



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.

Hello Everyone!

The 2021 WMFFC season is about to open! We are currently working on an official opening in June but realize this date is like a moving target. Hopefully the Covid situation will be under better control, however, we just have to see.

We also need to know what our membership is thinking or what they would feel comfortable doing? So what say you? Please choose one of the options listed below and send your reply via e-mail to:

info@flyfishingwm.com

Option #1

Having a monthly evening meeting at the Nature Center as we have in the past?

Option #2

Would you prefer to just have a monthly outing instead? During the day.

Option #3

What about doing a combination of both the above, alternating a Nature Center Meeting with an outdoor event.

Please try to attend our first club meeting on June 16, 5 PM, at the Nature Center to discuss the attached club calendar and help us make some final decisions.

This will be a very different type of year compared to previous club years until we know we will all be safer.

Announcements

2021 Dues

Your \$30 Annual Dues are due by July. I know we are a fly fishing club, but we are also a 501 C 3 certified club which requires a service component to maintain this important tax status. Please ask yourself, what has been your service contribution to the WMFFC? See Volunteer Opportunity attachment above to make your choice.

As I have said in the past, **no committee volunteer will need to work alone**. As a matter of fact, why not ask a friend to co-chair a volunteer opportunity together. You will also have a Board member assigned to you to help you understand any questions you may have.

We want you to join the club, but also want you invested in the club. The most meaningful and engaging volunteering experiences are often local and hands-on, with impact that is tangible and visible.

Thank You!

Speaking of volunteers! I want to give a big thank you to Peggy Sherman, and Bonnie Henry. They have both volunteered to help the Club. Peggy is a “new” member who will be handling our membership and Bonnie has offered to help to organize club social events. Thank you both!

FFI Membership

Speaking of memberships, I want to encourage you to consider the FFI, (Fly Fishing International). Just go to their FFI web site (<https://flyfishersinternational.org/>) and check it out. FFI is also our clubs liability insurance coverage. The more members that join FFI, the less we will pay as annual dues for our club.

Banquet or No Banquet

One of the discussions we will have at our June 16 Nature Center meeting will be whether to have our annual banquet at Torreon or not. If we do go ahead with the banquet, it will not be able to be what we have done in the past.

There are two main reasons. Asking for donations at this time from the many businesses/donors we have had in the past does not seem to be a fair thing to do. Many are still struggling.

Secondly, we will not be able to do our Veterans Float Trip this year mainly because of Covid uncertainties and being able to safely recruit Veterans.

However, we could still hold an end of the year special event banquet at Torreon just for Club members?

San Juan River Veterans Trip

Speaking of the San Juan River Veterans Float Trip, I recently spoke to Sara Chavez, at Abe’s motel and guide service. Sadly, Abe’s has closed for good after 60 years of business. This is an event that is difficult to plan for this year. Recruiting Veterans and securing a date at Abe’s Motel (currently closed), and our volunteer guides is usually begun in January. Which as you can understand, just could not be done.

More importantly, we also need to look for a new location, preferably not the San Juan River for future Veterans trips.

Any ideas/suggestions?

E-mail Scam

Just a heads up! Because of my exposure on the Web, you may have received an e-mail asking you to contact me or help me with gift cards.

I would never ask anyone for a donation to me personally and hopes that you would never send funds to anyone you do not know well.

Unfortunately, there are too many people trying to scam others.

Video

I hope you enjoy the attached video "Drive Slowly-Fish Crossing!

Salmon Crossing...

Unusual signboard says it all. "Drive Slowly, Fish Crossing"--- speed limit 40.

This happens in the vicinity of Skokomish River, Shelton, Washington. If the river floods, the salmon take short cuts swimming across **the road to go upstream to spawn. ..It happens almost every year.**

Fly Fishing 101 Classes

September 15-16, 2021

Show Low town Hall

The Club will present the second annual Fly Fishing 101 class for the Show Low Recreation Dept. If you are a beginner and would like to participate please let me know ASAP. Space is limited (14-16 participants) and I will get you registered before it fills up.

This was a very successful event two years ago and the Recreation Department has asked us back.

New Fly Shop Opens

I know that many of our members live in the valley over the winter and might be interested in knowing that a new fly shop has opened"

AZ Fly Shop, 3254 East Cactus Call:

602-354-8881

Or

Email; info@azflyshop.com

Tight Lines Everyone!

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WMFFC

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