

# NEWSLETTER

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We Support Catch and Release

October 2008



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## Next Meeting:

**October 15, 2008**  
**JD's Black Bull**  
4481 S White Mountain Rd  
Show Low, AZ  
85901  
(928) 537-5581

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5:30 PM – Dinner (optional)  
6:30 PM - Meeting

## 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 and practice Catch and Release. We support the use of Barb-less Hooks and harmless netting and release practices. Fish should never be held out of water for longer than you can hold your breath.**

## *Tight Loops*

### **Silver Creek**

October 1<sup>st</sup> was opening day at Silver Creek for the Fly Fishing Catch and Release season. ABC Septic and Portables has delivered a porta-potty in the area of the upper stream/pond. This year there will be a sign on the portable door indication that the WMFFC has sponsored this porta-potty for your convenience.

I was invited to assist with the stocking of Rainbow and Apache Trout on opening day. The lower and middle streams were stocked with 200 lbs of fish each and the upper stream/pond was stocked with 250 lbs of fish. Average size was 12" to 14" weighing an average of 1.65 lbs each. Incentive fish were stocked in the upper stream/pond area, some in 20" to 22" range and weighing as much as 4 to 5 pounds, the lower streams was also stocked with some larger Apaches in the 2 to 3 pound range. Please remember to handle these fish with care, net them and release them as soon as possible. The next stocking will be some time in December.

### **Monthly Meeting Buffet**

This month the Buffet will be Lasagna with Garlic Bread and Salad. The buffet includes a soft drink and the tip for \$8.00.

### **Upcoming Fly Tying Classes**

Ken Wolf started his Fly Fishing Class and the Class is for all interested WMFFC members and the White Mountain Veterans. The first two classes were well attended and the information presented was very interesting to all in attendance. You are welcome to attend future classes, class is held on Monday at 3: 00 PM at the lakeside Fire Station

**New Permanent Name Badges -- Please wear your new name badge to all club events, club meetings, outings, club functions and banquets.**



See you on the water,  
**Bob Bowers**  
President

**2008  
WMFFC  
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**Upcoming  
Three Month  
Calendar**

<b>October</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2008</b> Monthly Meeting
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Big Lake Outing
<b>November</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Outing TBA @ Meeting
<b>December</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Outing TBA @ Meeting

**Camp Trout with the Arizona Game and Fish at Becker Lake**



**\* Hands-on Trout Fishing Seminar \***



It's Saturday Morning and the weather is terrible, a cold wind, dark clouds and best of all "White Caps on Becker Lake". Game and Fish is setting up and the WMFFC is setting out for a day of fly fishing demonstrations. The eight of us, Bob Bowers, Ken Wolf, Ted Lambert, Jerry Meyers, Dennis Jones, Dave Beucler, Mike Styvaert and Jim Hinkle are setting up at four different stations. Dennis and Dave demonstrated fly tying. Bob, Mike and Jim helped with the Pontoons launchings, and Jerry, Ted and Ken were at the new fishing dock teaching fly casting.

There were 25 to 30 attendees plus the entire Game and Fish crew. The presentations went very well; everyone was very interested in learning as much as possible at each station. There was a flotilla of float tubes and pontoons fighting the white caps and fishing at the same time. There was action on the casting dock where Ken helped land a 15" Rainbow where upon landing the fish the student ran right up to the car and put the fish in his cooler, so much for the fish handling demonstration and catch and release! Dave and Dennis fielded lots of questions about fly tying and about the WMFFC. Over all it was a successful event and Game and Fish did an outstanding job with their cooking demonstration and trolling with a bubble and a fly. They had three boats ferrying fisherman around the lake teaching fishing from a boat. Spin cast and retrieve was a hit with the younger kids that attended the event. A lot of work went into the half day Trout Camp and future camps are in our future. Getting involved in programs like this makes a difference to our community and to the people that attended the hands-on trout fishing seminar. Thanks to everyone that helped make this day a day to remember.

## Crescent Lake and Sunrise Lake –

John Rohmer, Arizona Fly Fishing, mailed the club two petitions for improving the fishing conditions at both lakes. The petition is asking Arizona Game and Fish and the Apache Tribe to improve these lakes by doing the following:

### **Sunrise Lake:**

1. Fix the pipe from Ono Lake that feeds Brookie Cove with spring runoff.
2. Drill some wells that will supply fresh water on a daily basis.
3. Install aerators that will provide oxygen to the lake both in winter and during the “Dog Days” of summer.

### **Crescent Lake:**

1. Drill wells to insure constant water flow into the lake summer and winter.
2. Install aerators that will pump needed oxygen back into the water.
3. Extend the boat ramps so the weed cutter can be used to trim the weeds.

Both petitions will be available to sign at the next club meeting.

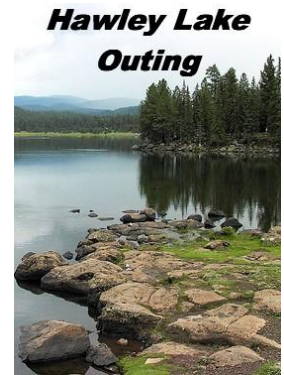
## September \*Hawley Lake\* Outing ...

About 15 members showed up for our Hawley Lake outing. We found a parking area with easy access to the lake. It was grassy with plenty of room for everyone to park and then some. The weather was great, sunny with a few clouds now and then.

The fishing was good, but the catching a little slow. Most everyone caught some fish. Gail and Diana fished from the shore and Gail caught a real nice one.

The camp host was very friendly and helpful, loaning us two of his tables and helping us carry in one of their picnic tables. The potluck turned out real well with a nice variety of food items. To mention a few – salmon rolls, chips and salsa, Spanish rice, hot dogs, sub sandwiches, macaroni salad and potato salad. For desert we had poppy seed cake, German chocolate cake, assorted brownies and white cake with yellow frosting or was it yellow cake with white frosting? All in all, it was a very successful day.

**Ted Lambert**



### **October 2008 Outing ( Big Lake ) ...**

Meet in the South Cove of Big Lake, Saturday ( 18<sup>th</sup> ) at 8:00 AM. Bob Bowers is offering casting assistance for those interested.

## **October Monthly Meeting @ 6:30PM**

**NOTE:** [JD's Black Bull Sports Bar & Restaurant](#)

### **Agenda:**

- Social Hour and Dinner -- (5PM)
- Call to Order -- (6:30PM)
- Introduction of Guests and New Members!
- Committee Reports
- Business
- Previous Outing Overview and Upcoming Outings!
- Fish Tails
- Raffle
- The Special Guests and Presentation for this month will be: Cinda Howard. She is the Fishing and Orvis Store Manager in Scottsdale, AZ as well as the President of the Desert Fly Casters Club, based out of Phoenix, AZ. – **DO NOT MISS !!!**

**BUD HUTH -- VP**



### **New Permanent Name Badges ...**

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**WHITE MOUNTAIN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC.  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 9-17-08 --- BLACK BULL RESTARAUNT**

**Call to order by:** Bob Bowers @ 6:30 PM.

**Guests:** NONE

**New Members:** Dave Nothwang, and Don Thene

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Ken Wolf reported on "Project Healing Waters" a program for disabled Veterans. New class to begin Sept.22, 3-5pm, 6 weeks, at the Lakeside Fire Department. This program is comprehensive introduction to fly-fishing including fly-tying, casting, and catch-release techniques. These classes are also open to all our members.
2. Alex Funk reported on Camp Trout set for October 4 at Becker Lake. This is a program sponsored by Arizona Game & Fish for a "Hands-on" experience advocating the use of artificial lures & flies, casting, trolling and proper handling of fish. Our club is providing volunteers to assist in these activities.

**BUSINESS:**

1. Jerry Myers performed The Club's annual Audit. All accounts were accurate and reconciled. Recommendations from Jerry were read by Jon and were accepted by the Board. "A big Thanks to Jerry Myers for the Audit and to Jon Meyers for excellent bookkeeping"
2. August Minutes reviewed. Corrections: Dawn Hewitt (not Smith) as co-treasurer. The raffle was held and \$150 was collected for the treasury. Minutes were approved after the corrections.

**FFF:** NONE

**PRESENTATION:**

1. Kurt Kerr, the winner of the trip to Alaska last year, reported on trip to Saltery lake Lodge and fishing on Kodiak this past July. He was a great speaker and showed us his video of fishing. Lot's of great fish.
2. Gary Hall's presentation was postponed to October. He will be discussing "Building Bamboo Rods". He is another great speaker so don't miss his presentation.

**DUES REPORT:** Jon Meyer reported \$11,094.30 in the treasury.

**RAFFLE:** \$100 was collected and as usual our new members won an item.

**FISH TALES & OUTINGS:**

1. Great reports...Fall Fishing is on. Lakes and streams have been very productive. A variety of flies were used: Big wooly buggers and leeches (size 8) to small midges. Diana Jeanne fished X-Diamond and had an outstanding day, & she had the whole stream to herself.
2. Ted Lambert, the Outings Chairman, announced that the September outing was scheduled for Hawley Lake and the Pot Luck would be at 12pm. Follow the club signs after crossing the dam. The October 18<sup>th</sup> outing is currently scheduled for Big Lake.



**Respectively submitted By:** Fran Stier  
**Edited By:** Cory Huth and Sparky Snyder

**FOR SALE:** - Experienced Fly Fishing Equipment! – Contact: *Bud Huth* (928 – 532-0777)  
- 1990 Astro Pro 16' Bass Boat – Contact: *Bob Bowers* (928 – 367-5579)

**SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION – <http://www.wmflyfishing.com/wantads>**

**If you have an Ad or Article that you would like featured in the next Newsletter, please submit them by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Month \*\*\*\*\* Cory Huth\*\*\*\*\* [admin@wmflyfishing.com](mailto:admin@wmflyfishing.com)**

"There is a little something in this newsletter for everyone, even those who look for mistakes."