

# NEWSLETTER

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We Support Catch and Release

February 2009



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## Next Meeting:

**February 18, 2009**  
**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*

### **Fly tying**

Fly tying at the Pinetop-Lakeside Fire Station will start in February. The plan is for a different member to host a fly tying class each week. The host should bring a recipe for a particular fly that is featured each week. Experienced members should provide their own material; new or continuing members can use club vices, club materials and tools are available for those that don't have their own. The class is every Thursday 2-5.

### **Christmas Tree Lake: May Outing**

The WMFFC has purchased Christmas Tree Lake permits for 2 days: Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 30. Sign up starts at the February 15<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting. A one day club permit will cost \$20.00. The club again this year is subsidizing the \$30.00 per day permits. See Ted Lambert's article.

### **The Casting Pond**

*Some wood chips have been delivered to the casting pond.* In the next few weeks I will be calling for some volunteers to help with the Casting Pond project. We will be laying the weed barrier and spreading the wood chips. At most it will only take a few hours to finish the project.

Bob DeRosier, owner of Paradise Creek Anglers, has made a large donation to help off-set the cost of the wood chips and material for the Mountain Meadows casting pond. Thanks Bob for your generous support.

### **February Outing**

Ted Lambert is planning an outing at Show Low Lake on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. See his article for details. Ted is doing an outstanding job as outings chairman and he has planned some excellent outings for 2009.



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

**2009  
WMFFC  
Board  
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**February 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 presentation for the month of February will be:  
Bud Mast and The Team will be reporting on the winter fishing at the San Juan River in New Mexico. --- **DO NOT MISS !!!**

**BUD HUTH -- VP**



**Monthly Meeting Buffet ...**

This month's buffet: Taco's with the Salad Bar and a soft drink and a tip all for only \$8.00!

**Upcoming  
Three Month  
Calendar**

	<b>February</b>		
		18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2009</b>
		21 <sup>st</sup>	Monthly Meeting
	<b>March</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	Show Low Lake
		21 <sup>st</sup>	Monthly Meeting
	<b>April</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	Roosevelt Lake
		18 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting
			Outing TBA @ Meeting

# Outings, Club Projects and Upcoming Events

## Silver Creek Outing ..

January 24<sup>th</sup> 2009

**TED LAMBERT**



The outing in January at Silver Creek turned out to be quite challenging. First the day started out foggy with misty rain. By the time I got to Silver Creek, the fog and rain had cleared. But staying out of the mud was the first challenge. It can really build up on your shoes. Next the bite was real slow, so what fly to use became the next challenge. Mike and Bob found a stretch of the creek where there was a feeding frenzy going on; but matching the hatch became a challenge for them. Gail had a big one take her elk hair caddis and break it off. Personally, I got skunked. A few fish were caught, just not by me. The potluck lunch was the best part of the day. We had chili and cornbread, hot dogs and chips along with cake for desert, plus the best hot apple cider. Must feel for Mike. Because of his challenge to match the hatch, he missed lunch. Despite the challenges and hardships of the day, everyone had a good time. I guess it goes to show that the truly dedicated fly fishing people aren't easily discouraged regardless of the conditions.

## Show Low Lake Outing ..

February 21<sup>st</sup> 2009

**TED LAMBERT**

February brings us a couple of outing opportunities. First we are invited by the AFC to join them at Dead Horse Park near Cottonwood on February 6-8. Our Own February outing will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> at Show Low Lake. The potluck lunch will be at noon in the parking lot. So bring a dish to share and a lot of anticipation for a good time. See you on the water.

## *Fly Tying Classes* - **KEN WOLF -- PHW**

### **Project Healing Waters for Veterans – Learning how to fly fish!**



Fly Tying Classes will be held, beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup> and continuing through April 4<sup>th</sup> and occurring every Monday at 2:00 PM at Lakeside Fire Department. All members are invited to attend.

**Every Thursday afternoon at 2:00 PM at Lakeside Fire Department.**

## *Saltrey Lake Lodge: Alaskan Fly Fishing Trip 2009*

**Saltrey Lake Lodge** donated a Two for One Fly Fishing Trip for the 2009 fishing season, **July 19 – 25, 2009**. This is a 6 days/6 night's guided fishing package for two fishermen/fisher-ladies. The trip includes round trip transportation from Kodiak City to the Saltrey Lake Lodge, food, lodging in a Standard cabin and 6 days of guided fishing.

- July is the time of year for: Sockeye, Chums, Pinks, Rainbows & Dolly Vardens.
- Regular retail price for two fishermen is \$4740.00. Total trip costs \$2370.00. Cost for each fisherman is \$1185.00 each.
- Airfare to Kodiak City is not included.
- Donated By: Saltrey Lake Lodge, Kodiak City, Alaska.
- **Raffle Tickets are available at our Club Meetings, from a Board Member or from our website via Pay Pal. The winner will be drawn at our April 15<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting.** Raffle Tickets are \$10.00 each.

# WHITE MOUNTAIN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 01-21-2009; BLACK BULL RESTRAUNT

Call to order by: Bob Bowers @ 6:35 PM

No new members. Visitor Ken Smith arrived a little after meeting began. Plans to join. Minutes from last meeting, December 17<sup>th</sup>, were approved.

1. Outings – Ted Lambert presented information about the outing Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>. The potluck lunch will be on the cement pad behind the old building. Bring folding chairs. Bob advised everyone to be careful walking to avoid holes. Bruce Gehris was fishing there this week and twisted his ankle by stepping into a hole. Bring an extra pair of shoes as it will be very muddy after the predicted rains this week. Don't forget to get your 2009 fishing license. There is now a sales tax being added to the price of all licenses.
2. February outing will be at the Show Low Lake. Reference Ted Lambert's article on Page 3 for more info.
3. March outing is planned for Roosevelt Lake. Details will be forthcoming.
4. Other News – Bob Bowers announced that at the presentation ceremony for the Boy Scout Fly Fishing merit badge, the troop presented those that had helped out with the program, fly fishing merit badges. The participants included Bob Bowers, Dennis Jones, Bud Huth, Ken Wolf, and Bud Mast.
5. Raffle -- A special e-mail announcement was sent to all members detailing the Saltery Lake Lodge Raffle and contained information of how to buy tickets on-line on our website using Pay Pal. Dawn Hewitt spoke about this and encouraged those that could to buy the tickets at meetings or from Board Members as this would save us \$.30 per ticket that Pay Pal charges. Tell your friends and neighbors or anyone that may be interested in a trip to Alaska. The raffle to Saltery Lodge is being conducted early this year since our banquet is not until June it leaves little time for people to make arrangements for a July trip. Details on the trip are available on our website.
6. Christmas Tree Outing will be Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>. The club has 20 permits for each day. Details will be announced shortly in the Newsletter.
7. Fish Tales – Some members had skipped rocks on the ice at Becker Lake. Bud Mast talked about the good looking fish at Silver Creek. They were running from 18 – 26 inches. WOW!
8. Bud Huth presented a forum for question and answers (or discussion). He had received several from members via e-mail and also took several at the meeting. There was much discussion and many varied opinions on the topics. Bud didn't know if this forum was helpful, but it was certainly entertaining.
9. Lyle Underdown brought up discussion on Big Lake and has concerns about the parking and fishing facilities being taxed especially once the road construction is completed. It will only bring more people to an already crowded facility. He wanted to know if the club could address this issue with someone. Bob Bowers discussed the clubs involvement with AZG&F on the 10 yr stocking program that is coordinated with the Forest Service. Dawn Hewitt will provide Lyle with the name of the Forest Manager for the Springerville office to Lyle so that he can pursue that involvement.
10. Bob Bowers announced that Bud Mast would be fishing on the San Juan this week and will be making a presentation on it at the February meeting. Jerry Myers will be going to Christmas Island and will be doing a presentation in March.
11. Funds raised at the nights raffle were \$80.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

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

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**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.”