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Once in awhile we have the opportunity to give something back to our community and spread the word about fly-fishing. Several weekends ago I had the great privilege, along with other members of our club, to participate in the *Casting For Recovery* program. For those of you who may not be familiar with the program, this is a weekend retreat that is set up to teach breast cancer survivors about fly-fishing. It is an opportunity for women to come together and share their experiences while learning about our great sport. The culmination of this weekend is fishing on one of the ponds at Greer Lodge and watching these ladies have a great time catching fish and enjoying life! The other program I recently participated in with **Donna Walkuski**, **Sara Yeager** and **Ron Robinson** was the *Becoming an Outdoor Woman* retreat held in Prescott. At this outing we taught classes in fly tying, introduction to fly fishing, casting and fishing at the camp's small pond. The ladies had a great time and we spread the word about fly-fishing. So, if you have the opportunity to help teach someone about our great sport I would encourage you to make the most of that opportunity because you never know... you might get a new fishing partner and we might get a new member to our club.

We are still in need someone who is interested in heading up our **Project Healing Waters** program with the Veterans Administration. While I would like this position to be a board member and ideally a vet, this does not have to be the case. We are looking for someone who is well organized and able to continue this wonderful program started by **Dario**. If you have questions or are interested please contact me or any board member.

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.

Brian

*Christine
Smith
catches a
nice one*



Next Meeting:
Fly Fishing the Rim Lakes
with Jack Houck
Thursday, June 14, 7 p.m.
Sunnyslope
Community Center

Upcoming Three Month Calendar	June	12	Tuesday	Tying Bass Bugs 7-9 P.M.
		14	Thursday	General Meeting
		23-24	Sat-Sun	Big Lake
	July	10	Tuesday	General Education Class
		12	Thursday	General Meeting
		21-22	Sat-Sun	To Be Determined
August	9	Thursday	General Meeting	
	18-19	Sat-Sun	Crayfish Festival	

**Education
Schedule for
2007**

Ron Robinson

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. Casting Classes at Steele Park on 3d St. & Indian School Road

June:	7	Thursday	Seminar Fly Fishing AZ
	12	Tuesday	Tying Bass Bugs Brian Mazoyer
July:	10	Tuesday	Bass Flys John Roemer
August:	21	Tuesday	General Education Class
September:	5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26		Basic Fly Tying
	29	Saturday	Casting Class (Steele Park, 9 AM)
October:	9	Tuesday	General Education Class
	27	Saturday	Casting Class (Steele Park, 9 AM)
November:	6	Tuesday	General Education Class (may conflict with San Juan trip)
December:	11	Tuesday	General Education Class

Matt and Michael McNulty (right) had a lot of fun at the Cyclone Lake Outing, where Matt caught his first trout using a fly! Remember, the Big Outing is a family experience wherever we go, and Cyclone Lake was no exception.

**Jack Houck to
Share 20 Years
On the Fly At
Next General
Meeting**

Craig Mernitz

Jack Houck, from Fountain Hills, shares 20 years of experience fly fishing the Rim Lakes. He will share equipment requirements, flies that work, tips & techniques for fly fishing year around . He will identify locations on a number of lakes with topo maps and tell you where the fish are! Come and get the lowdown for the summer!



**June 2007
Outing**
Roger Cahoon

Our June outing will be held at Big Lake on the weekend of the 23rd and 24th. Located at approximately 9000' elevation, Big Lake will offer much needed relief from the 100 + temperatures experienced in the Valley this time of year. It will also give you a chance at a "grand slam", as it is heavily stocked with four species of trout (Rainbow, Brook, Apache, and Cutthroat). Also you will have the opportunity, if you so desire, to fish Crescent Lake or Reservation Lake as both are a short drive away. Please note: If you plan on fishing Reservation Lake you must obtain a permit from the White Mountain Apache tribe.

The club will be staying at Rainbow Campground where most have already made reservations. If you haven't done so by now it may be too late. You could try to get a campsite by giving recreation.gov a call at 1-877-444-6777. There may be some cancellations and sites available.

Please be advised that State Route 273 is still closed for improvement. The alternate route is to travel East on Highway 260 to State Route 261 which is a fully paved road from Eagar to Big Lake.

The camp host will be in campsite # 47. Please sign in there where information on the location of the Saturday 3pm potluck will also be posted. If additional information is needed, phone Roger Cahoon at 480-219-8747.



I wanted to follow up on Jerry Hobb's article last month on crayfish. As you are aware, these voracious and prolific crustaceans are detrimental to our streams and lakes. They have no real predators in the smaller streams and only in the bigger lakes and warm water environments do fish grow to a size that can reduce the population to tolerable levels. One way we can help limit their impact is to encourage trapping and consumption of the delicious meat within the tail.

I know some of you diehards are jumping up and down screaming that the best part is sucking the body. More power to you, but leave the rest of us with our non New Orleans diets to consume what we think are the good parts.

Why I bring this up now, is to encourage all to trap crayfish during your trips to the lakes and streams as this is the time they are active and easily trapped. Then thanks to Jonas Kelley, who got this recipe from a relative in the South, enjoy some delicious "Bubba Jonas' Crawdad Gumbo".

**CONSERVATION
NEWS**

Dick Kennedy

Ingredients: Oil, 2 cup fresh or frozen okra, 1 lb crawfish, 1 cup chopped green onion, 3 clove garlic, course ground pepper, 1 can tomato, bay leaves, Tabasco sauce.

Boil crawfish in salty water for approximately 5 minutes and shell the fish. Fry okra in oil, add crawfish, garlic, onion and pepper. Cook about 5 minutes. Add tomatoes and bay leaves. Cover and simmer for 20 to 30 minutes. Remove bay leaves and add 6 dashes Tabasco sauce or Tabasco the tail out of it.

OH BUBBA! Ingredients and measurements are southern approximate and substitution is allowed. You can use "handfuls" and "beer cans" as measurement tools.

Try it over rice. Help the environment, eat the dang things.

Remember you are not allowed to transport live crawfish in this State. Some suggest removing the tail section and only cooking the tail, this creates less of a mess in the boiling pot. Icing crawfish can cause them to void themselves for quicker cleaning. Another method is to take the top center fin in the tail, twist it 90 degrees and then pull it out. The vein in the tail is thus removed.



Special Raffle
Bob Rudinzki

Special Raffle for the 14 June monthly meeting. Save your pennies. Break into the Piggy Banks. Ask your spouse for some extra money. Do whatever you can to bring some extra money. You have a chance to take home a Thomas & Thomas LPS 863 rod from the June General Meeting. It is an 8.5 ft. 3 wt. and includes the tube. Jack Dennis donated the rod when he was here for our special program. Tickets are \$5 per. Drawing will be after the Monthly Raffle

**Educational
Activities
for Everyone**
By Ron Robinson

Simple Bass Bugs - Brian Mazoyer will present some effective bass bug flies that are simple to tie on June 12 at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. This is a tying night so bring your equipment and the club will supply the materials. In past years Brian has introduced us to a number of variations on this type of fly. With all the local waters that are available to us for bass fishing you will have many opportunities to give these a workout. Like all our classes, they are open to all club members. Even if you don't tie they offer a lot of information about fishing that will help you improve your skills. If you have any questions please call Ron Robinson at (602) 867-8820,

National Fly Fishing Week - On June 7 we will have a seminar on "The Strategy and Tactics for Fly Fishing in Arizona" at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. Members will discuss some of the basic and more advanced strategies and tactics for making your fly fishing in Arizona more successful. The informal style of this seminar will allow plenty of time for questions so be prepared with yours. Some items that will be discussed are (1) How to "balance" your equipment for a specific type of fish and location. (2) Selecting the best time and place to catch your desired fish. (3) Local hot spots. (4) White Mountains through the year. (5) Float tube safety and much more. If you have any questions give Ron Robinson a call at (602) 867-8820.

New Bass Flies with John Rohmer - John will give us a class on July 10 at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM where he will teach us how to tie some of his recently developed bass flies. As always, a meeting with John is a real education in techniques, materials and how to fish. This is an early notice so that you can make room on your calendars for this special class. We will not tie flies in this class. Bring note taking material and enjoy John's latest creations.

Canyon Creek Creel Count

As spring arrives, more and more of us will be visiting Canyon Creek. Remember we are going to keep track of fishing in the Canyon Creek Catch and Release area. Only the Catch and Release area below OW Bridge. If you fish it, please transmit the following information to Dick Kennedy, email to greyhackle@att.net. Need one form per person.

You can also print this off and turn it in at a meeting.

Person Fishing: _____ Date(s) Fished: _____ To _____
*Preferable one form or line for each day.

Average hours fished each day: _____

Number of fish caught in each size range:

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 email information to: greyhackle@att.net

* R refers to Rainbow Trout B refers to Brown Trout

*Cliff DeVlieg,
Master 'Tater and
Pancake Cooker',
flashes a smile at
happy eaters. Cliff
was one of our
fantastic chefs
during the Big
Outing at Cyclone
Lake.*



**Cyclone Lake
Wrap Up**
By Roger Cahoon

The May outing to Cyclone Lake was well attended by both new and old members and frankly could not have been any better. The weather was perfect throughout the weekend - cool at night and warm and sunny during the day. There were activities for everyone to partake in through out the weekend such as practice casting, hiking, nature walks and, of course, fishing which I am happy to report that everyone caught fish. Thanks to Ryan Dennis for chopping and hauling all our wood for our campfires.

The food was very good and seemed to be endless. We had two social hours over the weekend that gave everybody a chance to get to know each other a little better. The Dario Travaini social hour on Friday night was especially nice in remembrance of our good friend who is no longer with us. I would like to thank all those members who helped make the weekend so enjoyable. They are:

Bob and Kathy Bowers
Bob Day
Paul Finell
Larry and Cheryl Kamins
Dick and Candy Kennedy
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Brad Norgaard
Marian Tallon
Bill and Nancy Vance
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Cyclone trip at its best. Dad and Kids out on the water in search of the ever elusive trout. This is the future of our club. Thanks Tom for bringing them along!



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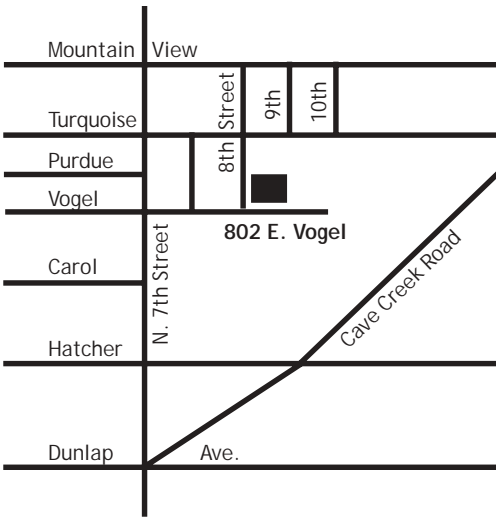
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 Don't Miss Out-
Pay your 2007 dues today!