

White Mountain



Fly Fishing Club

NEWSLETTER

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Established 1996

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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.

Good Day Members!

For those of you who may be unaware, my wife and I have placed our home on the market and hopefully by the time you read this Newsletter, it will be sold. This will be my last WMFFC Newsletter contribution. I have submitted my resignation to the Board effective October 21, 2021.

It has been an honor to have served this club as President and my goal was to make it better than when I started and I hope that has happened - the clubs support of our Veterans programs, scholarship awards, Fly Fishing 101 classes, fly tying and rod building classes and the many speakers we have had over the years helping to educate us all.

This club has and continues to make a positive contribution to our community and beyond and it is my sincere hope that it will continue to do so. However, as I have been saying all along, that decision has been and always will be in your (members) hands and choice. This is **your** club!

To those of you who have volunteered your time and energy in making the club better I want to thank you sincerely. You have been instrumental in its success past, present and hopefully others will join you in the future.

A special thank you to all your Board members for getting the September Newsletter out and conducting the membership meeting! I was still working getting the Fly Fishing 101 class preparation having just returned from the east coast. Much appreciated!

Moving on, it looks like the fall season is off to a fast start, 28 degrees when I woke up and snow at sunrise! These temperatures should get those water temperatures down and help improve fishing conditions. If you can stand the cold morning temperatures, I think that this is the best time of the year to be fishing in the White Mountains of AZ!

There is much news to share so let's get started:

**Membership Meeting
October 20, 2021
5 PM, Nature Center**

The Board has voted to hold a "Social" for our last meeting of the season. We have found a great chef that will be preparing the feast of Green Chili Beef Burros, Spanish rice, Pinto Beans, Chips and Salsa. Water and soft drinks will be provided as well as a dessert. If you are still on the mountain, we hope you can attend it may be a long winter.

Sad News

Dave McDougall, a long time club member, has passed away after suffering a massive stroke. Dave's spirit and enthusiasm will be greatly missed. Please keep Dave and his family in your thoughts and prayers. We will keep you posted when we hear information on services.

I would also ask you to do the same for John Gehring and his family as well. For our many club members who participated in our Veterans trip over the past 3 - 4 years you might remember that John was a very important volunteer guide. For a number of years, John loved to help Veterans as well as being a Veteran himself. John took his own life in September. Erich Schmidt, our WMFFC Board member was a good friend of John and will keep us posted on any further details.

Please keep all our active and Veteran military families in your thoughts and prayers.

Other News

**Becker Best Day
October 16, 2021
Becker Lake**

This is a greatly and fundraiser for the White Mountain Lake Foundation that does a great job protecting our mountain waters/lakes. You can fish in the morning, have a free lunch at noon and enter a raffle and Silent Auction at 1:30 PM. A fun day!



Fly Fishing 101

After a Covid protocol delay, the Fly Fishing 101 Class concluded its second day on October 8, 2021. We are hopeful that we will gain some more WMFFC members!



Rod

Building Class

Thanks again to Gary Miller and Bob Bowers for another successful rod building class! We are very fortunate to have such talented members who continue to donate their time!

Fly Fishing International Virtual Expo!

I like to remind members of our club members who also belong to FFI. For those members who do not belong to FFI it may be a great time to join! FFI has important information ranging from beginners to expert levels. If you do join please let us know.



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Fish Pictures

Max Johnson, a new WMFFC member sent in these pictures taken on Show Low Lake! Nice job Max and good to see that you use a rubber net!



Members are encouraged to send in their fish picture! A picture is truly worth a thousand words.

A Final Note

In closing I want you all to know that it has been an absolute pleasure to have met you all and that I would not hesitate to do it all over again.

Challenges are opportunities to me, to find out about myself and grow. Needless to say, taking on the role of club President was one of my biggest challenges/risk! Volunteering may seem more than a little risky to some people, but not knowing if you could have made a difference is truly a loss for you and someone else!

Thank you all for your patience, understanding and helping me grow and believe that anything is possible.

Tight lines!

Barry

**STAY TUNED FOR BIG NEWS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT
SEPTEMBER 20TH MEETING**

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