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Next Meeting
Fly Fishing the Green

with

Mike O'Connor

Thursday,
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One of the most important things in any organization is the club's traditions and history. We are fortunate to have some of our most senior members working on a written history of the club.

The Arizona Flycasters Club was started by a group of gentlemen in 1965. George Vlassiss was one of these gentlemen. George was active in the club over the years and he is the only surviving founding member of AFC. He has served as the Statutory Agent in our Articles of Incorporation since we were incorporated. This is almost 40 years of service to Arizona Flycasters! That is truly amazing. Due to health concerns, George will be stepping down as AFC's Statutory Agent. I wish to thank George for all his years of service and his foresight in starting a fly fishing club in the desert.

It is my pleasure to announce that Bob Segelbaum has agreed to serve as our new Statutory Agent. This is a great service to the club. We thank you Bob.

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It seems that at every outing potluck there are numerous dishes that someone wants the recipe for, so this month I thought I would kick off a new feature and share a recent recipe that has been well received.

White Chili (especially good on a cold day and it is good for you!)

3 Chicken Breasts (cut up)	2 cans Great Northern White Beans
2 cans White Corn	2 cans Diced Green Chilies
1 med. Sweet Onion (chopped)	2 cups Water (or chicken broth)
2 Cloves of Garlic (minced)	

Season to taste: Lemon Pepper, Black Pepper and Cumin (tsp) if desired.

Thoroughly cook the diced chicken with the onion and garlic. When cooked put into a stock pot with the remaining ingredients and simmer on the stove for 1-2 hours.

NOTE: If sodium is an issue, drain the canned beans and corn and add more water in its place.

If you would like to share your recipe or request one, please e-mail our editors at walktall@deru.com

That's it for this month. **Get out and fish!**

Self-Guided Fly Fishing Trip on the Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam with Mike O'Connor

Mike O'Connor, from Desert Sportsman in Scottsdale, is the speaker for our meeting on April 14. Mike is an experienced fly fisher who has fished this famous section of the Green, out of Dutch John, Utah, with his Dad for several years. They have developed some techniques and tips for fishing this unique tailwater from a pontoon boat, and he will be sharing some of his knowledge with us. This is an awesome fishery and one to add to your list of "Places to Fish"!

-Nancy Vance

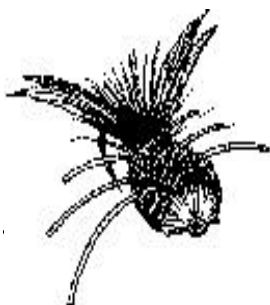
Upcoming Three Month Calendar

April	2nd	Saturday	Casting Class
	13th	Wednesday	Intermediate Fly Tying
	14th	Thursday	General Meeting
	16th	Saturday	Fly Swap Sign-Up Deadline
	19th	Tuesday	Intermediate Fly Tying
	23-24	Sat - Sun	Seneca Lake Outing
26th	Tuesday	Intermediate Fly Tying	
May	7th	Saturday	Fly Swap Turn-In Deadline
	12th	Thursday	General Meeting
	18th	Wednesday	Lanyard Class
	21st	Saturday	Casting Class
	27-30	Fri-Mon	Cyclone Lake Outing
June	9th	Thursday	General Meeting
	25-26	Sat - Sun	Horseshoe Cienega Outing

Education Committee News

Ron Robinson

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Intermediate Fly Tying

This month we will have three intermediate fly tying classes. All will be at the Sunnyslope Community Center and will be from 7 - 9 PM. On April 13th and 19th we will have Bass bug classes. Brian Mazoyer and Dennis Lockett will be teaching.

The first class will center on how, where and when to fish for bass. Dennis Lockett will be leading this class; he is a great bass fisherman and fly tier.

The second night of the class members will be fly tying; we will be learning to spin simple deer hair flies for great surface action. If you want to learn more about bass fly fishing then this is the class for you!! If you need more information please call Brian Mazoyer at 623-566-7946. Bring your tying equipment and the club will supply the materials.

On April 26 Matt Baker of Desert Sportsman will discuss carp fishing and show us how to tie effective flies. This will be a demonstration class and students will not be tying. Come prepared to take notes on strategies and tactics.

Lanyard Class May 18th

This class will be at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. There will be a \$7 fee to cover the materials. LeRoy Donally will be teaching this class. You will learn the basics of making your own and will leave the class with your own unique lanyard.

Casting Class May 21st at Granada Park

This class will go from 9 - 11 AM. Granada Park is located at 20th Street north of Maryland. We will give basic instruction for those new to the sport and we will have special instruction on bass bug casting techniques for the more advanced casters. As a special extra we will also have a brief introduction into spey casting for those that are interested (spey rods will be supplied).

Seneca Lake Trip Report

Bill Vance

WOW!! What a wonderful turnout for the Seneca Lake outing last month: 47 AFC members braved the inclement weather to enjoy a super get together. The potluck was absolutely fabulous, great food with good friends.

The fishing? Well, could it have been better? Not if you asked the majority in attendance. However, best of all was watching newbees catching trout on flies they tied themselves.

All in all, this was an excellent outing that refused to be dampened by a steady rain. Remember, the conditions encountered were ready made for outstanding trout fishing.

Federation News

Dario Travaini
FFF Representative



Have you ever been curious about the pink, white and purple brooch resembling an oversized attractor worn by some of our members at the meeting? It is a Casting for Recovery (CFR) fly and we all wear it proudly.

Casting for Recovery was founded in 1996 by Gwen Perkins, a fly-fishing instructor and Doctor Benita Walton, a breast surgeon and fly fisher. Orvis was the founding sponsor with matching grants of \$25,000 and has donated rods and reels to the program. Since inception, numerous other support groups have joined and FFF is a strong advocate of CFR. Casting for Recovery conducted two retreats in 1996 and received 501(C)(3) nonprofit status in 1998. In 2004, 30 retreats were held in 17 states in the United States and one pilot retreat in Canada.

One of these retreats was held in Pinetop Arizona and another is scheduled for 2005 at Sierra Springs Ranch, May 13 - 15. AFC has previously sponsored two participants (\$500 each) and this will happen again. Some of our members help with rigging, fly-tying, casting and catching techniques. If you want to hear some beautiful stories about courage, coping and a fly-fishing sisterhood, talk to some of our volunteers.

Some of the goals of a CFR retreat are to provide each participant with a true respite from familiar routines in a beautiful natural setting where emotional well-being can flourish, to provide an experience that will lessen isolation and promote problem-solving and coping through an opportunity to be with others who have had similar experiences, and to provide a method to gain self-esteem, make new friends and learn a new skill as a commitment to their future.

Our own Shirley Johnson and Nancy Vance are prime movers in CFR. If you would like to know more, sign on to the CFR website at www.castingforrecovery.org.

Welcome New Members!

Jay R. Adkins
Goodyear

Bill Bingham
Fountain Hills

Doug Collier
Phoenix

Jonathan Croom
Scottsdale

Cliff DeVlieg & Laurel Whisler
Phoenix

Wayne McKinley
Phoenix

Robert J. Mounts
Glendale

Sam Orr
Phoenix

Ira & Zelma Strandell Jr.
Mesa

Dan Varner
Glendale

Cathy Weyers
Peoria

BONUS RAFFLE

We are fortunate to have an AWARD WINNING landing net to raffle at the April Meeting. Jack Dennis donated it to AFC when he gave his presentation to the club. It is a carbon fiber landing net in an anodized green finish with a No-Snag bag by S2 Products out of Jackson, WY. It has a surgical tubing lanyard and a quick release vest clip.

Take a look at it at the Raffle Table. Sue Hawk will sell you a chance for \$5.00.

-Bob Rudzinski

The advertisement features the text 'FLIES BY BRIAN' in a purple, hand-drawn, bubbly font at the top. Below this, the text 'HAND CRAFTED FLIES BY BRIAN MAZOYER' is written in a clean, black, sans-serif font. To the left of the text is an illustration of a fly fishing reel and a fly. At the bottom right, the contact information is listed: 'Glendale, Arizona 85308', '623-566-7946', and 'E-Mail: Mazbrian@cox.net'.

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AFC "Fit to be Tied" Fly Swap



It's spring. Waters are warming up and trout are cruising in our mountain lakes and streams, looking for meals after a long lean winter. Are you ready for another fishing season?

Checked your fly box lately?

If you're like me, all those resolutions to tie up some flies over the colder months somehow got waylaid by other concerns. If you haven't already, now's the time to clear a space on the kitchen table or desk and set up your tying vise. With an eye towards making it fun and adding some further incentive, I've volunteered to facilitate a club fly swap.



What is a fly swap?

Think of the last AFC potluck you attended. Chances are you never had it so good, from soup to nuts our members have some skills in the kitchen that always make for good eating. A fly swap is similar in that everyone brings something to the table, and we all get to partake of each other's offerings. Pick a fly, tie up a bunch of them, and get them to me by the due date. I'll put them all together and present you with a smorgasbord of everyone's contributions in return. If it works like our potlucks do, we'll end up with lots of good eats for those fish we'll be pursuing in the coming months.



Who can participate?

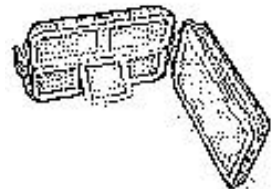
Any member can join up, from students in last month's class to veteran tiers. If you're new to tying or a bit rusty, I strongly suggest you throw your bobbin into the ring. The swap offers you an ideal setup to get you off and running. The key to becoming a proficient tier is repetition, repetition, repetition, and that's how the swap works: you tie up a baker's dozen or so of the same fly, and in the process, learn it and the tying skills it requires very well. You'll need to choose a fly and assemble the required hooks and materials, which may mean a field trip to one of our local shops. If you're as intimidated as I was at first by the vast array of tying materials you'll find, I can tell you that the folks behind the counter will be pleased to help you pick out just the right stuff for the fly you've chosen. And if you haven't taken the plunge yet and bought a vise of your own maybe now's the time, or let me know if you'd like to arrange use of a club vise.

For our veterans, this is your chance to share your skill with others, encourage the art of tying, and add some new patterns to your box. Who knows, could be you'll discover a new material or a great fly you'd never tie yourself.



How it works:

1. **Decide on a pattern** that's "fit to be tied" and start gathering what you need. For this fly swap, choose a fly suitable for our upcoming club trips to Cyclone, Horseshoe, and Big Lake. It can be a dry, a wet, a nymph pattern, just about anything as long as it promises to entice fish in our high mountain lakes. If you need help choosing, the club flybook would be a good place to start.
2. **Sign up** at the general meeting April 14th. If you won't be attending and want to participate, call (602.956.4878) or e-mail (dtw@deru.com) me by Saturday April 16th and I'll count you in.
3. **Get tying!** Once I know the number of participants I'll contact you to let you know the number of flies you'll need to tie. If a whole lot of us sign up I'll divide us into groups to keep the total number below 15 or so- this should keep it fun and doable for everyone. I'll be adding 1 extra to the total number so that a selection can be contributed to the raffle table at the May meeting.
4. **Turn in your flies.** Got them all tied up? Congratulations! Place them in a suitable container (an Altoids box or anything similar), include your name and get it back to me by Saturday May 7th. I'll be at the Seneca outing and Intermediate Fly Tying class on the 26th and will accept them there, or you can mail them to me in a padded bag.
5. **Receive your swap flies** at the general meeting May 12th. Place in fly box. Go fishing.



-Donna Walkuski

**This
Month's
Outing:
Seneca Lake II**

April 23-24

Bill Vance

The April outing scheduled for Roper Lake on the 23rd and 24th has been changed. AFC was unable to reserve the group campground at Roper Lake and also unable to arrange alternative camp spaces without prepayment. As a result, a new outing site has been selected.

Due to popular demand, Seneca Lake on the San Carlos Reservation will be repeated for April. Look for a mixed bag this outing as the bass and assorted sun fish should be active as well as the usual rainbows and small browns. Bring some bass flies and streamers and work the shoreline for some fast action. March's most productive flies for trout were Denny Rickards' AP emerger, peacock callibaetis and assorted other nymphs in olive and chartreuse.

Potluck will be at 3pm and if this one is a repeat of March's outing, come hungry!

Directions: To get to Seneca Lake, take US 60 east to Globe. Watch on the left through town for the **Express Stop**, 1501 E Ash St. (Hwy 60) and pull in to purchase your San Carlos Apache fishing and camping permit (required to use this lake). Just a short distance up the road is the turnoff to continue on US 60/AZ 77. Make a left and enjoy the scenery the 35 miles or so from Globe to Seneca. Signage is poor- watch for a left hand turn lane and follow the AFC signs to our camping spot. If you find yourself heading down Salt River Canyon you've gone too far!

**Beginning
Fly Tying**

Bill Vance

Spring beginning fly tying classes are over and thanks to all the participants and especially to those faithful AFC members who were guest tyers and helpers. This class could not go on without the generous assistance of many helpers. My special thanks to John Nutter for his ever faithful attendance and assistance.

Fall classes will be announced soon, and I hope to see you there.

**Tips for Beginning
Fly Tiers**

A stable vise, with good jaws to hold the hook firmly, provides the basic starting point for good fly tying.

Always tie or wrap your thread in a motion over the top of the fly away from you.

Before using a hook, check and make sure it is sharp and will not straighten out under pressure.

A common problem with new fly tiers is breaking the thread. To get a feel for how tight to wrap your fly, intentionally apply force on the thread until it breaks.

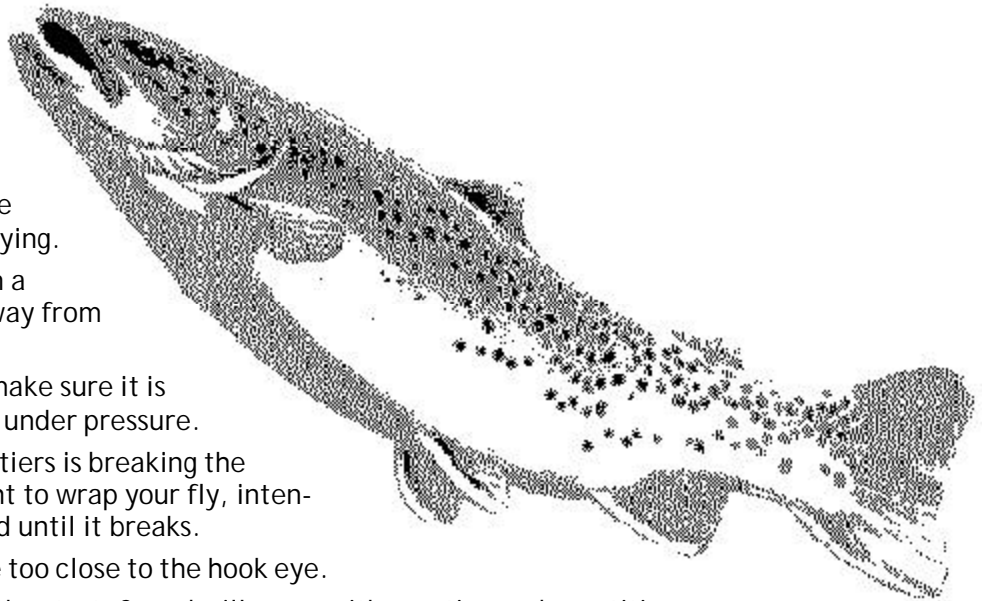
To avoid sloppy heads, do not tie too close to the hook eye.

Tie carefully and correctly from the start. Speed will come with practice and repetition.

For dry flies:

- Avoid all unnecessary wraps of thread. Don't wrap three times when two will do.
- Use the lightest weight materials
- Use the least absorbent materials
- Choose the best quality hackle

Wet flies or nymphs should be constructed with materials as water-absorbent as possible.



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**Sunshine
and Welcome
Committee**

Charley Greene

There are many dimensions to this Arizona Flycasters Club. The primary focus is the development and participation in fly fishing activities, but another is the many friendships and opportunities to meet needs of members. The word "sunshine" means "something (as a person, condition or influence) that radiates warmth, cheer, or happiness." AFC wants to make sure as a club we know the needs of our membership. If you know of any member who needs a Sunshine boost, notify any Board member.

Those of you who know Ken Steele, keep checking on him.

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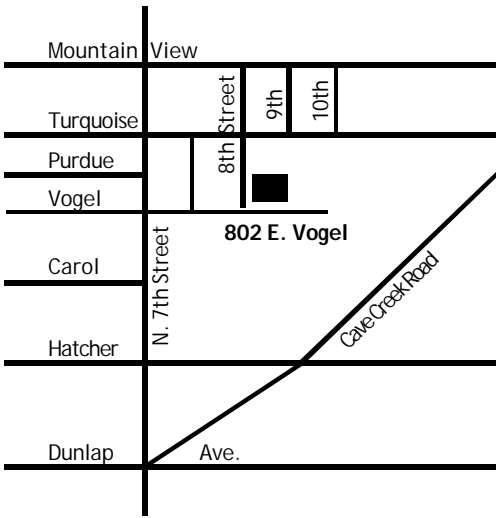
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