

White Mountain



Fly Fishing Club

NEWSLETTER

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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 Everyone,

Hard to believe that we are half way through August already! We hope that this Newsletter finds you and your families safe and healthy. Fly fishing is definitely a socially distancing sport! Thankfully the lakes are filling up with our monsoon rains and members are catching fish as you will see below.

Membership Meeting

Nature Center

August 18, 2021

5 PM - Social/Raffle ticket sales

5:45 PM - Meeting Starts

Guest speaker will be Jennifer Graves who will talk about the Apache Trout Recovery Program and the Partners for Habitat Recovery. Jennifer works for Zack Jackson who heads the Alchese Fish Hatchery for the US Fish & Wildlife Service to get a speaker for next week's meeting. She will also be bringing along a representative of the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Fishery Program.

Garrett Fabian, of Silver Creek Hatchery was originally scheduled to speak, however, due to circumstances beyond our control, we have rescheduled Garrett for our September meeting. Garrett is also very busy repairing the storm damage from the torrential rain we had a few weeks back. See photos below:



For those who know Silver Creek, Garrett told me that the fence that separates the upper and lower section of Silver Creek was actually under water! Fortunately, the hatchery itself survived the storm.

Rod Building Class Beginning

Gary Miller and Bob Bowers will hold their first Rod Building meeting this Wednesday, August 18, 10:30 AM at the Nature Center. The class is currently filled but if you are interested in learning how to build your own fly rod let Gary (623-478-0883) know and they may have a second class later this summer. The club has recently purchased new up to date equipment which will greatly help beginning rod builders. Thanks again to Gary and Bob for volunteering and always doing such a great job!

Fly Fishing 101

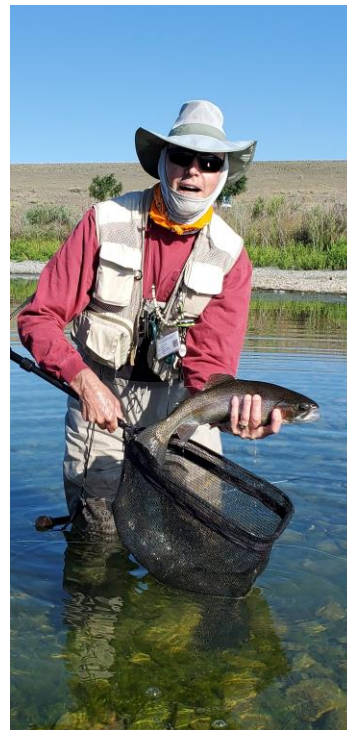
September 16 & 17 2021
Show Low Public Library

Registration has begun by the Show Low Recreation Department for our 2nd FF 101 class. The registration fee is \$25. If you or someone you might know might be interested, contact Melissa King, Show Low Recreation Department, 928-532-4142. We had a waiting list last year so register early if you are interested. FYI, this is a very basic class designed for true beginners.

There are fish out there!



Tim Groth, 20" Big Lake



Tim Groth 20" Becker Lake



Dawn's Friend Jennifer Harvey
Horseshoe



Dawn Hewitt Horseshoe Lake

FYI

The WMFFC is also in the process of doing a Fly Tying Workshop for the City of Show Low Library on the evening of October 8th, 6 - 8 PM (final time TBD). This will be limited to 10 participants. Gary Miller (623-478-0883) is coordinating the volunteer instructors. Will keep you posted as we get closer.

Trout Unlimited, is also promoting the "Hoot Owl" initiative. This is a program that wants fishermen and women to not fish after 2PM until dawn. Hopefully, this will create less stress on the fish especially in hot weather environments like AZ. Interesting idea.

On a final note, I want to thank those members who have stepped forward and helped our club continue to grow even during the Covid crisis. You know who you are and your support has meant a lot to me personally as well as all our club members.

Just look what you have accomplished - rod building and fly tying classes, raffles at every membership meeting, speakers, Fly Fishing 101, mentoring, two college scholarships to the U of Arizona fisheries program, monthly speakers for membership meetings, club social!

These activities do not just happen by themselves! They also cannot be done by just one or two people. So to all those who have given back to the club, whether it has been a little or a lot, on behalf of all our membership, THANK YOU!

Tight lines!

Barry Curseaden, Pres.

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