

White Mountain



Fly Fishing Club

# NEWSLETTER

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Established 1996 P.O. Box 2187, Pinetop, AZ 85935

July 2021

## **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 Everyone!

July is rapidly coming to a close and it is good to see some rain falling! I hope that everyone and their families are safe and healthy.

The Board has much information to share so let's get started!

### **Membership Meeting**

July 21, 2021

5:30 - 6 PM Social

6 PM Meeting start

Our guest speaker, Mr. Ryan Follmuth, AGFD's Region I Aquatic Wildlife Program Manager in Pinetop. Ryan will be giving the most recent update on the conditions of our area lakes and streams. Ryan arrived in Pinetop in February 2020 and I am looking forward to his presentation. Please bring any questions you may have.

### **Election Nominating Committee**

This year elections/nominations will be held for President, Secretary and two At Large Board positions. If you or someone you think would be interested in becoming a Board member, please contact John Bustraan, [golfishone@msn.com](mailto:golfishone@msn.com), 503-341-2518 or myself, Barry Curseaden, [curseaden@aol.com](mailto:curseaden@aol.com), 623-398-5242. I am very pleased to have already received a volunteer for the Board and am hopeful to have other members step forward also!

### **Survey Results**

At our June meeting, we had a great turnout 25 - 30 members, guest and new members participated. Everyone was given a Volunteer Opportunities form and we had only 11 individuals respond.

Six of the eleven wanted to have both a meeting and an outing every month, however, none of those responses volunteered to coordinate the outing. As a result of no volunteer to coordinate an outing, we will only be having a meeting once a month.

For the limited number of members who did respond, we did have a number of volunteer positions filled. Thank you!

### **Rod Building Class**

Bob Bowers and Gary Miller will be conducting a fly rod building class. Three people have signed up and there is room for **one** more. If you are interested please contact Bob, [toquiltanfish@msn.com](mailto:toquiltanfish@msn.com) or Gary, [flyfishingaz@cableone.net](mailto:flyfishingaz@cableone.net). Schedule TBD

### **Show Low Public Library**

I received an interesting phone call last week from the Show Low Public Library. They asked if the WMFFC would like to present a "Fly Tying Workshop" at the library. The details are still to be worked out. Gary Miller has offered to coordinate the planning.

The workshop would have 10 adult participants this time and hopefully in the future, parents/adults and children together or just children. Dates and times are to be determined. If you are interested, contact Gary at [flyfishingaz@cableone.net](mailto:flyfishingaz@cableone.net).

### **Fly Fishing 101**

Just a reminder, that the City of Show Low Recreation Department is sponsoring the WMFFC's Fly Fishing 101 class September 16 & 17, 2021.

There is a \$25 registration fee. This is a great class for "true" beginners. If you are interested, please contact Melissa King, 928-532-4140 to register.

### **Becker Lake Day**

Saturday, October 16, 2021

8 AM

Becker Lake Day is sponsored by the White Mountain Lakes Foundation, (WMLF). It is a fun outing with a raffle and free BBQ lunch coincide with a day of fishing. Bring your own chair to sit in and enjoy a good time.

The WMLF is instrumental in the preservation of our White Mountain Lakes and this event is their major fundraising activity for the year.

### **Photo Memories**

I would like to start a new addition to our Newsletter which will feature photos submitted by our members.

Below are three photos from one of our past San Juan River Veterans Event



Bill Bate, Eric Ortegren, Kevin Widner  
& service dog Mario



Ted Lambert & myself



Beautiful SJR Brown Trout

On a final note, I wanted to remind our less experienced members that the waters are beginning to warm up and please try not to play your fish too long. **Water temperatures over 65 degrees can really stress a fish** on your line and it is best to get them in and released ASAP!

It is also important to **keep the fish wet** as well as your hands if you want to take a picture of that special catch. If you must, do not hold the fish out of water any longer than you can hold your breath! When holding the fish try not to squeeze them or touch their gill area. Keep them in the water until photographer is ready and keep your hands wet!

Send your photos to [info@wmflyfishingclub.com](mailto:info@wmflyfishingclub.com)

Tight Lines Everyone  
Barry

## ***2020-21 WMFFC Board Members***

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