fly Fishing only

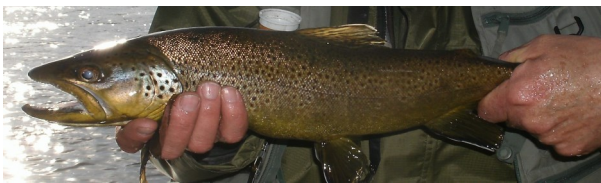
#2-A photo must be taken and submitted of a fish you caught every month for a year. (You don’t need to be in the picture)

#3-All species accepted

#4-Fish can be caught anywhere in the world (Public or Private waters accepted)

#5-The photo must be submitted to elkfever22@gmail.com the month it was caught.

There will be a 5 day grace period at the beginning of each month to submit last months photos.



AWARDS-UPON COMPLETION ALL MEMBERS that have submitted 12 pictures of fish-one for each month-will receive a completion award.

By participating in this event you agree that your first name and photo of the fish can be used by WMFF on the website and social media platform

REED REMOVAL AT SILVER CREEK—SEPT. 17TH & 18TH. It is hard work but without you to help remove the reeds, there is no access to Silver Creek. They use to do it all by hands, but now use a powered pole hedge trimmer. Lots of raking and loading of the cut reeds to be done. Payson and Desert Fly Casters will also be present. Tom Osterday is the contact. tgosterday@gmail.com. 602-321-7088. Jon Wallace is our contact.



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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.

SEPTEMBER OUTING SHOW LOW LAKE SEPT. 20TH

DON'T GET SOAKED!!

I have fished all of my life growing up in Michigan. Always wanted to learn how to fly fish, I found the White Mountain Fly Fishing Club. What a wonderful group of people, willing to help teach me and full of great suggestions. I'm in the process of building my own rod with Gary Miller.

Bought a small pontoon boat so I could get out in the lakes instead of fishing from shore. First time using it was last week at Horseshoe Cienega Lake. Had a nice trout on and reaching behind me to get my net, the trout somehow got itself off. (At least I did get to see it) Still a rookie at fly fishing, but I will get there with everyone willing to teach me.

When buying a pontoon boat make sure it comes with a seat that is far enough out of the water you don't get soaked. Mine was not and soon realized that I was basically sitting in the water. Remember to leave your wallet in your vehicle. Mine got soaked and now in the process of replacing some of the important papers in it. You live and learn

Rookie. Now with a new president of the club, I'm hoping for great things for the club. A special thank you to Kitty and Gerry for being so helpful to me

Proud to be a member of the club. Hope you all catch a lot of fish!!

Thanks everybody. Jeff Price.



No pics of catching but this beautiful day gave us few bites UNTIL the big storm rolled up and A-1 lake really went wild. As the storm showed it's strength the fish instantly started biting like crazy. We caught six nice fish in about thirty minutes and then they quit!! John Potts

