

# NEWSLETTER

*wmflyfishingclub.com*

*Established 1996*

*P.O. Box 2187, Pinetop, AZ 85935*

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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.

## *Happy Holidays Everyone*

Here's hoping you will be able to spend the holidays with family or friends this year. After the past year of sheltering in place it will be a welcome change to be able to gather and celebrate together.

Your Board of Directors would like to express our sincere thanks to Barry Curseaden for his contributions to the club as a member and President since July 2017 when he stepped in to assume the role when the club was floundering. Under his leadership the club was kept alive. THANK YOU BARRY.

If you were not at the last meeting in October you may not know that your new President is Dawn Hewitt. The first woman to assume the role with WMFFC. I will do my best to keep our club moving forward. I will be depending on our current Board for their help and guidance. The Board will keep in touch as a group to plan our schedule for 2022. It is my hope that we will have our first meeting in person by April as the weather will be warming up. Please reach out to me if you have any ideas that you would like to bring forward and let's make a difference. My email is [azsunrise47@yahoo.com](mailto:azsunrise47@yahoo.com) and my phone number is 480-695-3965.

Wishing you a tug at the end of you line.

*Dawn Hewitt*

President



## Arizona Game & Fish Department Announcement

We're simplifying! Beginning January 1, 2022 the Community Fishing License option will be going away. Anglers will now just need a general fishing license or a hunt/fish combo license. But that doesn't mean amazing community water fishing opportunities are going anywhere - plus, you'll now have access to more opportunities all over AZ! So go far from home, go to the park down the street, it's your choice, just go fishing - all with one license!

Read More: <https://www.azgfd.com/azgfd-to-discontinue-selling.../>

### A SPECIAL THANKS

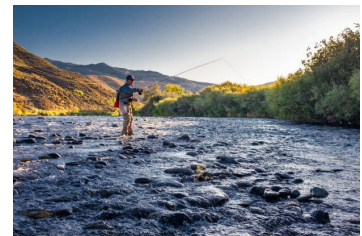
goes out to Gary Miller and Bob Bowers for their time and efforts for this fall's Fly Rod Building Class. They had 4 participants who were able to build some beautiful Rods. The club now has the best equipment for making rods that anyone would love to own. If you would like to sign up for future rod building classes contact Gary at 602-478-0883 or e-mail him at flyfishingaz@cableone.net. This beauty was built by Gary Smith, a new member this



### FLY FISHING 101

Thanks to Barry Curseaden for all his efforts and time conducting our second class thru the city of Show Low. The class was held in the Library classroom with 11 participants, 2 current members and 3 new members attended.

Barry created a great instruction book for the participants and conducted classroom work and actually were able to take them out to the lawns across the street for some actual casting lessons. Thanks to Gerry Wiemelt and Dawn Hewitt who assisted with this class. Participants also got to tie several different knots and tie a fly on. They also received a few flies to fish with.



### Fly Tying



Gary Hall and Rick Tesinsky for conducting a Fly Tying class the evening of October 8th at the Show Low Library. It was a great success and we are hoping to begin conducting them on a regular basis for our members as well. Stay tuned to upcoming announcements on future classes.

## Picture Gallery

If you've been fishing lately please share your pictures with me. We all love a good fish story and what better way to brag than having your pictures published in the newsletter for everyone to see. Send your shots to me and I'll make sure you get credit for them.



This was Dawn's 14" Brown caught at Earl Park



Marcie's Big Brown at Hawley

## *2021-22 WMFFC Board Members*

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<b>President:</b>	Dawn Hewitt	(480) 695-3965
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If you have an Ad or Article that you would like featured in the next Newsletter, please contact Dawn Hewitt at [azsunrise47@yahoo.com](mailto:azsunrise47@yahoo.com), 480-695-3965.

Elections for Board Positions will be held in June 2022. Openings will be Vice President, Treasurer and One Board Member at Large. The current Board has agreed to stay on for the time being. If you are interested in running for any positions currently vacant or for any future positions please reach out to Dawn or any other Board member. It takes everyone to keep this club alive going forward.