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### President's Lines

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There is a definite change in the air as Spring has arrived. Excitement is building over what promises to be a fantastic year of fishing. If you're like me, you have been religiously watching the fishing reports in anticipation of ice out conditions in the high country. Right now, many of the rim lakes are currently ice free and fishable with the White Mountain lakes and streams soon to follow. Here in town the urban ponds and desert lakes are really starting to come alive. It truly is a great time of year to start planning on getting out with friends and family to enjoy the great weather and fishing opportunities our State has to offer.

Our club makes planning your fishing adventures easy. Phil Wagner, our Outings Chairman has put together a good schedule of monthly events. Starting this month on the 29<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup>, we head up to Fools Hollow Lake, located just outside of Show Low. Fools Hollow has a wonderful campground and offers a variety of fish species to catch which include, Rainbow Trout, Large and Small Mouth Bass, Crappie, Sun Fish, Catfish, Wall-eye and even Northern Pike. If camping isn't your idea of fun, there are hotels a stone's throw away from the lake. As with all our outings if you are new to fly fishing and would like a little help let Phil know and we will be more than happy to lend a hand to get you started.

In your planning there are two other upcoming outings that need your attention right away. The first is our Annual Memorial Day Outing and Steak Fry at Hawley Lake. The club has reserved the group campground at the lake which means you don't have to worry about rushing up to get a campsite next to the water. It has all been taken care of for you. The accompanying Steak fry/ potluck, along with Cliff DeVlieg's great pancake breakfast and fun social hours are unsurpassed making this a **do not** miss event. There is a fee to attend and you will need to sign up for this outing no later than the May General meeting. The second outing that needs your attention is Big Lake to be held July 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. Big Lake is a very popular fishing destination and the campgrounds are starting to fill up. To attend this outing it is necessary to make reservations and secure a campsite on your own. The club will be staying at Rainbow Campground with the camp host in Site 53. Reservations can be made online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). For more detailed information on these two outings make sure you read the Outings article in this newsletter.

Outings are always a lot of fun and go hand in hand with our monthly Education Classes and programs. All of these activities are designed to provide our members with the skills needed to make their own fishing experiences and adventures safe and successful. I encourage you to read your newsletter and check the club's web site often so that you can keep abreast of the many Educational opportunities, Conservation Projects, Outings and Programs in the months to come, thus enabling you take advantage of the many activities Arizona Flycasters Club has to offer.

Tight lines,

Roger



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**April  
Meeting  
Featuring  
Guide  
Shawn Saunders**

Come enjoy the April meeting and listen to Fly fishing guide Shawn Saunders of Fremont River Guide Service from Southern Utah. Shawn guides on the Fremont River and on many of the numerous mountain lakes in the area. Shawn has been a fly fishing guide and instructor for over 16 years in Idaho, Arizona and Utah. His home water, the Fremont River, is considered one of Southern Utah's premiere blue ribbon fisheries.

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**2011 Annual  
Fly Swap  
Gary Lashewich  
Head "Swapper"**

Attention to all fly tiers! It's time for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual AFC Fly Swap. It's time to share one of your favorites or a new innovation. For those that haven't participated before, this event is very simple and lots of fun. You simply tie about 15 flies of one pattern (exact number TBD) and submit them to the "Head Swapper". That would be Gary Lashewich; his second year at coordinating this event. You will then receive back a fly box with about 15 flies tied by your friends. If you like, you can make multiple submissions. Each will be of a single pattern, one size, pinched barbs and you are encouraged to include a brief tying description, interesting history and methods you use to fish this beauty.

Past years have seen some submit up to four submissions (that's about 60 flies given and received).

Each submission will be matched with a like number of those can't miss beauties from your friends. To participate, you need to sign up at our April general meeting, or contact Gary at midgemasterg6185@gmail.com or 623 221 7278. Your flies should be completed by the end of April so that the committee can get the boxes filled and ready for distribution at the May general meeting. A very special thanks goes to Donna Walkuski for getting this program started and keeping it going at an ever increasing size.

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**AFC Cookbook  
"Food on the Fly"  
Marti Cahoon  
Cookbook Coordinator**

Cookbooks will be on sale at all general meetings. A ten dollar donation goes to the NAU scholarship fund.

THE ARIZONA FLYCASTERS MEET THE 2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AND FOR OUR CLASSES, AT THE SUNNYSLOPE COMMUNITY CENTER, 802 E. VOGEL  
(Map on Page 8)

**2011 Schedule (partial)**

<b>April</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fly Fishing Merit Badge Day
	12 <sup>th</sup>	General Education Class
	14 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting (SSCC)
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Casting Class
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Fly Tying Roundtable
	29 <sup>th</sup> - May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fools Hollow Lake Outing
<b>May</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	General Education Class
	12 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting (SSCC)
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Hawley Lake Pre-Trip Meeting
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	27 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	Hawley Lake Memorial Day Outing
<b>June</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting (SSCC)
	13 <sup>th</sup>	General Education Class
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	24 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sunrise Lake Outing
<b>July</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	General Education Class
	14 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting (SSCC)
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	29 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>	Big Lake Outing
<b>August</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting (SSCC)
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	General Education Class
	26 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	Crayfish Outing/Woods Canyon Lake
<b>September</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fly Tying
	19 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	Fly Tying
	12 <sup>th</sup>	General Education Class
	8 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting (SSCC)
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Casting Class
	23 <sup>rd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	White Horse Lake Outing/Williams
<b>October</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	General Education Class
	13 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting (SSCC)
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Casting Class
	18 <sup>th</sup>	San Juan Pre Trip Meeting
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting
	21 <sup>st</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Hawley Lake Outing
<b>November</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	San Juan Trip
	10 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting (SSCC)
	15 <sup>th</sup>	General Education Class
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting (SSCC)



Currently, the Arizona Game and Fish Department along with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have issued an Environmental Analysis Draft regarding stocking of fish in Arizona. The document and supporting documents are available on the [www.AZGFD.gov](http://www.AZGFD.gov) site. A bit tough to wade through but worth it.

The document addresses continuing fish stocking approximately as is, a Reduced Stocking plan, and a NO Stocking plan. The on going concern as is always the concern is does our stocking plan have negative implications for the survival of native fish and other species such as frogs, snakes and some plants. No stocking is no threat so that is why that is on the table. To keep stocking, many things must be considered and managed. You are encouraged to read the documents and to comment on the content. AFC will take a position and file responsive comments as well.



**Education Activities:**

**Dubbing Made Easy** - Ron and Brian will give a class on selecting, blending, applying and raking dubbing on April 12 at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. We will not be tying but there will be time for each student to make their own customized blend of dubbing to tie their next killer fly. We will have both natural and synthetic dubbing materials to make your blend. We will show how to handle some difficult to dub materials and use several different types of dubbing tools. We have given this class for several years and each year we add something extra. This year is no exception so come prepared for a fun evening.

**Casting Class** - On April 16 we will have a casting class at Steele Indian School Park from 9 - 11 AM. This will be our last club class until the fall. In addition to basic instruction we will work on methods to improve accuracy while casting different lengths of line, different planes, and under different wind conditions. The club has rods for all those members that are in need so bring the entire family and join the fun. Remember, at this time of year it can be quite hot and sunny so bring sun screen and dress accordingly. Please contact Ron Robinson at 602 867 8820 with any questions.

**Fly Tying Roundtable** - On April 26 several club members will demonstrate how to tie and fish one of their favorite lake flies. This is a chance to get "up close and personal" with the presenter so you can see how it's done and ask any questions. We will rotate between presenters about every 20 minutes so you will get a chance to see how different techniques, materials, and patterns are tied that we use here in Arizona lakes. It's a chance to learn about a fishing spot that you may not know or a great pattern that will increase your success. Even if you don't tie the fishing information given will be extremely valuable. Hope to see you there.

**What's New in Fly Lines?** - On May 10 we will have a class to review some of the basics of fly line design and use. The class will be at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. The fly lines available today can cause confusion by their changing designations, strange names, incredible variety of designs and ever increasing cost. It's important that the fly fisher know how to select a fly line that will make fishing a joy. This is a class for all members so please make plans now to join in the fun.

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## April 2011 Outing

**March  
Outing**  
*Phil Wagner  
Outings Chair*

The April 2011 outing will be held at Fools Hollow Lake State Park on the outskirts of Show Low. The outing dates are from Friday April 29th through Sunday May 1st. The cost of camping at Fools Hollow Lake will be \$30 per night for a site with hookups and \$17 per night for a non electrical site. The cost for people coming up for the day will be \$7 per car. The fees are payable at the park entrance. The lake is stocked with trout, bass, crappie and walleye and should make for some good fishing.

There will be a pot luck on Saturday at 3PM so bring your favorite main dish, side dish, or dessert. This will be a fun outing, so I hope to see you there.

To get to Fools Hollow Lake take Hwy 87 north to Payson and then take Hwy 260 east to Show Low. On the west side of Show Low right after Hwy 260 goes from 2 to 4 lanes, make a left turn onto Old Linden Road. The Fools Hollow Lake entrance to the park is less than a mile north of Hwy 260 on Old Linden Road.

The May outing will be at Hawley Lake over the Memorial Day weekend (May 27th to May 31st). The club has reserved the group campground at Hawley Lake for this outing. The cost of the outing will be \$30.00 per family camping fee, plus \$8 per person for the steak dinner and \$3/person/day for the rent-a-lake permits. Each person 1 year and older is required to have the rent-a-lake permit. The fees will cover camping permits, fishing permits and the cost of the steak dinner at the Saturday potluck. Signups for the outing will be taken at the April and May monthly meetings. The May outing has always been a popular event so bring your money and sign up early.

The Big Lake Outing in July 2011 will be here before you know it! The outing dates are from July 29th through the 31st. Reservations can be made online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). We will be in the Rainbow campground.

Phil Wagner  
AFC Outings Chair  
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**Raffle Riffles**  
*Tom Herman  
Raffle Chair*

Spring is here and it's time for some "Spring Cleaning." There are many newcomers to fly fishing in the AFC, and they need all kinds of stuff. Most of us experienced fisher folks have rods, reels, waders and other equipment that we haven't used for a while.

Why not donate your gently used treasures to the monthly raffle ? Your new friends will really appreciate it !

The May FLIES ONLY RAFFLE is rapidly approaching. It can't be a success without contributions, especially from those folks who participated in the February tying classes.



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## Application for Membership

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Annual Membership Fee (includes all family members living in your home) is \$35.00.  
Please include a check or money order, made out to AFC, with this application.

**Mail this application AND your check or money order to:**

Arizona Flycasters Club  
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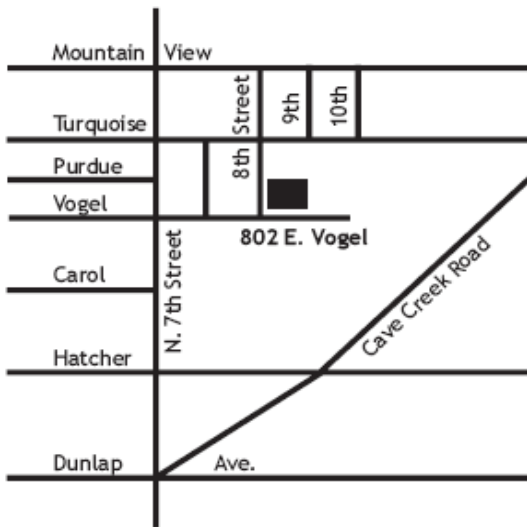
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**Arizona Flycasters Club** meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at the Sunnyslope Community Center. The Annual Banquet is held in the month of February. Watch for further details.

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Next Meeting:  
"Shawn Saunders"  
of Fremont River Guide Service

Thursday  
April 14, 2011  
7:00 PM

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