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Next Meeting:

Trout Fishing in the
Grand Canyon
with
Ron Dungan

Thursday,
January 11th 2007
7:00 PM

President's Riffles

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I can't believe the holidays have come and gone and it's even harder to believe that yet another fishing year has also come and gone. I hope you were able to get out and fish as much as you had wanted to this past year (is that possible?). So what are your New Year's resolutions? I hope that they include your continued participation in our club or hopefully increasing your participation. Think about attending one or more outings or activities than you did last year, or maybe better yet, help with planning some of the activities by becoming involved with one of the committees your club has. Remember this is your club and it can only be as good as you make it, so become more involved this year and make it even better than last year!

At the December meeting we held our annual elections for positions to the board. I would like to welcome the following new members to the board: **Dito Ladd - Newsletter**, **Craig Mernitz - Programs**, and **Dan Varner - Newsletter**. I would also like to thank the following members for continuing to serve on the board as they were re-elected to 3 year terms: **Roger Cahoon - Outings**, **Charley Greene - Sunshine/Welcome Table**, **Larry Kamins - Membership**, **Dick Kennedy - Conservation**, **Ron Robinson - Education**, **Bob Rudzinski - Raffle**, and **Dario Travaini - FFF**. Congratulations to all!

Remember, next month will be our **Annual Dinner and Raffle**. So be sure to get your tickets, mark your calendar for February 25th, and come to the **Crowne Plaza Resort** for a great evening of remembering the past year.

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 **Dan Varner** and **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.

Trout Fishing in the Grand Canyon with Ron Dungan:

Ron Dungan, who works for the Arizona Republic where he occasionally writes outdoor stories, has been fishing in Arizona for about 20 years. He has backpacked into the Grand Canyon about 10 times and frequently brings a fly rod.

Ron will talk about fishing the Canyon as well as some of his experiences at Lee's Ferry. Ron has a Master's Degree in history with a focus on Apache history, an idea he hatched while fishing on the banks of the Black River. His work has appeared in Southwest Flyfishing, Gray's Sporting Journal, The Miami Herald, The Journal of Arizona History and the New Mexico Historical Review. He is also a past member of Arizona Flycasters.

This promises to be an interesting program, so please plan to join us in January to start the New Year right!

-Nancy Vance

**Upcoming
Three Month
Calendar**



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
	10-11	Sat-Sun	Dead Horse Lake State Park outing
	8th	Thursday	General Meeting
	25th	Sunday	Annual Banquet and Raffle
March	1st	Thursday	General Meeting (Note this is a change)
	2, 19, 21, 26, 28		Rod Building
	17/18	Sat-Sun	Lake Pleasant, Saguaro or Marshall Lake

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:	2, 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.

**Don't Forget
Feb. 10-11
Outing**

Roger Cahoon

Just as a reminder, its that time of year to get your gear out flies tied and all ready to go for a fun filled year of outings. The first outing of the year will be held at Dead Horse State Park in Cottonwood Arizona February 10th-11th. So mark this date on your calendar and plan on attending. Watch the web site and newsletter for more information on this outing as well as future outings.

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

**Annual Raffle
(During the
Annual Ban-
quet)**

Bob Rudzinski

The Annual Raffle Committee is busy contacting businesses all over the country for donations to raffle at the Annual Banquet in February. These gifts have proven to be an integral part of the raffle each year. However, by far, the most important and crucial part of the raffle is the gifts donated by our membership. All of the wonderful raffle items you see at the Annual Banquet don't just materialize out of thin air. Members contribute, the majority of them by building, sewing, knitting, tying, creating, purchasing, etc. Begin thinking of what you can contribute. Feel free to give me a call for ideas. Several members have already stepped forward with raffle items. We are on our way but have a long way to go! Donations don't have to be exclusively fly fishing related. Gift certificates to hair dressers, barbers, sporting goods stores, fly shops, florists, hardware store, mechanic, dry cleaners, restaurants, a day of guided fishing, tickets to the Suns or Cardinals, etc. etc. are also popular items. Use your imagination. You may have more to offer than you think. All of these businesses would probably be delighted to help us out with a free or 2 for 1 something. Call Bob Rudzinski @ 602-980-3538 for ideas. Bring your donations to the monthly meeting or call me to arrange for a pick-up.

**Project Healing
Waters Fishing
Outing a
Success**

Dario Travaini

On December 6th, the Arizona Fly Casters Club (AFC) was proud to conduct a fly casting and fishing experience for the residents of the Arizona State Veterans Home. As requested, a group of AFC volunteers assembled in the lobby of the Veterans Home at 0900 hrs to assist staff in moving participating vets from the home to an adjacent urban lake called Steele I.S. pond.

The AFC group included Chuck Cothran, Bob Day, Chuck Howey, Jerry Hobbs, J.R. Ladd, Ron Robinson, Bob Rudzinski, Connie Sullivan and Dario Travaini. The fishing area is located in a Phoenix city park immediately west of the veteran's complex. The site is several acres in size, has an aerator system, casting platforms and grass banks featuring clear back-cast areas.

This is an ideal location for teaching fly casting. AFC provided its volunteers and pre-rigged rods for everyone's use. The morning started out cold (32 F) and some vets declined because of health reasons. Seven hardy souls bundled up and we headed out. By 1000 hrs the temperature was in the low 70's and the rest of the day was a picnic.

It was amazing how some of these wheel chair bound troopers learned the casting stroke and rod loading in a relatively short period of instruction. Special thanks to Arizona Chief of Fisheries, Larry Riley for a fish stocking of 100 trout the previous day. Did we catch fish? No! We threw everything but the kitchen sink at them with no luck.

We received the usual comments from several civilian by-standers telling us, "You should have been here yesterday". Our positions were, "If these AFC pros can't catch them today - they're just not hitting! Anyway, we are all committed to repeating this outing the first Wednesday of each month, January - March, 0900 - 1200 hrs. We will keep you posted.



**Basic Fly-Tying!
Sign up now!**

Ronald Robinson

Basic Fly Tying: The Basic Fly Tying classes are free to all members. They are given at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9. All supplies and equipment are supplied by the club. The first night is Feb. 1 and will be an over-view of materials and equipment.

We will teach two important operations, the essential pinch and the whip finish. In each following class we will teach a new fly that works well in Arizona and teaches a new technique or material. Those classes will be on Feb. 5, 7, 12, 14, 20, 21, 26, and 28.

The flies will be the Wooly Bugger, Arizona Peacock Lady, Bead-head Soft Hackle Pheasant Tail Nymph, Elk Hair Caddis, Clouser Minnow, Gold Ribbed Hair's Ear, Deer Hair Beetle, and the Peacock Callibaetis.

If you have any questions contact Ron Robinson at 602 867 8820. Rod Construction: There has been a change in the first meeting date due to special needs of the Community Center. The new night is March 2 (Friday) from 7 - 9 PM. If you have questions contact Ron Robinson at 602 867 8820.

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

Conservation News

Dick Kennedy

Canyon Creek Creel Count Continues

Arizona Game and Fish Department just released the results of the brown trout redds (nests) count carried out on December 4th. 500 seven inch brown trout were planted in April 2005 and these would be the reproducers which would be active at this time.

Redds are easily identified as an oval-shaped patch of clean gravel which are free of any bottom growing algae. Be observant when walking in streams and avoid stepping in these areas. Frequently, working trout can be observed in these areas.

44 redds were counted, 9 between the reservation boundary and OW Bridge. 20 were observed between the OW Bridge and the stream crossing below the hatchery. The remaining were up stream of the hatchery. Fish were observed "working" the redds in the upper sections of the stream. Thus, the major activity is in the harvestable area of the creek and not in the catch and release area.

The lack of redds activity below OW Bridge to the reservation boundary appears to be related to the lack of appropriate size spawning gravel in this area of the creek.

If the self-producing fishery is to be realized, then activity to increase the gravel may become necessary. I am also given to understand that there are some funds available to Game and Fish for improvements to the creek.

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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Moving Water Clinic - Jan. 20, 2007 at Phon D. Sutton on the Salt River from 9 - 11 AM This is a moving water clinic that is designed to teach the basics of fishing moving water. We will have both an in-stream and a stream-side session. Those participating in the in-stream session will need to have their own fishing and wading equipment. We will cover techniques for presenting both dry and wet flies, identification of fish holding water, safe wading techniques, and fish fighting strategies. The stream-side session won't require any equipment. If you have some please bring it and we will give it a "fitness" check. This session will be very basic and is designed to give instruction that will give you the confidence to "go it alone". Parking will require a permit that you must get before you leave town. They can be obtained at a number of locations in the valley. To find one near you visit the Tonto National Forest website for details at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto/tp/index.shtml>. The cost is \$6 so you might consider forming a carpool. if you have any questions give Ron Robinson a call at 602 867 8820.



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.



**Apache Lake Fish
Habitat**

Chuck Howey

Had a great day at Apache Lake with the Fish Habitat project with AG&F. The recent cold spell made it a little brisk in the early morning, but it soon warmed up.

I first worked on Sheep Shelf area right across from the marina. That's where Scott Dennis and I caught a bunch of fish one breezy day a few years ago. The extra rocky under shore gave the fish the natural habitat to thrive. Aligning the new A-frame structures next to the natural cover will extend the range in which the fish will thrive. We also worked the shelf just before Turtle Island.



*A young flycaster admires the work done by
Project volunteers on a trout habitat structure.*

Volunteers moved wooden shipping pallets, cement blocks, and juniper trees to specific sites on the lake. A good bucket brigade lineup made the work much easier. Our club donated some of the 3 foot plastic ties that are used to make the "A", which is inserted into the cement blocks, augmented with rocks, then tied on the trees just like they were growing there before the lake came up.

The string of lakes suffered a big loss with the recent Golden Algae bloom. It looks like all of the smallies (small mouthed bass) were wiped out. The yellow bass, walleyes, catfish, and trout survived according to recent netting surveys. The habitat improvements will help get things back in operation quicker. Even John Rohmer was there working along with me to help bring back the smallies.

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**Swappers
find Deals at
Dec. 2 Meet**

Tom Herman

Over forty chilly members attended the 2nd Annual AFC Swap Meet on December 2, at McKellips Park. Ron Robinson's warm weather apparel went quickly, with many folks immediately putting on hats and ear warmers as fast as they could find their size.

Overall, a good time was had by all, some good deals were made, and a hearty lunch was provided by Cliff DeVlieg.

Don Mickus, David Carl, and Rich Schooler all won rods in the raffle. (David, call Ron Robinson for your rod!)

Cliff Eldridge, who was unable to stay for the raffle, but put his name on raffle tickets before he left, won TWO fly rods, also.

Thanks to all who participated and helped out at the Swap Meet.



**Your
New Editors'
Notes**

Hi all your new editors are Linda Alkove, Dito Ladd and Dan Varner. Linda is a new member this year, and is the real brains of the editorial group. Dito and I will carry the water. Please send any ideas for articles to danieltd@msn.com. I will make sure that the others receive them. We look forward to a busy year and are happy to serve the club. We have an enormous set of shoes to fill. Marian and Donna really have set the bar quite high. They really did a great job getting the newsletter out last year.

With your support we hope to carry on that fine tradition.

That being said, please be patient with us, since we come by all of our mistakes honestly without the intent to offend anyone.

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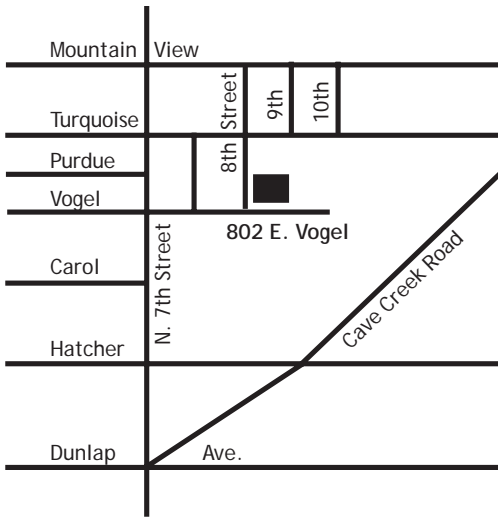
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