

NEWSLETTER



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Next Meeting:

October 21, 2009
Lakeside Fire Department
2922 Highway 260
Lakeside, AZ 85929
(928) 368-6112

6:00 PM – Social Hour
7:00 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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members at the September meeting for their response as to my position in the Club. I consider it a privilege to serve you as president of the White Mountain Fly Fishing Club.

The Board met and has come up with some great ideas for the coming year. Many of these ideas will be presented at the October meeting...but ideas aren't any good without participation from the membership, so I would like to encourage all members to take part. Our Club is blessed with many outstanding fishermen and fisherwomen from whom we can learn a great deal! As I stated at the September meeting, "Let's all get better at fly fishing and have fun doing it! So, sign up for the classes, not only to learn, but to get to know each special member of the Club.

I would like to encourage you to use the suggestion box that is available at all monthly meetings; this way the Board can improve the Club through your suggestions; and by all means use the "Question and Answer" table to improve your time on the water.

Please let the Board know what community and conservation projects the Club should get involved with over the next year.

I regret that I will be out of town for the October meeting (grand-children), but I look forward to the November meeting and to getting to know more of you on a first-name basis.



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2009 WMFFC Board Members



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October Monthly Meeting @ 6:30PM

NOTE: Lakeside Fire Department

Agenda:

- Social Hour and Demonstrations -- (6:00PM)
- Call to Order -- (7:00PM)
- Introduction of Guests and New Members!
- Committee Reports
- Business
- Previous Outing Overview and Upcoming Outings!
- Fish Tails
- Raffle
- The special presentation for this month will be:

Special Presentation by Mr. Michael Lopez of AZ Game and Fish who will chronicle catching 20 Native Species of Trout in three states.

MIKE STYVAERT -- VP



NOTE: The next club meeting is Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at **Lakeside Fire Department** located at 2922 W. White Mountain Blvd, Lakeside. – Social Hour at 6:00 and Meeting at 7:00 - Refreshments are now an individual responsibility.

Upcoming Three Month Calendar



October

21st

24th

November

18th

21st

December

16th

19th

2009

Monthly Meeting

Crescent Lake

Monthly Meeting

Outing TBA @ Meeting

Monthly Meeting

Outing TBA @ Meeting

Outings, Club Projects and Upcoming Events

September Outing ...

FRAN IS THE CHAMPION!

We have a champion crawdad catcher and she is Fran Stier. In the crawdad tournament at our September outing at Big Lake, it was Fran who showed us all how to catch crawdads. Going on-line and gathering information from a crawdad guru, she came prepared and informed on the skill of crawdading. Her preparation paid off as she caught the most crawdads and therefore won the tournament. Way to go FRAN.

We had a good turnout for the outing and six members were brave enough to enter the crawdad tournament. The fishing was slow and then an electrical storm came up and forced us off the lake. A few fish were caught on Elk Hair Caddis, Zebra Midge and Montana Nymph.

Our potluck lunch was really good as it always is. To name a few of the things I can remember, we had bear burgers, elk meatballs, chalupa, mac and cheese, salads, a big frosted cake and a cheesecake to go along with the crawdads. Mike Smith did a great job of cooking them. All in all, we had a good time and I think everyone had fun.

As for our October outing, originally scheduled for Lee Valley, we have changed it to Greer Ponds. A report I got from Game and Fish is that Lee Valley is not good and they may have a problem there. So, it was decided to change it to Greer in October 24. Hope to see you at our October Outing.

Respectfully submitted,
Ted Lambert

October Outing ...

OUTING CHANGED!

Our October outing has been moved to the private ponds in Greer. Our new president, Ken Wolf, was given an invitation from the owner of the ponds to have our outing there. This should be a great opportunity to catch some nice fish.

We will be also having a fishing tournament. More details of the tournament will be given at the monthly meeting just before to the outing. Neither boats nor wading are permitted at the ponds, just fishing from the bank.

As always, we will be having a potluck lunch around noon. So bring something to share with others.

See you there.

Respectfully submitted,
Ted Lambert



Club Library - Four new DVDs were donated by Richard Dreyer at our September meeting:

Nunavut: "Canada's Artic" *Nuelin: "Fly-in Lodges"* *"Arctic Adventures"* *"Catch & Release"* by Ken McGowan
Thank you, Richard. **Gail Allgood, Librarian**

Personal Articles/Experiences by Club Members

MY FATHER & FLYFISHING -



My Father would not have recognized my fly fishing outfit. He passed away More than forty years ago. If he could see me set out today, he would wonder why my rod was not bamboo with a red agate stripping guide and a Hardy reel. He would look for my wicker creel, my lamb's wool fly book, and the fly patch on my creel strap. He would ask me if I was using an HCH and what type of mucilage had I dressed it with. I would not have a wet pouch to keep my leaders damp and pliable. If he looked into my fly box, he would recognize a Blue Dunn, a Mickey Finn, and a Mosquito. But he would look in vain for a Pink Lady, Dark Hendrickson, White Wulff, Leadwing Coachman, Professor, Parmachene Belle, or Silver Doctor. And he would agree that the fishing was not like it used to be. In the 1950's, too many people were tramping along his favorite streams. And they were using something called spinning tackle. I always had the impression that he felt dynamite was more sporting. I miss him. But I am not sure he could have appreciated the advances in tackle and methods. I guess that is why I still have his fly rods.

Submitted by **Mike Stvaert. Vice President**

NOVICE FISHING IN ALASKA -

Get yourself a beer or a cup of coffee and sit down. Most of you are going to find this amusing. As you may know I have been fishing for a little over a year and find each time that there is still much to learn.

I am fortunate enough to have a son working on Kodiak Island and made the trip up there in late August. I could not take my own equipment and planned on renting, knowing I would need a heavier rod. My son said that he had lots of friends who fish and that I would not need to hire a guide. When the day came for the outing none of his friends were available as most of them are firemen and work rotating shifts. He convinced me that we did not need a guide and would have fun by ourselves – he does not fish.

So off we go to the local sporting goods store to buy a license and rent a rod. Well, they did not rent equipment and did not know anyone who did . I was not about to buy a rod that I would not be able to take home as I had packed one whole suitcase with my waders, boots and vest and already had two carry-ons. We tracked down my son's girlfriend (who does fish) and borrowed her rod and reel which was only 6 lbs as she is very petite. I knew I would need heavier line, so back to the sporting goods store. When I asked for leader and tippet they actually laughed. "We do not use tippet up here." Oh well.

My son took a lawn chair and a book and dropped me at the Buskin River. I fished for about a half hour with no luck. There seemed to be a problem with the line and finally I realized that there was way too much leader because the line would just not shoot out. After cutting it way back we decided to move on down the road to the American River.

Oh, I was so excited as there were so many fish that the river was black. It was the first time I really had to fight to keep the fish, but not knowing how to change the drag to work the fish effectively I found myself holding the line in one hand and the rod in the other. This is not an easy thing to admit after so much patient coaching by Bob. I caught over 25 but soon realized (after 15 or so) that the pinks were not hungry after spawning and I was actually snagging most of them. It really was very shameful. On one occasion the fly hooked the outside of the jaw of a humpy. I worked and worked to get my fly back and actually bent my hemostats, Those suckers have very sharp teeth so I called my son to help me get it out as I am used to you kind gentlemen who help me net and de-hook my fish. His response was "It's your deal Mom." Ah, so much for chivalry. I did actually catch a couple of silvers and released them but they were few and far between. I read in the local newspaper the next day that the silvers were running back and forth in front of the river mouths and that was the best place at the time to catch them before they started their runs up the rivers. The last river I fished was the Olds where the fish were more active and more challenging.

I cannot say that ignorance was bliss, but it was a wonderful day. I will never forget the first time seeing the rivers full of fish fighting and splashing to get upstream.

I have signed up for an Alaskan Airline's VISA card and plan to go back. This time I will hire a guide.

Submitted By **Gail Allgood**

WHITE MOUNTAIN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC. GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 09-16-2009; LAKESIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Call to order by: Mike Styvaert @ 6:30 PM

1. Pledge of alliance called by Mike Styvaert.
2. Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mike Styvaert, presiding.
3. Mission Statement read and Minutes were approved without corrections.
4. New Members with announced: Jim White and Linda Newton.
5. Mike Styvaert announced the resignation of the President, Bud Huth citing personal obligations. Bylaws regarding filling the vacancy were read by Mike Styvaert. Discussion was held and nominations were called for. Ken Wolf was nominated and accepted the nomination. No other nominations were offered.
6. A show of hands vote was held to accept Ken Wolf as President. The vote was overwhelmingly positive.
7. Ken shared his goals for the club: work with members, fish better and have fun; calendar of classes, questions & answers at each monthly meeting; suggestions box.
8. Treasury report from Dawn Hewitt: Check book balance was shared. We have 3 sources of income for the club: membership, raffles, and Annual Banquet, Tournament and Raffle.
9. Membership Dues: 30 members have not renewed. Mike Styvaert prepared three lists with 10 names to be called. Volunteers were solicited to call these members. The lists were distributed.
10. **Monthly Meeting Site Discussion:** Open discussion was held regarding meeting location and provision of food and beverages.
Motion: Monthly meetings will continue at the Lakeside Fire Dept. and no food or beverages will be served.
Motion: Approved with 5 votes opposing.
11. **Meeting time change and format:**
6-7pm: social hour and educational demonstrations such fly-tying, knots, rod building.
7-9pm: business meeting, fish tales, question and answer period, speaker and raffle.
12. Outings Report: Ted Lambert. Crayfish Contest set for Big lake on Sept. 19th. Ted reviewed the rules for the contest and prizes would be distributed to the top three winners.
13. Fish Tales: Gail Allgood shared briefly her recent trip to Kodiak Island. She promises to share more in an article. Ross Griswold shared his wonderful experience at the Saltery Lodge (our annual raffle item) and the scores of salmon (all species except Kings) and Dolly Varden he caught. Gary Hall reported on the FFF Conference in Loveland. Next year's conference will not be in Loveland. Dawn Hewitt and Mike Smith are back from a two month journey fishing the great Northwest and Utah. They will do a program this winter.
14. Speaker Program: Bob Bowers shared slides on fishing the San Juan and plans to return in October. Bob will be organizing the trip to San Juan for October 25-29th. Although this is not an official club outing many are planning the trip. Potluck dinners will be shared and lots of fun. Call Bob Bowers for more information 928-367-5579.
15. Second Program: Richard Dreyer introduced a film on the proper method of catch and release. Silver Creek opens October 1 for catch and release only.
16. The evening raffle netted \$152. Hats \$30, and the special Net raffle \$10. Pizza sale and soda \$65.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectively submitted By: Dick Murphy
Edited By: Cory Huth & Sparky Snyder

If you have an Ad or Article that you would like featured in the next Newsletter, please submit them by the 1st of the Month * Sparky Snyder *** sparkysnyder@cableone.net**

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