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Next Meeting:

Trout Fishing the
White Mountains

with

Bob Hirsch

Thursday,
June 8th
7:00 PM

President's Riffles

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I am very pleased to announce that **Ron Rosenlof** has been elected as your club's new Vice President, so when you see him be sure to congratulate him on his new position. Thanks Ron for coming forward and volunteering!

Summer fishing is off to a good start. I'm sitting here in my trailer at **Cyclone Lake** writing this and thinking about what an exciting weekend we had here. The membership turnout was great as was the potluck on Saturday; it's always good to see members new and old getting together and talking about the sport they love. I want to make sure and thank **Roger Cahoon** and his crew for setting up the campsites, organizing the steak cooking on Sat-



The Suns may have lost a game but there was still joy at Cyclone Lake.

urday, picking up the permits and probably about 200 more things I don't know about, thanks Roger. If you were in attendance at this great outing be sure to say thanks to Roger and his crewmembers for all of their hard work and effort.

I had the great honor to be involved with the **Casting For Recovery** weekend that took place several weeks ago. It always amazes me how enthusiastic all these women can be given the terrible disease they have to deal with. I heard laughter and screams of joy while these ladies were catching fish, many catching quite a few! Many club members were on hand to be there as "pond pals" to help with casting instruction, fly selection and moral support. I sometimes think I come away from this feeling more energized than the participants do. Your club sponsored two ladies for this event and also donated complete fly fishing outfits to be used as door prizes. This is a very worthy cause that I hope we continue to support in the future. Thanks to all of the members who have helped out with this program.

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

Bob Hirsch, Arizona outdoor guru, author, radio host and fulltime freelance writer will speak at the June meeting. Bob, who is starting his 62nd year of fishing the region, will present information and slides about fishing the White Mountains of Arizona.

Anyone interested in White Mountain fishing should plan on attending this presentation. Also, many of you will know Bob as the originator of the excellent White Mountain maps and the latest edition will be available at the meeting.

-Nancy Vance

**Upcoming
Three Month
Calendar**

June	3-11	- National Fly Fishing Week -
	6th	Tuesday Equipment Maintenance
	8th	Thursday General Meeting
	10-11	Sat - Sun Gila/Apache Trout Workday
	13th	Tuesday Chironomids with John Rohmer
	24-25	Sat - Sun Big Bear/Little Bear Lake
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July	8 - 9	Sat - Sun Gila/Apache Trout Workday
	11th	Tuesday Intermediate Fly Tying
	13th	Thursday General Meeting
	23-24	Sat - Sun Big Lake Outing
	29-30	Sat - Sun Gila/Apache Trout Workday
August	10th	Thursday General Meeting
	12-13**	Sat - Sun Bull Thistle/Crawfish Extravaganza
	19-20	Sat - Sun Gila/Apache Trout Workday

** Tentative date

**Federation
News**

*Dario Travaini
FFF Representative*

Let me introduce you to a new Federation feature that I know you will enjoy. It is called "Ask about Fly Fishing - Internet Radio". FFF has brought together experts on fly fishing to tell you in their own words the secrets to their success in both Freshwater and Saltwater.

These programs cover fish from Trout to Tarpon, from tying flies to casting them. You will find it all on: www.askaboutflyfishing.com. The Federation has formed a strategic alliance with the producers of this internet radio program featuring world class monthly presentations. Now playing is "Fishing for Bonefish in the Bahamas" narrated by Brian O'Keefe - Guide/Photographer. Brian has traveled to some of the wildest and most remote angling destinations in the world, including: Bikini Atoll, the Seychelles, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Tonga, Cuba and Kashmir. He has also traveled to more accessible locations, such as: the Bahamas, Belize, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Chili, New Zealand, Christmas Island and more. He's fished for bonefish just about everywhere so join him and learn how to fish for these incredibly fast flats fish.

Become an AFC 'Healing Waters' volunteer & work with a wounded veteran. Stop by the FFF table & pick up a registration form.

**This Bud's for
You**

You'll be the wiser when you sign up for the club Fishing Buddy program on Yahoo. To join in, type or cut and paste the following into your browser's address bar:

<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/afcfishingbuddies/>

It might just quench your thirst for a midweek getaway or the latest fishing report...

**Raffling for
Recovery**

Shirley Johnson

There will be a special fund raiser raffle for Casting for Recovery at the June meeting. Umpqua and The Speckled Trout Shop in Springerville donated a laser-engraved collector edition fly box with 85 Rocky Mountain region flies inside. Tickets are \$5 each, with the lucky winner drawn at the end of the meeting.

Be sure to see Bob to get your chance to take home this handsome box.

Mayflies

Jerry Hobbs

I recall sitting on the banks of the Ohio River in Illinois on an early evening in 1988 in the midst of a mayfly hatch. I was not fly fishing, but wished I was. Mayflies were so numerous they looked like a carpet. I know I could have counted two dozen on my skin at one time. What a time to be without a fly rod!

Mayflies are easy to identify, since they have 3 extra-long tail filaments, both as nymphs and as adults. They are not true flies since in the adult stage they have 2 pairs of wings (true flies only one pair). They are the only insects which hold their wings pointing straight up when at rest (see illustration).

Mayflies undergo incomplete metamorphosis, having 3 (not 4) stages in their life cycle: egg, nymph, and adult. Nymphs bear some resemblance to adults, but lack wings and reproductive organs. The eggs hatch underwater and become nymphs, which are easily recognized by their 3 long, slender tail filaments. The nymphs feed on vegetation, mostly, and spend 1 to 3 years underwater. During this time they molt 10 to 20 times, growing from 1 mm to as much as 3 cm (1/16" to 1 1/4").

Mayflies emerge as adults at a fairly predictable time of year and even time of day in some localities. This depends on the species, the habitat, and weather conditions, but can still be more or less predicted by knowledgeable and experienced anglers.

Nymphs become subimagos; called duns by fishermen because their wings are dusty in appearance. They live only long enough for their skin to harden so they can fly to nearby vegetation where they molt again to become an imago, or spinner. These duns and spinners are the adult mayflies.

Spinners have functional sex organs and their sole role in life is to mate, which occurs in the air, usually over water.

Adult mayflies do not have functional mouth parts. They do not feed and live very short lives, sometimes only 1 or 2 days.

After mating the males die, the females live a few more hours, depositing eggs in the water to start a new generation. Most females lay their eggs a few at a time by dipping their abdomen into the water while in flight. In most species the female lays 500 to 3000 eggs (rarely as many as 12,000).

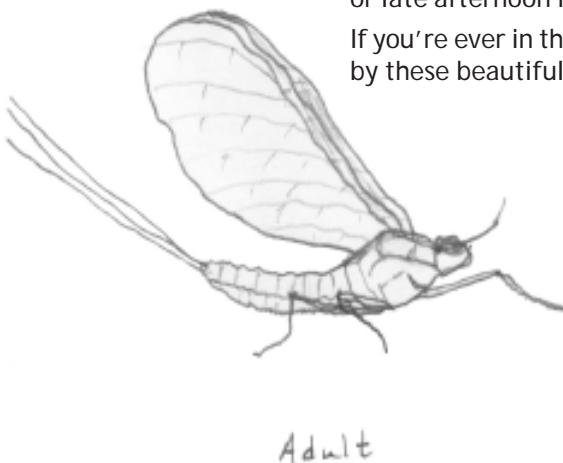
Eggs can hatch almost immediately, or wait up to 11 months before hatching and becoming nymphs.

Fishermen refer to different mayfly species by various names. You will hear: Baetis, blue-winged olive, pale morning dun (PMD), Isonychia, green drake, march brown, and brown drake, to name a few.

Try turning over rocks in lakes and streams to expose the nymphs and watch for the emerging duns. The more you know about the insects the better you can predict hatches and swarms. This way you have a better chance of matching the hatch and catching more fish.

As Charlie Meck and John Rohmer mention in their book *Arizona Trout Streams and Their Hatches* (98), hatches in Arizona are really mixed up and predicting them with any certainty is difficult, due to the extreme environmental conditions throughout the state. However, it is usually early morning or late afternoon in the summertime.

If you're ever in the midst of a major mayfly hatch, you will remember it forever. You're surrounded by these beautiful insects and the action of fish feeding on them in the water is frantic!



Go-To Flies When Mayflies are Hatching:

- Wet: Denny's Callibaetis Nymph, Hare's Ear tied sparse in gray, Pheasant Tail Nymph, Big Bear Baetis
- Dry: Adams dubbed sparse, Ginger Quill, Hairwing Royal Coachman

-Ron Robinson

Conservation News

Dick Kennedy

Summer's here and the life of the Club changes a little bit. As vacations take place there will be less education events and sometimes outings are less attended. There will be some conservation events but as you travel to various spots, you can take the conservation message to your favorite site.

You can have a major impact wherever you go. By impact, I mean "tread lightly". Just like the no shuffle rule on the San Juan, you can fish waters and try to disturb the bottom as little as possible. When handling a fish, make sure you wet your hands, do not use abrasive nets and gently remove your barbless hook.

Remember you can carry whirling disease with you where ever you go. Wash your items to remove mud and debris you may be carrying. If you are not sure if the waters are infested with whirling disease, take the time to clean your boots, waders and net with solutions of 1 part bleach to 10 parts water. An easy method is to put them in the pool and let them stay there for a few hours.

While you are fishing, those crawfish don't rest. Take a trap and set it out. Have some tasty morsels for a snack. Enjoy the outdoors and leave it a little better because you were there.



Native Trout Restoration Workdays

Editors' Note: The Old Pueblo (Tucson) Chapter of Trout Unlimited is engaged in a long term project of habitat restoration for Gila and Apache trout in the small streams of our White Mountains. Though TU has received grants for this ambitious project, the actual work depends on folks like us.

We had the pleasure of joining Jeff Collins and his band of volunteers last fall and hope to do so again this year. Initially we had concerns about the "work" part of the weekend, but not to worry- the atmosphere was laid-back and our assigned tasks interesting and fun. We found beautiful country, great people, good food and excellent fishing were all part of the mix, as well as the satisfaction that comes from doing something for a good cause.

Read on for the low-down on this year's schedule and mark your calendars.

Scheduled workdays this summer: If you plan to attend, you should coordinate thru Dick Kennedy and he will pass your name on to the Trout Unlimited group.

On the following workdays we will meet at the camping area that we usually meet at on FR116. The turnoff to this is located about 1 mile west of Crescent Lake on FR113. We are in a meadow 1/4 mile on FR116 at the first cattle guard.

June 10, 11-Saturday and 1/2 of Sunday- We will be breaking into groups; some will hike the streams to download temperature units on Apache Trout water, some will sectionalize some of the streams to count macroinvertebrae, some will trap and destroy crayfish, some will hike and inspect barriers on the streams. Lunch, campsite, toilets and tools will be provided.

June 24, 25-Saturday and 1/2 of Sunday- Same as previous workday

July 8, 9- Saturday and 1/2 of Sunday- Same as previous workday

July 29, 30- Saturday and 1/2 of Sunday- Same as previous except no barrier inspection. We will also place some new temperature units on the West Fork of the Little Colorado.

August 19, 20- Saturday and 1/2 of Sunday- We will be working with Drew Lucas, our Eagle Scout Candidate, to place remaining Apache trout temperature units. These will be on the South Fork of the Little Colorado, Hayground Creek and Home Creek.

September 16, 17- Saturday and 1/2 of Sunday- We will be working on Gila Trout water, hiking into about 4 different creeks on the Blue River Drainage. A new campsite will be announced for this workday.

October 7- Saturday- We will try to do any remaining work on Apache and Gila trout water. Camping area to be announced.

**This
Month's
Outing:
Big Bear/Little
Bear Lakes**

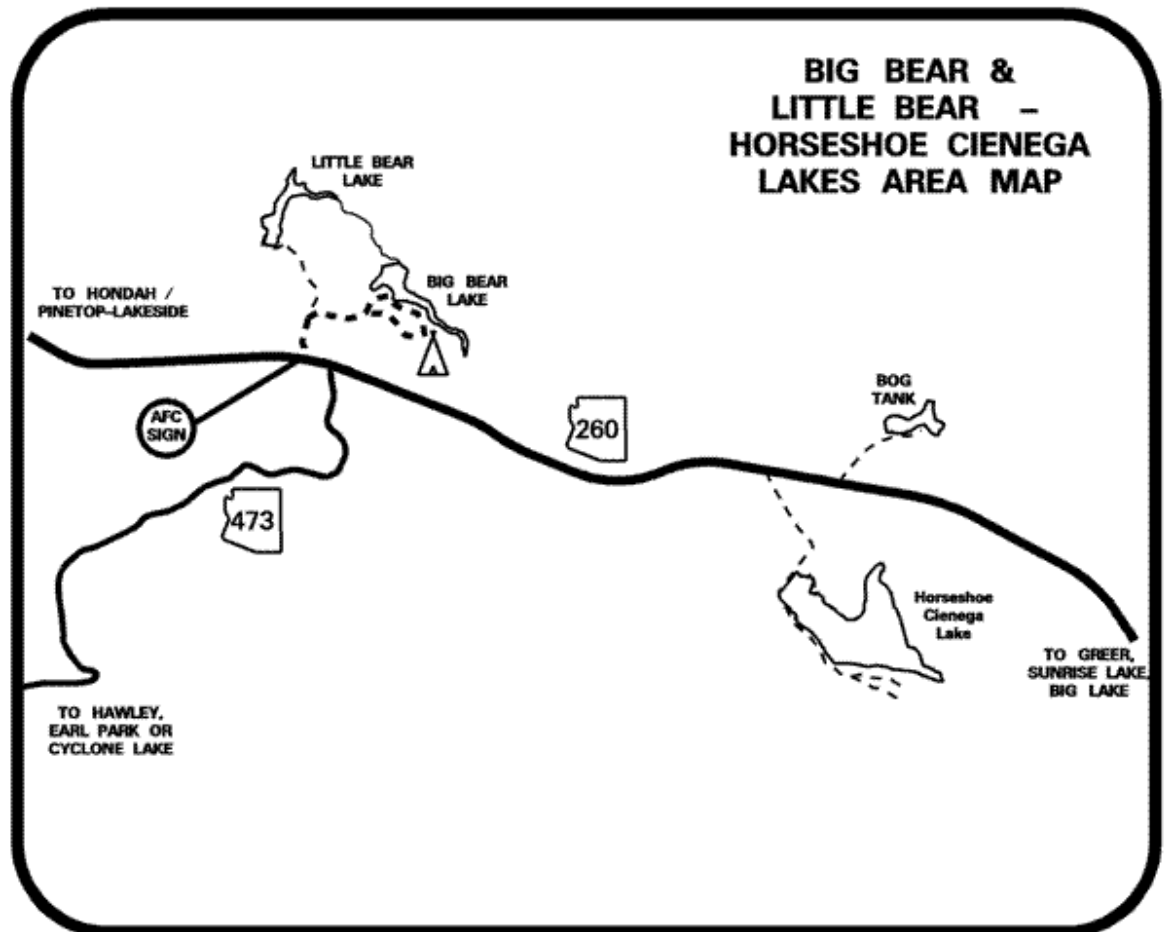
June 24th - 25th

Roger Cahoon

With June weather upon us, it's time to escape the sizzling heat of the valley and come up to the cool pines of the White Mountains for the Big Bear/Little Bear outing to be held June 24th and 25th.

The lakes are located approximately 9 miles east of Hon-Dah just north of Highway 260. Both are stocked with Rainbow and Apache trout and offer ample opportunity to try your fishing skills. Or you might opt to try some of the other nearby lakes such as Hawley, Horseshoe Cienega or A-1 to name only a few. All these lakes are located on tribal land thus you must pick up your permits at one of the White Mountain vendors.

The potluck will be at 3:00pm Saturday. Bring a main dish, side dish or dessert and of course your appetite. There will be additional maps available at the general meeting for those who need them.



Looking ahead to July...

As a reminder you need to get your reservations for the Rainbow campground for the Big Lake outing to be held July 22nd/23rd. You can do this by going online to www.reserveusa.com and following the prompts or by calling 1-877-444-6777. This is a popular campground so make your reservations as soon as possible! Many of the site numbers that have already been reserved by members are in the upper 40's and lower 50's but any site will work.

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**Education
Committee
News**

Ron Robinson

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FFF Fly Fishing Week - Equipment Maintenance Class - June 6th

As mentioned last month we are supporting FFF's national fly fishing week with a class on equipment maintenance. This class is for members and the general public. This would be a good time to bring a friend and introduce them to one of our club activities. We will cover maintenance on rods, reels, lines, leaders, flies, vests, waders, boots, float tubes, etc. The class will be at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. See you there.

A Night with John Rohmer - Chironomid Fishing in Lakes - June 13

This class will be at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM.

John will show us some chironomid patterns he is using in our White Mountain Lakes to take some very nice trout. He will explain how to get set up to fish these patterns effectively. Once you know how, it's an easy method to use and doesn't require a lot of "trolling". It is effective all year long so you will want to learn it and put it to use this summer and fall.

John will also start having free tying and "how to" classes at his shop, Arizona Flyfishing at 31 W. Baseline in Tempe. The classes will start in mid-June. Give the shop a call at 480-730-6808 to confirm the exact dates.

Special "One on One" Casting Instruction

If you want some special help on your casting you can contact Dito Ladd at 480-556-0848 or Ron Robinson at 602-867-8820 and make arrangements. Often times a one on one type of instruction can be much more effective at improving your casting than our regular group casts.

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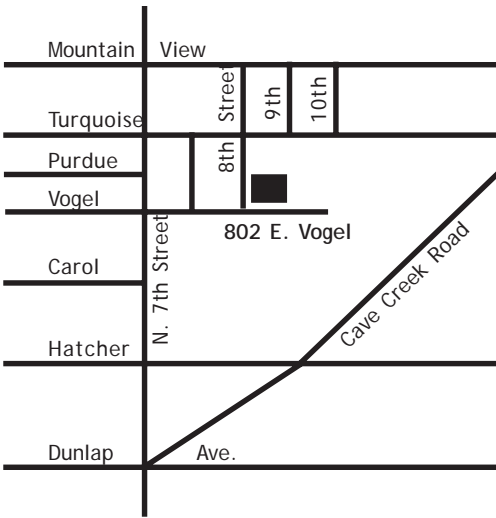
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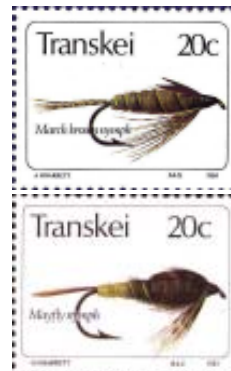


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