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Next Meeting:

**Salt Water
Fly Fishing**
with
Cinda Howard

Thursday,
February 8th 2007
7:00 PM

President's Riffles

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I hope you have your calendar already marked and have purchased (or are going to purchase) your tickets for the **Annual Banquet and Raffle**. This is one of our most exciting events of the year as we recognize those who have helped our club to grow and prosper over this past year. This event is also our club's major fundraiser for the year. We use the proceeds to fund the many educational, conservation, and charitable activities supported by our club throughout the year. So, who knows? You might get lucky and win a rod, reel, fly station, or the trip of a lifetime!

If one of your Christmas gifts was a new fly tying vise and tools, your big chance to learn how to use it is starting this month. The beginning fly tying classes will be going on throughout the month of February; **Jon Wallace** has recruited some excellent instructors from the club to help teach the classes. Check out the calendar for all of the dates the classes will be offered and the flies we will be tying. It's a great educational and social activity to participate in.

You have probably seen this reminder before, but due to circumstances beyond our control we have to move the March general meeting to **Thursday March 1st**, so mark your calendars.

If you have been attending classes, outings or any other club functions and you have been taking pictures, please e-mail some of them to me or even to the club newsletter editors **Linda Alkove**, **Dan Varner** or **Dito Ladd** 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.

Salt Water Fly Fishing with Cinda Howard, Orvis of Scottsdale Fishing Manager will be presenting a program on the sport of fly fishing, equipment, flies and technique in the salt water. With extensive knowledge and experience, Cinda has fished waters of California, Mexico, and Belize. She will be giving a Power Point presentation on flyfishing in Belize in the areas of Ambergris Caye and Turneffe Flats.

She will also be available to share her knowledge of the delicate streams, big rivers, and high mountain trout lakes throughout Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado. Don't forget to ask her about bass fishing on the fly in our lakes around Arizona. Craig Mernitz, your program chairman will be handing out a survey for the members to determine your desires for programs.

Special program for March, Jack Dennis of Jackson Hole Wyoming will be giving a presentation at Sunnyslope High School 8 March 2007. Our regular monthly meeting is changed to 1 March due to scheduling conflict at the Community Center.

Upcoming Three Month Calendar			
February	1, 5, 7, 12, 14, 20, 21, 26, 28		Basic Fly Tying
	10-11	Sat-Sun	Dead Horse Lake State Park outing
	8th	Thursday	General Meeting
	25th	Sunday	Annual Banquet and Raffle
March	1	Thursday	General Meeting (Note this is a change)
	8	Thursday	Jack Dennis at Sunnyslope High
	2, 19, 21, 26, 28		Rod Building
	14	Wed	Lie & Tie (Flys for New Members)
	19, 20, 21	Mon-Wed	Net Building
	17/18	Sat-Sun	Lake Pleasant, Saguaro or Marshall Lake (TBD)
April	10	Tuesday	General Education Class
	12	Thursday	General Meeting
	21-22	Sat-Sun	Canyon Creek outing
	24	Tuesday	General Education Class

Education Schedule for 2007

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. All classes start at 7 p.m. at the Sunnyslope Community Center unless otherwise noted.

<i>Ron Robinson</i>	March:	2, 19, 21, 26, 28		Rod construction
		31	Saturday	Basic casting (Granada Park, 8 a.m.)
		19,21,22	M-W	Net Building
	April:	10	Tuesday	Lanyard Class
		24	Tuesday	General Education class
		28	Saturday	Casting class (Granada Park, 8 a.m.)
	May:	15	Tue	General Education class
		22	Tue	Cyclone Lake pre-trip
	June:	12	Tuesday	General Education class
	July:	10	Tuesday	General Education class
	August:	21	Tuesday	General Education class
	September:	5, 10, 12, 17,19, 24, 26		Basic fly tying;
		29	Saturday	Casting class (Granada Park, 8 a.m.)
	October:	9	Tuesday	General Education class
		27	Saturday	Casting class (Granada Park, 8 a.m.)
	November:	6	Tuesday	General Education class (may conflict with San Juan trip)
	December:	11	Tuesday	General Education class

A Special Thanks

A last month's general meeting we received a very nice gift from past member John Dickmann. He gave us a number of books, magazines and 6 complete fly tying kits, as well as hooks (over 1000), herl, chenille and feathers. We would like to thank John again for this generous gift and he can be assured that club members will be enjoying these for a number of years.

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

Annual Raffle

Bob Rudzinski



OH MY!!!! WHAT A DOLLAR CAN BUY. When you attend the Annual Banquet you have the opportunity to go home with a fabulous gift. Someone will win a guided trip in Alaska, San Juan River, Colorado River, or Lees Ferry—for only a dollar. It could be *you*. You can also go home with a new rod, reel, net, waders, fly line, tons of flies, boots, saddle hackle, fly fishing books, dutch oven, float tube, Kachina doll, jewelry, lunch & dinner gift certificates, etc., etc., etc.,—for only a dollar.

Are you getting the idea?? If you aren't planning to attend on Feb. 25th you might want to rethink it. You will have a chance to take home over 140 gifts. How can you lose???

Stubborn Fish Meet Determined Fishers at January Healing Waters Outing

Dario Travaini

Seven Arizona State Veterans joined us at 0900 hrs at Steele Indian School urban lake for our monthly casting/fishing outing. Arizona Flycasters Club (AFC) supplied 10 pre-rigged fly rods for the experience.

The weather was beautiful, the casting technique is improving and our catch rate remains zero. There are trout in the lake because we saw them but our collective years of angling experience was "no help".

Finally, Ron and I hiked over to the NW corner of Steele lake to confer with three fellows who appeared to be in the know. These are the guys that know when the stocking truck is coming and where the stock will be placed. They also said that they fish Steele lake almost every day and average about four fish an outing. They also practice "catch & release". Their advise was, "use a small, olive Woolly Bugger is you're going to fish flies and white power bait was very good". I'll tell you, it keeps me humble.

Special thanks to Chuck Cothran, Bob Day, Scott Dennis, Chuck Howey, Jerry Hobbs, Ron Robinson, Bob Rudzinski and Connie Sullivan for serving as coaches for the group.

Remember, AFC is committed to the first Wednesday of February, March and April for these veterans. Guess what we will be fishing with next time out?

Flycasters! Sign up to Learn in our Education Classes

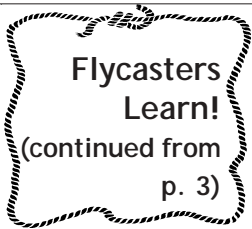
Ronald Robinson

Fly Tying Classes - Jon Wallace and his instructors are giving lessons at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. These lessons are free to all members. There is a new fly taught each night and you can start anytime you like. The club supplies all the equipment and materials. This is a great activity for all your family members. The kids enjoy it and often become some of our best tiers. The dates are Feb. 1, 5, 7, 12, 14, 20, 21, 26, and 28. **Contact Ron Robinson at (602) 867-8820** if you have questions.

Rod Building Classes - Starting March 2 at the Sunnyslope Community Center and go from 7 - 9 PM. The first class is where we discuss what is needed to construct the rod of your choice and about what you should consider when selecting the parts for your next rod. You will get an idea of high and low end costs, what functional features should be considered and where the parts can be obtained. Actual construction doesn't start until March 19, giving each student time to obtain their own rod parts. Construction continues on March 21, 26 and 28. Most people will complete their rods by the 21st but some may need some extra time. **Contact Ron Robinson at (602) 867-8820** with any questions.

Casting Class - On March 31 we will have our first casting class of the year at Granada Park from 9 - 11 AM. The park is located at the corner of 20th Street and Maryland. Check a map if you haven't been there before as it is tucked away in a dead-end corner. The best access is off 20th Street and Lincoln. This first class of the year will be on basic techniques. It is designed for all family members. The club has equipment if you don't have your own. **Contact Ron Robinson at (602) 867-8820** with any questions.

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Lie & Tie Night - We will have a lie and tie night on March 14 at which time we will tie flies to give to our new members. We give each new fishing member of the club a half dozen flies. We will meet at the Sunnyslope Community Center at 7 - 9 and tie as many flies as we can. The club will have equipment and materials for those in need. This is a "the more the better" event so please make plans now to contribute to our new members. By the way, you can donate flies for this purpose any time of the year to our Membership Chairman, Larry Kamins. One of our members just donated 15 dozen flies. This is a good time to go through your fly boxes and cull out those beauties that you did not use last year and donate some to the club.

Lanyard Class April 10 - This class was last given in May of 2005 and we have talked LeRoy Donally into giving it again. As usual the class will be at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. There will be a small charge (\$5) to cover the cost of materials but the lanyard you make will be priceless. We will have to limit the class to 40 members. We will have a sign-up sheet for this at next month's general meeting. We will give preference to those new members that have not taken the class before. You can **contact Ron Robinson at (602) 867-8820** or email at robinsonrs@cox.net to make your reservations if you can't make the meeting.

Conservation News

Dick Kennedy

I'll bet your mother told you to wash your feet. She was absolutely correct but probably didn't go far enough. I want you to wash your feet but leave your boots on while you are doing it. In fact, I want you to take time out and clean all your fishing gear. This is the time to do it while you wait for the waters to warm and fish become more active. Take time out and make sure you are ready for spring.

There continues to be an ever growing problem with the transportation of harmful species ranging from plants, fish, amphibians, crustaceans, mollusks, diseases and pathogens. Some of these are so small you will never know they are there but they are transported in the sand and mud on your boots, float tubes, nets and waders. Once some of these things become established in other waters they can be extremely difficult or impossible to eradicate.

Many of these species travel well on boats, trailers, jet skis or other water craft. Deny these hitchhikers a free ride! Remove any plant, fish or animals from all fishing and boating equipment. Be extra careful if you are fishing the shallow weedy lakes. Clean everything with as much clean water as possible at the location. Then, when you return home, wash it down with clean water. Dry thoroughly. This also applies to animals you take out to the lake or stream with you.

If possible use hot water. One to kill aquatic life, including spores that can spread whirling disease, is to use a 10% solution of bleach and water. Another method is to mix of 1/2 cup salt to 4 gallons of water. Some even suggest, shocking your pool and then letting your boots, waders, net, and float tube soak in the pool. Make sure you rinse everything in clean water after these solutions. You don't want these agents eating away your equipment.

Okay, like you mom said, "Get back in there and wash your feet".

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

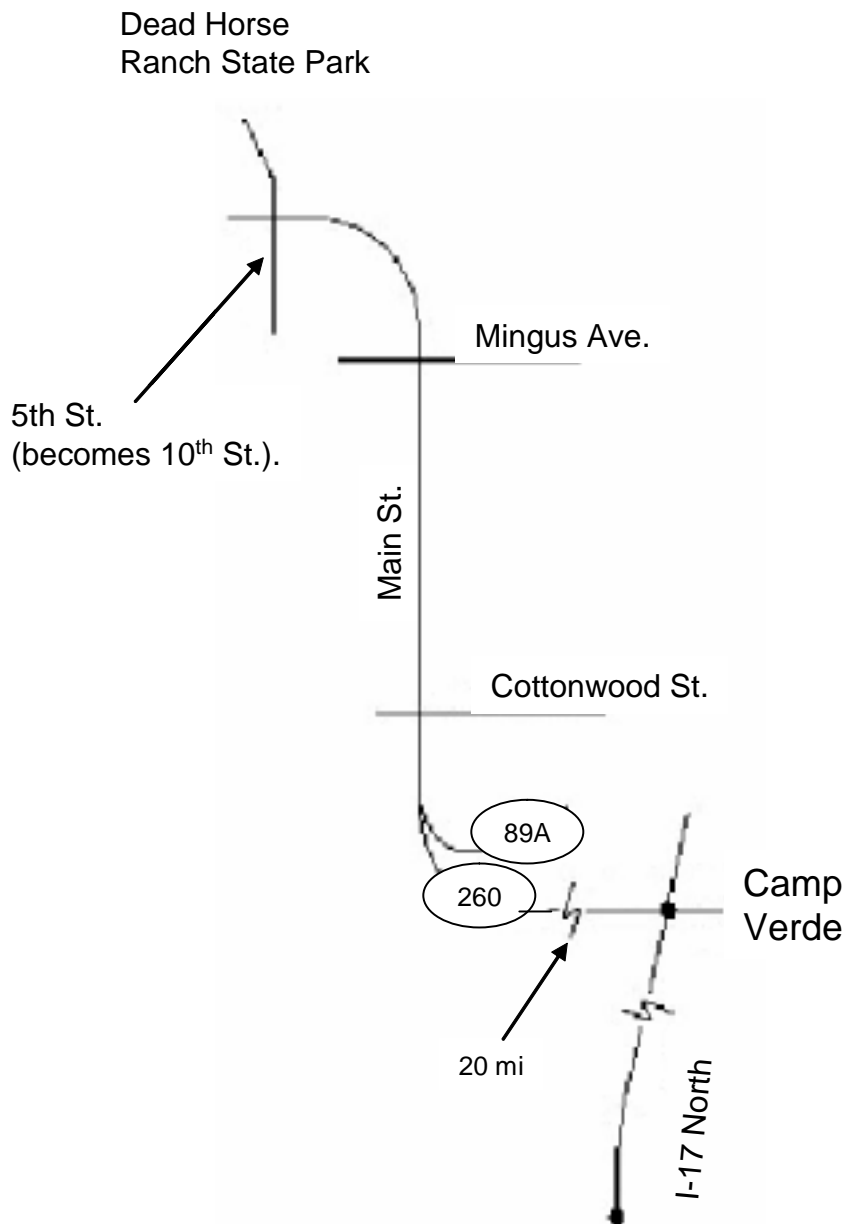
Turn forms in at meetings or e-mail information to: greyhackle@att.net

**Dead Horse
Lake Outing:
Fun for the
Whole Family**

Roger Cahoon

On February 10th - 11th A.F.C. will have the first outing of the year to be held at Dead Horse State Park. This is a great outing for our members to take advantage of. The park has two ponds along with the Verde River, which flows adjacent to the park, all of which are heavily stocked. In the past, we were only allowed to fish from shore, which proved very successful. This year, if you would like to use a float tube, the regulations now allow them. The only stipulation is that they must be launched and landed at the boat ramp. But with that said, I would like to reiterate that float tubes are not necessary as fishing from shore can be very productive using subsurface flies.

Dead Horse State Park is also a great place to bring your non-fishing family members. The park has a number of very nice hiking trails to take advantage of and the opportunity to do some unique bird watching; biking or maybe they'd like to go to town to do some antiquing. The group campground also has full bathrooms with showers. If you are not the camping kind, it makes a great day trip or there are several hotels in town.



To reach Dead Horse State Park:

From I-17 take (exit 287) Hwy 260 to Cottonwood. Hwy. 260 intersects with 89A/Main Street. Turn left on Main Street and proceed to North 10th Street. Turn right (north) on North 10th Street. Continue on North 10th across the Verde River Bridge to the park entrance.

Check in at the park entrance and let the Park Ranger know that you are with Arizona Flycaster Club. They will direct you to the group campground. There is a \$12 per night fee or if you are only coming up for the day the fee is \$6. You will be able to access the group campground on Friday the 9th after 2:00 pm. Larry and Cheryl Kamins will be the camp hosts so when you get settled please check in at their trailer.

A social hour will be held on Friday around 5:00 p.m. If you have a special hors d'oeuvre that you would like to bring please join us. The club potluck will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the group campground Ramada on Saturday. Please bring a main entrée, side or dessert to share. Also, bring your own plates and utensils.

Look forward to seeing everyone there!

Roger Cahoon
Outings Chairman

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**Editors'
Notes**

We want to thank everyone for their enthusiastic response to our first issue of the newsletter. Also, we don't want to forget to extend our appreciation to those who helped us get it published on time.

Thanks to former editors Donna Walkuski and Marion Tallon and to all our contributors for giving us outstanding copy and meeting our deadlines.

FYI: Dito had a great idea: establish an e-mail account just for the newsletter to cut down on forwarding. So, for all you present and future contributors, here it is: AZonthehook@hotmail.com.

This will cut down significantly on the time it takes to gather information and get our product to the readers.

**Special Events
Upcoming**

The International Sportsman Exposition will be held at the University of Phoenix Stadium on March 9-11, 2007. The show hours are Friday 12pm–8pm, Saturday 10am–8pm and Sunday 10am – 5pm.

The Arizona Game and Fish Outdoor Expo will be held at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility on March 31 and April 1. The show hours are Saturday 8am–5pm and Sunday 8am–4pm.

Club members are needed to participate in these shows (greeting and fly tying). Sign up sheets will be available at the February general meeting.

**Welcome
New
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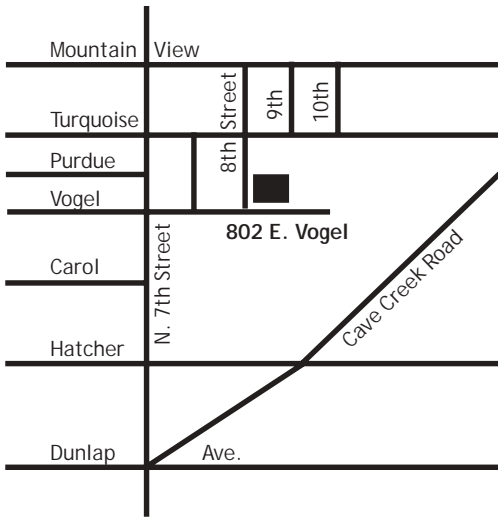
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Be an active member and volunteer for a committee.

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