



NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Column, Tight Lines

Finally, I was able to travel to the Green River below Flaming Gorge dam this month. My wife and I joined two other couples to fish the A section of the Green from May 7th to 10th. The fishing started out slowly the first day, trying to figure out the right fly. I caught 1 Rainbow on the 8th, on the 9th all three of us went fishless trying several different flies. On the 10th we fished in a different area just below the put in area below the dam and found a great set of riffles. I fished a two-fly setup with a flashback scud as a dropper off a Lance Egan Frenchie in the pheasant tail pattern and caught several large Browns and Rainbows. Mostly on the Frenchie. The weather was clear and very warm, which didn't help the fishing. Overall, it was a great trip with good friends on a beautiful river. This was my first time out since my shoulder surgery, and it turned out great.

I am looking forward to getting out here in Arizona for the first time and finding my way around the lakes and streams. Hopefully we will get some decent moisture to allow removing the restrictions currently in place.

Mike Whitney - President

May WMFF meeting—

Program: Steve Barry, Destination Fly Fishing

“Western Fly Fishing...,Roaming through Paradise”

Held at White Mountain Nature Center

425 S. Woodland Rd. Lakeside

May 21st. 5:30 Raffle and chatting

Continuing Raffle—Fundraiser—Rod and Reel

Dues are being collected—We meet Jan-Dec.

MAY PROGRAM:

WESTERN FLY FISHING

ROAMING THROUGH PARADISE by Steve Barry



Fly fishing has been Steve's passion for over 28 years. He is a licensed State of Arizona fishing guide and has over 20 years specializing in hosted fly fishing trips. Although it wasn't until his late 20's when he first touched a fly rod, the path to learning and exploring so many aspects of fly fishing was like watching one of the many Fast and Furious movies.

An Arizona native, Steve quickly became immersed in the Arizona fly fishing community by joining the Desert Fly Casters. Working his way up through the club, he became the president in a few short years. Meeting helpful fly-fishing friends, it wasn't long before he was working part-time in valley fly shops, speaking around the state, teaching schools and ultimately hosting group trips throughout the Southwest and around the world.

Moving on to the next level, Steve began expanding his relationships with lodges, outfitters and guides around the world, taking clients to some of the best fly-fishing destinations. Unwilling to rest on success, using his experience from years of fly-fishing travel and establishing himself as a well-respected member of the fly-fishing industry, Destinations Fly Fish became a reality.

Today as the Owner/Operator of Destinations Fly Fish, Steve continues to push fly-fishing travel to the next level. Clients always at the front of mind, Steve remains on the hunt for that next great trip location. When he is not hosting trips, you'll find him teaching fly-fishing classes, doing speaking engagements, or helping at local club or fly shop events. He also takes the time to help teach fly fishing at Boy Scout camp every summer.



REMINDERS

- ⇒ Reed Removal Silver Creek Restoration on June 3rd. See President Mike about it. They can use help in lots of different levels.
- ⇒ Everyone needs to fill out the liability sheet to update our files when you pay dues. \$30 a year for the family.
- ⇒ Desert Fly Casters have asked us to join them at Big Lake for their annual outing from May 30st to June 1. Joe Staller is the host at 602-568-9431. Call to see if they have any sites left. The campground has showers and everyone gets together in a potluck in the evening. DFC have indicated they would like to do more with White Mountain Fly Fishing club. Gerry and I are going on Friday the 30th, hope some more can join us.
- ⇒ Be sure to frequent the White Mountain Nature Center—we are a sponsor; AZGF –we sponsor stocking; Arizona Veteran Fly Fishing—check them out (used to be Healing Waters) but a very active group. We are one of many of their sponsors.



That tree...

I know not how many times that tree has visited me in a dream.

That tree with classic running waters below / The perfect run, a trout persist in being.

Each season brought hope / A favorite fly / A tug to keep a memory alive.

Lost chances among my casts,

#16 Cream Soft Hackle- 1987 / #16 Cream Beadhead Nymph- 1992 / #14 Deer Hair Emerger- 2001

Frustration / Controlled anger / Never minded my back casts.

Others have passed by that tree / Air dried Woolly Buggers- Colorful Streamers and wind knotted leaders / Elk Hair Caddis- Parachute Adams- too numerous sway as tangled prisoners above in that tree.

Many years now have passed by me / Faded memories collected / Only a little moment in time...
and that damn tree.

Robert McKeon

We've known Bob McKeon for about 25 years, a wonderful artist and even a better journalist. Bob has been the editor of the Desert Fly Caster's newsletter for that many year. He has graciously sent me some great articles that he has found (and written) through the years.

-2025 Banquet is ON-

The banquet committee has secured a place for the fundraising banquet-**September 13th at the Casino**. We're really excited and are starting to collect donated items. If you have items or know of any company's (I know Don had some ideas to send away for donated things) that would like to share in building our local community fishing club, we'd love your help. We did not have a fundraising banquet in 2024 so our funds could be higher. Gary Miller is in charge of the committee, the other thing is if you have some extra room to hold these donated items until the banquet, we could use your help. As we collect, we need to store them.

We could also use items for our monthly raffle along with our special rod raffle. See Gary Miller or members helping (Richard Dreyer. Ed Shatto, or Jon Wallace.)

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.

May outing—You Decide at Meeting Ideas? Sunrise?-May 23rd-7a.m. (We need an outing chair)

2024-25 WMFFC Board Members

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Pop It Like It's Hot May 11, 2025 by Angela Montana for the Montana Grant

Add/smear flotant to your new fly. I prefer paste'get flotant like Aquel (Gerry uses Flyagra—never seems to get wet so we can't use it). If you use a liquid fly flotant, you need to water-proof your flies ahead of time so the liquid dries completely.

Catch a fish. You may need several false casts between strikes to keep the hair/feather fly afloat.

Catch the and remove the fly. Hair flies are more fragile and may be damaged and need to be replaced. A popper fly is sturdy.

Now rinse your fly to remove any fish mucous.

Drop your dry fly into a container of dry fly desiccant powder. Shake off excess.

False cast until ready to target the next fish and present the fly.

How Long does it take you to go through this fly drying process? After catching a fish with a popper fly, I unhook the fish and recast with a couple of false casts. That's it! (Our guide said he'd never used a better floatant than the Flyagra—new to him—we loved it)

Other floating flies use balsa wood for MacMurray Ants, sealed feather quills for floating minnows or inch worms, and dense foam for shaped body flies. These work especially well when tying a Hopper Popper!



(Guess I like purple :-)

