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FEDERATION OF
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Next Meeting:
**Bass Fishing
on the Fly**
with
**John Rohmer and
Mitch Vitkovich**

Thursday,
December 14th
7:00 PM

President's Riffles

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For any of you who may have missed last month's outing to the San Juan River in New Mexico, you missed a great time! We had all kinds of weather: sunshine, rain, sleet, snow and heavy winds making fishing an interesting challenge at times. I want to thank Ken Steele for all of his hard work and effort in putting this trip together; once again he did an outstanding job.

I want to remind you to think about those members who may be deserving of one of our club's annual awards. We give an award to the Member of the Year for contributions above and beyond what the general member does; there is also the Silver Doctor, this award is given to an outstanding female member who has distinguished herself. Finally, there is the Life Member, given to someone who has made outstanding contributions to our club over many years and has also received the Ed Adams patch for at least 5 years. If you can think of someone who may be deserving of one of these awards please give a written nomination of why you think so to me or any board member, you may also e-mail it to me at the above address.

At the December meeting we will have our annual election of members to the board. The following members are up for re-election for three-year terms: Roger Cahoon, Charley Greene, Larry Kamins, Dick Kennedy, Ron Robinson, Bob Rudzinski, and Dario Travaini. We also have several members seeking a one-year term to the board: Dito Ladd, Craig Mernitz, and Dan Varner. Before the elections take place at the meeting there will be an opportunity for members to make nominations for board members.

If you have been attending classes, outings or any other club functions and you have been taking pictures, please e-mail them to me or the club editors **Marian Tallon** and **Donna Walkuski** so they can be used in the newsletter or shown at the monthly meetings.

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

John Rohmer, co-owner of Arizona Flyfishing fly shop in Tempe will be presenting a program on fishing for bass in our Arizona lakes. John has teamed up with local tournament bass fisherman Mitch Vitkovich to do some tournaments and learn more about fishing for this warm water species. John feels the best way to hone his bass fishing skills is to "play with the big boys" and compete in some of these tournaments. "It's just expanding the fishing possibilities we have here all year long."

Some of you may not know that John Rohmer is an innovative fly tier, extremely knowledgeable fisherman, guide and go-to guy for information on all aspects of our sport. He was the inspiration for the Simi Seal Leach and has developed and sold his Simi Seal material in fly shops and other retail stores around the country. He and Bob Willard have owned Arizona Fly Fishing for nine years and the shop has been at the same location for twenty five years.

If you are interested in expanding your fishing opportunities and adding some warm water fly fishing knowledge to your repertoire, please join us on Thursday, December 14 for what promises to be a very informative program!

-Nancy Vance

**Upcoming
Three Month
Calendar**



December	9th	Saturday	City Fishing/Granada Park Outing
	12th	Tuesday	Intermediate Fly Tying
	14th	Thursday	General Meeting
January	1	Monday	\$30 2007 AFC Annual Membership Due
	8-10	Mon-Wed	Net Class (Apollo High School)
	11th	Thursday	General Meeting
	20th	Saturday	Moving Water/Salt River Outing
	25th	Thursday	Net Bag Sew In Night (Apollo High School)
February	1, 5, 7, 12, 14, 20, 21, 26, 28		Basic Fly Tying
	8th	Thursday	General Meeting
	25th	Sunday	Annual Banquet and Raffle

The following dates have been set for the classes that will be given for the rest of 2007. Some may need to be changed but we thought you might want to make your plans now so you don't miss any classes you want to take.

**Education
Schedule for
2007**

Ron Robinson

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March:	1, 19, 21, 26, 28 Rod construction; 3, 31 Basic casting
April:	10, 24 General Education class; 28 Casting class
May:	15 General Education class; 22 Cyclone Lake pre-trip
June:	12 General Education class
July:	10 General Education class
August:	21 General Education class
September:	5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 Basic fly tying; 29 Casting class
October:	9 General Education class; 27 Casting class
Nov.ember:	6 General Education class (may conflict with San Juan trip)
December:	11 General Education class

Annual Banquet

At the AFC Annual Banquet and Raffle we celebrate the activities of the club and honor our members for their participation. The raffle portion of the evening is our major fundraiser. We use the profits from this raffle to fund our club's activities throughout the year. The prizes will encircle the room for your preview before dinner. We invite each member to attend this wonderful evening to honor our members and help raise money to support many of the charitable programs we support.

Tickets will be on sale for \$35.00 at the December meeting.

The big event is scheduled for February 25, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Resort, located at I-17 and Peoria Ave. Doors open at 4:00 pm. Dinner is served at 5:00 pm.

By the way, Bob Rudzinski is still making his list of items to be raffled and checking it twice. If you have an item or service to contribute to the Annual Raffle, give Bob a call at 480.704.4633.

**Welcome New
Members!**

Thomas R. Carbonel Glendale	Gary & Christine Smith Scottsdale
Richard Van Meter Fountain Hills	Jay & Gale Jones Scottsdale
David Degerness Gilbert	

Sage rods for sale:
 586-4 RPL (8' 6" 5wt.) \$150
 TXL 3710-3 (7' 10" 3wt.) \$400
Contact:
 Dick Walton 602-943-7625 or
 602-481-6592



Thanks to the work of Dario Travaini and other club volunteers, AFC will be pioneering one of the first Healing Waters programs in the country to vets at Carl T. Hayden Veterans Center in Phoenix this month.

MISSION

Inspired by the nationally acclaimed Casting For Recovery program for breast cancer survivors, **Project Healing Waters** is a joint activity initiated by the National Capital Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Mid-Atlantic Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. The project strives to serve those who have come home wounded or injured and aid their physical and emotional recovery by introducing or rebuilding the skills of fly fishing and fly tying and to use and enjoy those skills on fishing outings and as a lifelong hobby.

All services and activities of Project Healing Waters are provided to the participants at no cost. Fly fishing and tying equipment and materials are provided to the participants, including gear that accommodates their special needs.

OPERATION

Project Healing Waters is financed by monetary contributions and donations of equipment and materials. These contributions and donations may be tax deductible through the 501(c)(3) status of the National Capital Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the national office of the Federation of Fly Fishers. Money for fishing trips is provided by grants from foundations.

Project Healing Waters (PHW), while presently operating in the Washington, D.C. area, is in the process of incorporating and securing its own 501(c)(3) tax status. PHW is presently working with groups in Augusta, ME and Phoenix, AZ that are beginning to teach fly fishing and tying in the Department of Veterans Affairs regional medical centers.

The Project works in two ways; both augment the work of the Occupational Therapy service of the hospital:

The fly tying program concentrates on teaching those with upper limb and vision injuries to use their hands and eyes to do the small tasks involved making fishing flies. While the Occupational Therapy staff does wonderful work in helping the wounded and injured relearn the skills needed in normal living, they do not have the staff or the time to concentrate on those small tasks. Fly tying gives the patient an opportunity to relearn the fine motor skills he or she lost when wounded or injured. The patient can see a use for the flies tied and has the incentive to continue tying and developing the skills. With the relearning of the fine motor skills, often there is a considerable improvement in the emotional state of the patient.

The fly fishing program works with the wounded and injured patients to learn or relearn fly fishing regardless of their injuries. The motions of fly fishing help to develop damaged muscles and improve balance and mobility. The fishing trips help the patients relax in a different environment from the hospital while he or she uses those skills and movements to catch fish. Again, the patient's emotional state is improved by getting to go fly fishing.

While Project Healing Waters emphasizes the skills of fly fishing and fly tying to help the patient regain the use of his or her damaged body, perhaps the greatest benefit is in his or her realization that a more normal life is possible. Fly fishing for all fish in all waters can be a lifelong re-creation, both physically and emotionally.

For additional information about Project Healing Waters, see the web site:

www.projecthealingwaters.org

Net Classes

Ron Rosenlof



Spend 3 evenings with us and leave with your very own personalized fishing net and a sense of accomplishment. *You can do it!* Sign up now as space is limited.

Monday, January 8 @ 7:00 p.m. - Glue frame together on net form

Tuesday, January 9 @ 7:00 p.m. - Make handle & glue to net frame

Wednesday, January 10 @ 7:00 p.m. - Shaping, routing, sanding & drilling

If you still have your net frame in your closet and have never finished it, join us on Thursday, January 25 @ 7:00 p.m. for a Sew In. We will show you how to sew in your net and will have extras available for \$10.

If you need help putting the finish on your frame, call Doug Benford @602-938-2145 or Ron Rosenlof @ 623-979-2002

Help Make a Difference at Apache Lake!

Arizona Game & Fish is looking for help to build fish structures in Apache Lake. The water has been drawn down for work on the dam and while it is down fish structures will be built using pallets, cement block and tree limbs. These structures will be anchored on the dry lake bed.

You can help. Work days are scheduled for 12/8-12/11 and 12/15 - 12/17. 8 AM to 5 PM each day. Volunteers are asked to bring their own beverages, food, clothing to suit winter weather, and gloves. Coordination site is the Apache Lake Marina: lodging and meals are available if you desire (discounted for volunteers) at the motel (\$50/night). You can also bring your own boat for lake transportation or fishing. Camping is available at the Burnt Corral campground.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO? If you wish to participate you must notify Jim Warnecke at least 7 days in advance. Jim can be contacted by phone 480-324-3541 or email jwarnecke@azgfd.gov

If you wish more documentation, contact Jim or Dick Kennedy greyhackle@att.net. Documents will be e-mailed to you. You can also check out our webpage www.azflycasters.org for additional information.

Spend a day or more on the lake and help build this resource.

Whirling Disease

Did you fish the San Juan River? Your gear is infected and needs to be cleaned. The San Juan River is a potential threat to Arizona waters.

For more information check out this website:

http://www.whirling-disease.org/files/wd_prevention.pdf

To clean your equipment including waders, staff, boots, and nets, brush off all dirt and soak equipment in 10% chlorine (1 part chlorine, 9 parts water) for 10 minutes or brush with 50% chlorine. Rinse thoroughly with water. Dry in the shade.

Canyon Creek Creel Count

We are going to keep track of fishing in the Canyon Creek Catch and Release area, which is the portion of Canyon Creek below the OW Bridge. If you fish it, please transmit the following information to Dick Kennedy. One form per person per day please.

Person Fishing: _____ Date(s) Fished: _____ To _____

Average hours fished each day: _____

Number of fish caught in each size range: (R refers to Rainbows, B to Browns)

R ____ B ____ Under 8 inch R ____ B ____ 8 to 10 inch R ____ B ____ 10 to 12 inch
R ____ B ____ 12 to 14 inch R ____ B ____ 14 to 16 inch R ____ B ____ Over 16 inch

Turn forms in at meetings or e-mail information to: greyhackle@att.net

Education Committee News

Ron Robinson

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City Fly Fishing - On Dec. 9 we will have a "how to" fishing trip at Granada Park to learn some of the methods used for catching our local city fish. We have trout, bass, bluegill, sunfish, catfish, and carp that can make fly fishing in our local parks fun all year long.

Granada Park is where we have our casting lessons and is NOT part of the urban lakes fishing program. All you need to fish is a valid AZ fishing license. The park is located at 20th Street and Maryland.

We will meet at 8 AM at the upper pond. Parking may be a problem so you might want to consider parking at the tennis courts on Maryland. (We have complained to the city about the runners and cyclists that use the park as a place to leave their cars and then do their thing away from the park. While the parking lot is for park use only, enforcement is an issue.)

Bring your fly fishing equipment as the club rods won't be available. We will show you how to use a wide range of flies to target these different species. Since we will be fishing with real flies we must insist on barbless hooks and extreme caution with the park visitors. They don't enjoy being hooked. We will have a limited selection of flies for your use so please bring a few small, #14 - #18 Hare's Ears, Pheasant Tails, or Fuzzy Wuzzies. We use these as a trailing fly behind a floating "bug". We will supply the "bug". You can use just about any rod weight from 4 to 6. If you are targeting carp you might want to move up to a 7 or even 8 weight.

If you have any question contact Ron Robinson at 602 867 8820.

Intermediate Fly Tying Class: Dec. 12th at Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM.

We will be making fly pins that can be put on coats, hats, etc. The club will supply materials to make Arizona Peacock Ladies. If you want to make something else please bring your own materials. Please bring your own equipment however the club will have some available for you to use. These fly pins are tied on #1 gold hooks so you may need more material of larger size than you use for tying "fishing" flies.

It's a lot of fun to tie these and your friends will get a real kick out of seeing you wear them. Give Ron Robinson a call if you have any questions.

Moving Water Class: Jan. 20, 2007 at Phon D. Sutton on the Salt River from 9 - 11 AM.

This moving water seminar is designed to help all our newer members get comfortable with fishing moving water. This is a very basic class and will include both in-stream and stream-side information exchanges. To participate in the in-stream portion the student will need waders, boots, rod, reel, flies, etc. This portion will be more tactical with the student casting, mending and even catching fish. The stream-side portion can be attended by those without this equipment and will be more strategic in content.

We have chosen this part of the Salt River as it can be counted upon to have "moving water" at this time of year. Remember, there is a charge for parking at all the designated sites along the Salt River (see below). A car pool is something you should consider. Phon D. Sutton parking site is located just off the Bush Hwy. about 10 miles down stream from Saguaro Lake. It can be cold and wet at this time of year so consider the weather forecast when you dress.

Lie & Tie fly class - stay tuned for more information as to the date. This is the class we hold from time to time to resupply our Membership Chairman with flies we give our new members. We get as many members as possible at the Sunnyslope Community Center and tie as many flies as possible and tell a bunch of lies while doing so.

You can always donate flies to Larry Kamins, Membership Chairman, at any time. They will also count for points towards the Ed Adams award.

The Lower Salt River, just a short drive from the valley, offers trout fishing in the tailwaters of Stewart Mountain Dam as well as an abundance of warm-water species further below (including Phon D. Sutton recreational area). Parking regulations along this stretch have recently changed so be prepared!

Effective October 2006, the Lower Salt River falls within the area requiring the new Tonto Pass. Parking meters have been removed from lots and a \$6 pass must be secured before you head down the road.

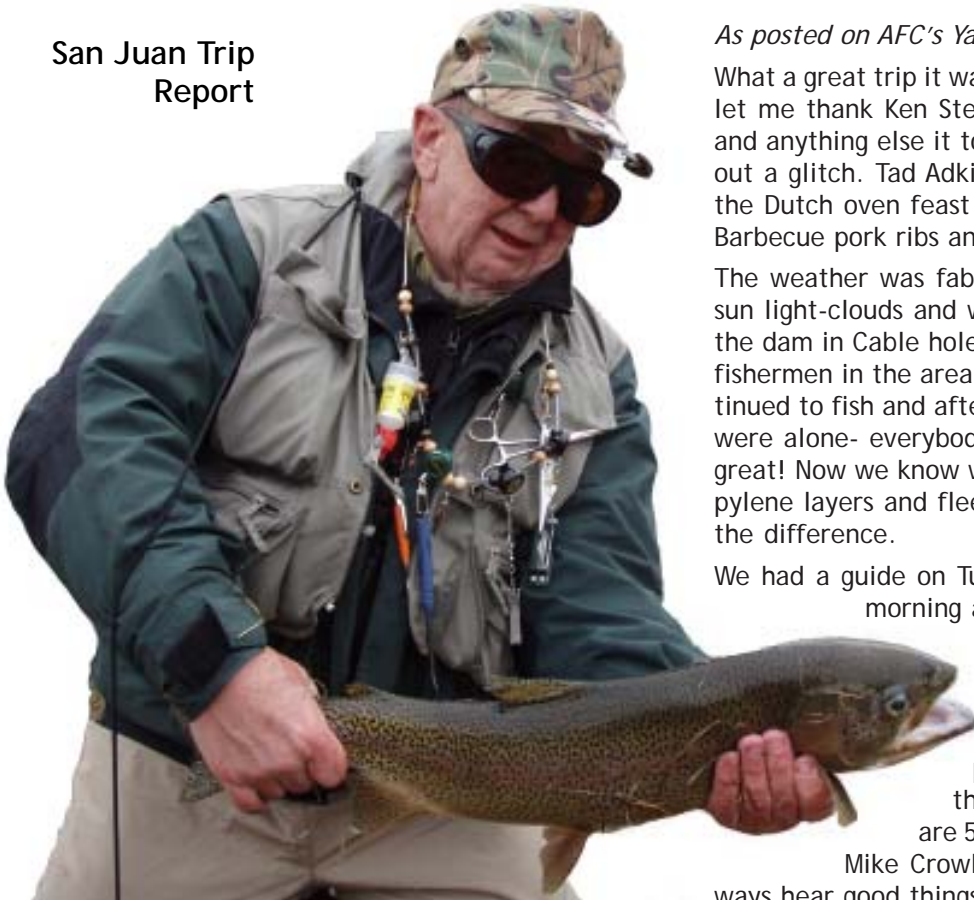
Call 602 225-5366 or check the Tonto National Forest website for details on purchasing the required pass: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto/tp/index.shtml>

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**San Juan Trip
Report**



Chuck Pigos won the "Big Fish" award at last month's San Juan outing

As posted on AFC's Yahoo board by Doug Benford:

What a great trip it was. We had 38 members at the river. First let me thank Ken Steele for all the work, stress, headaches and anything else it took to organize the trip it went off with out a glitch. Tad Adkins and Jack Hulse did their magic with the Dutch oven feast upon our arrival—Tequila lime chicken, Barbecue pork ribs and cobbler desert. It was fantastic.

The weather was fabulous, if you like cool-cold-snow-bright sun light-clouds and wind. Leroy Donnelly and I fished up by the dam in Cable hole. When we arrived there were about 12 fishermen in the area. When the snow started falling we continued to fish and after about an hour or so we discovered we were alone- everybody else headed for cover. The snow was great! Now we know why we spend all the money on polypropylene layers and fleece. I was never cold, 5-6 layers makes the difference.

We had a guide on Tuesday (Jude Duran) and floated in the morning and waded in the afternoon. We caught a lot of fish, the largest 20" for me and a 22" for Leroy. We had a great day with Jude and learned a lot. These guides work really hard and they are worth the price and a substantial tip. Think of it this way, if you take tennis lessons they are 50-60 bucks an hour. Jude, Paul Freeman, Mike Crowley, Bear Goode and TJ are guides I always hear good things about.

The banquet was great; the prime rib was fantastic and HUGE! It was a great trip, thanks to all who went.

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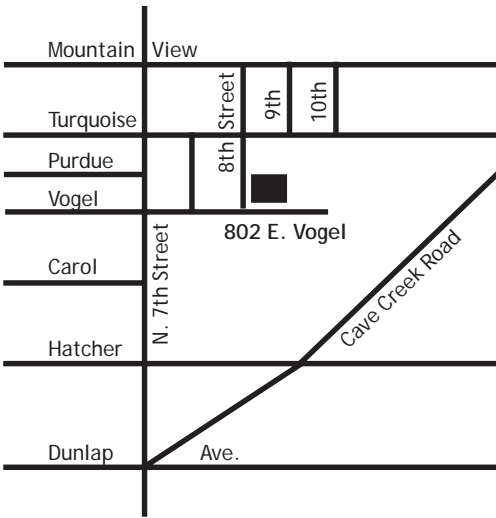
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Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Date _____ E-mail _____

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Please indicate all those which interest you:

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