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Next Meeting:  
**Arizona  
Flyfishing  
Opportunities**  
with  
**The Baiker,  
Baker Boys**  
Thursday,  
April 13th  
7:00 PM

### President's Riffles

*Brian Mazoyer* Mazbrian@cox.net

Living in Arizona, you don't always think about how the weather affects our fishing, but boy it sure did for the March outing. Our original plan was to go to Seneca Lake on the San Carlos Apache reservation but we got word of a fish kill (which was over-exaggerated according to the Game and Fish officials from the reservation). So, we moved the outing to Woods Canyon Lake. Enter snowstorm #1, which buried the area under several feet of snow! So, then we thought we would go back to Seneca Lake but they had lots of snow also and the campground was mud, and that left us with the outing that took place at Dead Horse Ranch State Park. Wow what a nice weekend it was up there for the outing. We had about 30 people present for the potluck and fishing was great! I want to be sure and thank **Roger Cahoon** for all his hard work and research to make the outing the success it was.

The club was well represented at this year's International Sportsmen's Exposition. We had members talking about the activities of the club, demonstrating fly tying and generally talking up the club and showing our "best". I want to thank all of the members who volunteered to keep the booth running smoothly and talking about how great our club really is. I also want to thank **Doug Benford** for all his work in setting up the volunteers and to **Ron Robinson** for organizing and helping to staff the Best of the West casting contest. Speaking of the Best of the West casting contest, I want to congratulate two of our members **Jonathon Croom** and **Domininka Piotrowski** who took first and second place in the contest winning complete fly rod and reel sets. Way to go guys!!

At the next meeting don't forget to sign-up for the Memorial Day weekend trip to **Cyclone Lake** in the White Mountains. For those of you who have not made this trip before it is a great trip! The only people fishing and camping at the lake are club members and we have a **BIG** potluck on Saturday with steaks, baked potatoes and more food than you could possibly eat. This is a great fishing trip as well as an opportunity to visit with club members new and old.

As always, I hope to have the opportunity to fish with you soon!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AFC "Fit to be Tied" Fly Swap

How do you know spring has arrived? Instead of working, you're looking out the window daydreaming about strapping your fins on, pushing off from the bank in your float tube, tapping the rod to let loose your fly and make your first cast to those big lunkers cruising beneath the green waters of Earl Park Lake on a nippy, clear and quiet morning...

Are you ready? Got flies? If it's spring, it's time for another club fly swap!

Since last April when 24 tiers joined our first swap, the club has graduated two beginner's  
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Matt Baker and Chris Baiker, from Desert Sportsman in Scottsdale, will talk to us about fly fishing Arizona waters for both cold and warm water fish. Matt and Chris have a combined 40+ years of fly fishing experience. They have fished for and caught just about every species of fish available on a fly. Both have fished all over the world but love pursuing our finned friends here in Arizona and are extremely knowledgeable about our waters.

Since the weather will be heating up and many of us will be visiting trout waters around the state, this will be a program you don't want to miss!

*-Nancy Vance*

<b>Upcoming Three Month Calendar</b>	<b>April</b>	11th	Tuesday	Intermediate Fly Tying
		12th	Wednesday	Advanced Net Building
		13th	Thursday	General Meeting
		15th	Saturday	Cast Iron Cooking
		15-16	Sat - Sun	Gila Trout Workday
		19th	Wednesday	Advanced Net Building
		22-23	Sat - Sun	JD Dam Outing
		25th	Tuesday	Intermediate Fly Tying
		26th	Wednesday	Advanced Net Building
	29th	Saturday	Canyon Creek Workday	
	<b>May</b>	6th	Saturday	Fly Swap Turn-In Deadline
		6-7	Sat - Sun	Gila Trout Workday
		11th	Thursday	General Meeting
		16th	Tuesday	Intermediate Fly Tying
		23rd	Tuesday	Cyclone Lake Pre-Trip Meeting
		26-29	Fri - Mon	Cyclone Lake Outing
	<b>June</b>	8th	Thursday	General Meeting
		10-11	Sat - Sun	Gila Trout Workday
		24-25	Sat - Sun	Club Outing TBD

**Welcome New  
Members!**

Jacque Bigelow  
Scottsdale

Jay & Gayle Jones  
Scottsdale

Bill Poole  
Scottsdale

John Holmes  
Glendale

Dick Meise  
Paradise Valley

Michael, Philip & Jacquelyn Wyman  
Higley

**Federation  
News:**

While it is still early, your Board of Directors is interested in planning an educational event in support of popularizing fly fishing during National Fly Fishing Week. One of our goals is to get our name out there as the regional authority in fly fishing education. AFC has previously participated in this effort with considerable success.

**National Fly  
Fishing Week**

FFF is known as the preeminent fly fishing organization nationwide and AFC enjoys the same reputation in Arizona. Other organizations defer to our members for instruction and rely on us to teach groups like the Boy Scouts of America. We want to be seen as the 'Go To' organization for anglers or would-be fly fishers when they take an interest in this sport. Our planning needs to insure that our affiliation is known during this fun filled (Take me fishing) week.

**June 3-11**

*Dario Travaini*  
*FFF Representative*

As soon as AFC has firmed up our event, I will send the details to FFF so that it is listed on the FFF web site as well as a national directory if events. I will keep you posted as the program develops.

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## Education Committee News

*Ron Robinson*

robinsonrs@cox.net

**Advanced Net Construction:** This class has been filled. It will run each Wednesday night in April at Apollo High School from 7 - 9 PM.

Our next net class for beginners will begin late in the year. Stay tuned for the specific dates.

### Intermediate Fly Tying - April 11

This class will be on "Alaska Flies for Beginners". The class will be at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. We will demonstrate several styles and have materials to tie two different types. The club will supply the materials and equipment if you don't have your own.

### Dutch Oven Cooking Class - April 15 Granada Park, 9 AM to Noon

Jack Hulse and Tad Adkins will show us the A - Z of Dutch Oven cooking at Granada Park starting at 9 AM. They will cover the selection of the appropriate cooking vessel, charcoal selection and heat control, determining cooking time, when to look and not to look, and more.

The park is where we give casting lessons and is located at 20th Street and Maryland (just east of the 51 Freeway.) There is no need to sign up. I suggest you take notes and enjoy a fun morning.

### Intermediate Fly Tying - April 25

This class will be on "Basic Bass Flies and How to Fish Them".

Dennis Lockett will return and give us a fresh look at much of what he presented last year. The class will be at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. This is a lecture and demonstration class and no tying will be done at this time. We hope to have a class later in the year at which we will tie some bass flies.

### AFC Casting Champions from the International Sportsman's Expo

This event sponsors distance casting using a 5 wt. fly line and a 9' rod. There are three divisions: Men, Ladies, and Youth (14 years and under). Two of our younger members dueled it out in some very adverse weather conditions and made our club proud of their skills.

Jonathan Croom and Dominika Piotrowski took first and second respectively. They both were awarded complete SA 6 weight outfits by the ISE. Watch out guys and gals, here they come.

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Bob Bowers: [2quiltanfish@msn.com](mailto:2quiltanfish@msn.com) or 928-367-5579 (Pinetop).

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## Bonus Raffle

*Bob Rudzinski*

During the April and May monthly meetings we will be selling tickets for a Powell Timax 905-5 Rod. It is a 9' 5 piece 5 wt. Tickets are \$5.00.

Drawing at the May meeting. Need not be present to win.

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### Monthly Raffle

The majority of items on the table for the Monthly Raffle are donated by members. Some items are new, some slightly used. I will accept whatever you bring to the table for the raffle. Especially popular with members are books and flies. Donating is a good way to get rid of those items you never seem to get to use. Don't forget, anything is appropriate, even if it is not directly fly fishing related. Also, donors earn Ed Adams points.

Instead of throwing it away or letting it clutter and collect dust, bring it to the raffle table!

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Tom's been working the club beat asking our members lots of questions lately and has offered to share the answers with all of us. This month features responses to the query, "What was your favorite outing of 2005? Why?"

**Talking  
AFC:**

*As always, I liked the San Juan trip: even though as poor a trout fisherman as I am, I still caught fish. The guys in the club are just great to help anyone learn, and seem as happy as the one being helped when they are successful.*

Bernard Blakley

**Favorite  
Club Outings**

Tom Herman

*My favorite was Cyclone Lake in May. Using an A.P. Emerger during the afternoon produced some good fish, and fishing the evening rise with the mist coming off the lake, using an Elk Hair Caddis, only added to the experience. The camaraderie of everyone, the chance to meet new people and learn new techniques, and I shouldn't forget the steak dinner potluck. I'm looking forward to it again, this year.*

Roger Cahoon

*My favorite is always the Seneca Lake outings. I can't say exactly why, but it just seems like a more cordial get together, and the fishing is usually good. My choice of flies is the Pheasant Tail, Hare's Ear and yellow Woolies.*

Chuck Cothran

*The Crayfish outing was our personal favorite. We were also lucky enough to be the hosts for the outing, and everyone had a great time. Count us in again, if we do it this year.*

Richard and Jan Girard

*A tie between Cyclone Lake and the San Juan trip. I caught numerous fish at both, and had a great time socially.*

Jerry Hobbs

*The San Juan outing was the highlight for 2005 for me. Good food, friends and fishing, plus spending quality time with my favorite fishing partner— all leaving wonderful memories.*

Susan Depew

*My favorite was the San Juan trip, in November. Darlene and I fished together for four days, and we had a great time. The interaction with the other travelers was great. We both caught a lot of fish "sight fishing". The use of a walking guide is such a great advantage, and you can learn so much technique.*

Doug Benford

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**Club News  
Notes**

Member Ed Van Kuren has been dealing with serious medical issues for the last couple of months. The good news is he's working hard on his recovery. Ed, we're pulling for you!

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Keep your eyes open for some great new gear in the hands of our members at upcoming club activities. A record number of folks are now finishing up their custom rods built in last month's class, and there are some beauties out there. Well done! A special thank-you to all the volunteers who helped out with the class.

Once again, AFC had a presence at the Becoming an Outdoor Woman (BOW) weekend held in Prescott last month. About fifty women attended classes on fly fishing and fly tying under the able leadership of Shirley Johnson and Brian Mazoyer, and left with big smiles on their faces.

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**This  
Month's  
Outing:  
JD Dam**

April 22th-23rd

*Roger Cahoon*

The April outing will be held April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at JD Dam, located approximately 18 miles south of Williams. Fishing reports have been very good throughout the year for both JD Dam and Whitehorse Lake located only a few miles away. The club will be camping in the forest on this outing due to campgrounds being closed this time of year. This means there will be no facilities. The camp host will be Phil Wagner.

To get to JD Dam take I-17 north to Flagstaff; West on I-40 to the Williams exit 165. Go into Williams, past the railroad station and watch for the White Horse Lake sign which is located at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Turn left at 4th Avenue which turns into Perkinsville Road, AZ-73 and go South approximately 8 miles to Forest Road 110. Follow 110 approximately 10 miles and watch for the AFC signs on your way in.

Don't forget to sign up for Cyclone Lake - May 26-29!

*Thirty-two members attended the March outing at Dead Horse Ranch State Park. Fishing was good as always - trout, bluegill, bass and crappie were reported to have been caught. Thanks again to Bill and Nancy Vance as camp hosts.*



**Conservation  
News**

*Dick Kennedy*

Getting ready to hit the forest? With the recent snow in the high country we might get close to normal forest use. That means if logging in Canyon Creek is completed, I will be trying to organize a weekend and/or day trip into Canyon Creek to do some removal of the Bull Thistle invading the area. Initially, I considered the first or third weekend in May but it appears that the plants may not be mature enough to be found easily.

I will continue to work with the forestry officials to determine the optimum time to hit the plants with some effort. Stay tuned and get your gloves and shovels ready. Hopefully we can get a weekend to enjoy the forest, other Club members, and do some good for a cherished area.

*Newsflash!* A follow-up project to finish the removal of the livestock fence within the new Canyon Creek elk and livestock enclosure is scheduled for April 29th. Contact Dick for details if interested.  
- Editors

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**2nd Annual  
"Fit To Be  
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AFC Fly  
Swap**

*Donna Walkuski*

*All swappers will  
also be eligible to  
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C&F Fly box, so let's  
get tying!*

fly tying classes and offered many more advanced tying nights, so whether you're a beginner or veteran tier, here's your opportunity to get those bobbins moving and share your skills with others. Like our famed AFC potlucks, in return you'll receive a smorgasbord of flies tied by other participants, ready to be eaten by those fish you'll be stalking this season. All swappers will also be eligible to win a brand new C&F fly box, so let's get tying!

1. **Decide on a pattern** that's "fit to be tied" and start gathering what you need. Choose any pattern you'd like as long as it's suitable for enticing trout, bass, or panfish found in Arizona waters. If you need help choosing, the club flybook is a great place to start, or check the FFF competition website (see article below) for more ideas.
2. **Sign up** at the general meeting April 13th. If you won't be attending and want to participate, call (602.956.4878) or e-mail dtw@deru.com by Sunday 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 around 15 or so- this should keep it fun and doable for everyone. The total will include 1 extra 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! Get them back to me at the JD Dam Outing or Intermediate Fly Tying class on the 25th, or you can mail them to me in a padded bag by May 6th.
5. **Receive your swap flies** at the general meeting May 11th. Place in fly box. Go fishing.

**Tying for a  
Cause:  
FFF  
International  
Fly Tying  
Competition**

The FFF is sponsoring a fly tying competition as a fund raiser for their education and conservation programs. It's been designed to give everyone a shot at winning, whether you're going for a medal or some great flyfishing gear. It costs \$5 to submit each entry, which must be received by the end of this month.

Complete details can be found at the FFF website: <http://www.fedflyfishers.org>.

If you're participating in the club fly swap, consider tying an extra for the FFF.

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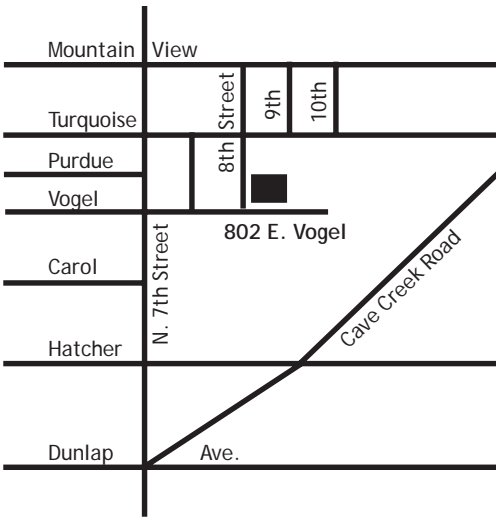
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