



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.

September Greetings,

We have all made it through the six weeks or so of poor fishing during July and August. Before the monsoon got rolling, the hot weather led to dangerously high water temperatures and pH levels above 9.0, extremely low water levels, and in some lakes dangerously high water pH. Not a good situation for our trout. The monsoon season finally and thankfully helped to reverse the temperature, water level and pH, but I still couldn't find any fish until this past week. Thank goodness for September and October - my favorite time of the year for fishing. The trout are getting active and hungry and are gladly taking flies. If you haven't been fishing, it's time to get out on the water and have some fun.

SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING

Our meeting this month is on the 15th. Our guest speaker is going to be Garrett Fabian who for the past six months or so has been the Hatchery Manager at the Silver Creek Hatchery. He has held the position since Ken McGown, the former manager, retired and moved to Thailand with his wife where I'm sure he is catching huge, strange looking carp and loving it.

Garrett has an interesting background and will talk to us about Silver Creeks purpose as well as its condition after the flooding from our first big storm, so don't miss the meeting. He is also going to try to arrange for a tour of the Silver Creek Hatchery for us some time in the future.

SILVER CREEK CATCH AND RELEASE SEASON

For those of you who are new to the club or the area, Silver Creek fishing regulations change on October 1 to catch and release only. They also plant beautiful big fat rainbows in the Creek during this season. And if that is not enough, they open the upper section of the creek to fishing where big fat rainbows live all year long. If you haven't fished there, you are missing out. I caught the biggest rainbow of my life in the upper section two years ago. This is a subject we can ask Garrett about during the club meeting.

As a side note, our club sponsors the placing a port-a-potty from October thru the end of March in the upper section for the comfort and pleasure of the fisherwomen and men.

HELP WITH RAFFLE PRIZES

While on the subject of the September meeting, we need your help for the raffle. We need prizes. We have about emptied out our available resources from the bottomless trailer! Please take a second or two to take a look at your fishing and fly tying gear those things you haven't used in a long time but are still in good shape and would be of value to someone else instead of taking up room in your closet. It will help Richard out and save the club some money as well.

OCTOBER MEETING CLUB OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

A reminder, that we will have elections during our October meeting. We still only have one nominee for a board position and no other volunteers to assume any of the roles which will be open. We need folks to sign up.

FLY FISHING 101 UPDATE

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning the basics of fly fishing, have them call Melissa King of the Show Low Recreation Department at 928-532-4142. There is a \$25 registration fee for the two day class. The cases will be held on Sept 16th and 17th from 9am to 3pm. Only 4 people have signed up so far and we need at least 10 to put on the class. See details below.



Fly Fishing 101
FOR INFORMATION
928-532-4130

This beginners class will cover equipment, casting, how to find fish, knots, etiquette and safety.

It is recommended that you do "not" buy any equipment until you have taken this course.

This two-day program will be conducted by members and guests of the White Mountain Fly Fishing Club.

WHITE MOUNTAIN FLY FISHING CLUB
We start from scratch and work to help you be able to experience your first fly fishing adventure.

REGISTER
Show Low Family Aquatic Center,
1100 W. Deuce of Clubs
or online at
showlow.activityreg.com

- \$25 PER PARTICIPANT
- AGES 16+
- THURS, SEPT 16 & FRI, SEPT 17
- 9 AM - 3 PM
- SHOW LOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

BECKER LAKE – BECKER BEST

Another gem we have up here in the White Mountains is Becker Lake. The White Mountain Lakes Foundation sponsors an annual day of fishing and lunch this coming October 16. If you are interested bring this up at our September meeting and we can discuss it in more detail.



SATURDAY
OCT 16
LAKE OPENS AT
6:00 am

BECKER LAKE | SPRINGERVILLE, AZ

Join the White Mountain Lakes Foundation (WMLF), a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving Arizona's White Mountain fisheries through grassroots conservation, restoration and protection efforts, for a day of fun and fishing at the seventh annual Becker Best event. Lunch will be provided by WMLF, followed by a general raffle and the WMLF 2021 membership rod raffle.

A block of rooms has been reserved under White Mountain Lakes Foundation at the Rode Inn Motel located just a few short minutes from Becker Lake.

Call (928) 333-4365 for reservations
Contact Joe Staller for more information | joestaller@yahoo.com

LUNCH PROVIDED
12:00 PM

GENERAL RAFFLE
1:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP ROD RAFFLE
2:00 PM

FISH PICTURES

It's a great time to be a fly fisher in the White Mountains. Get out there and have some fun.



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