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Next Meeting:
**Red River
Outfitters**
with
**Shawn
Saunders**
Thursday,
March 9th
7:00 PM

President's Riffles

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We had a busy last two weeks in February! First up was the outing to Dead Horse Ranch State Park. The fishing was really good as was the clear weather and great fishing company. We had over 50 members in attendance with many, like myself, coming up just for the day on Saturday. As usual, the potluck was a feast. For me, the highlight of the weekend was helping teach fly-fishing to two local Boy Scout troops for their fly-fishing merit badges. They learned basic knots, fly tying, casting, and in most cases, how to catch and release fish. I want to thank all of the volunteers who helped with teaching this eager group of boys and especially Ron Rosenlof for organizing this activity.

The next exciting event was the **Annual Awards Banquet and Raffle**. For accepting our invitation, I want to extend a very special thank you to newly retired **Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor**, whom we were privileged to welcome home and honor with a Lifetime Membership Award. She was a gracious guest who I hope will join us in future club activities.

She presented a second Lifetime Membership Award to **Doug Benford** for his many years of service to the club. **Bill Vance** received the Member of the Year award for his work as Outings Chair and coordinator of our fly tying classes. The Silver Doctor, the award given to outstanding women in our club for the contributions they make, went to **Darlene Benford** for her graphics work creating signs for our annual meeting, outstanding PowerPoint presentations for the general meetings, and her work as our Treasurer.

The raffle was nothing short of incredible. Once again **Bob Rudzinski** and his gang outdid themselves with an excellent selection of items donated by club members, local fly shops and sources around the country. From the people I have spoken with after the event we had a very successful evening!

I also want to remind you that if you have not paid your dues, they are now past due. If you wish to join upcoming classes, outings or other club activities, you will want to contact Larry Kamins (*see page 6*) and renew your membership beforehand. No one likes to pay dues, but without dues we could not do many of the things our membership counts on.

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

Located in the heart of Southern Utah are the remote Boulder Mountains and the Fremont River system. The Red River Outfitters and Fly Shop in Torrey, Utah offers guided excursions to what many consider to be the finest and least traveled trout fisheries in the Western states. The abundant waters of the region boast two of the current state record trout, and the over six miles of private water at the Red River Ranch on the Fremont River is the crown jewel. There are also many other fishing opportunities in the area.

Shawn Saunders is the owner and founder of Red River Outfitters. Originally from the fly fishing rich state of Idaho, Shawn has been fly fishing since the age of 10. His knowledge of the sport has developed from a hobby to a career. As an FFF certified instructor, he loves to teach fly casting as well as guiding clients. Southern Utah has become home and his favorite place on earth, as he is able to get away from the crowds and share with others his enjoyment of its unique scenery and hidden mountain streams.

-Nancy Vance

**Upcoming
Three Month
Calendar**

March	1st	Wednesday	Rod Building
	9th	Thursday	General Meeting
	10-12	Fri - Sun	ISE Sportsmen's Expo
	21+22	Tue + Wed	Rod Building
	25-26	Sat - Sun	Seneca Lake Outing
	28+29	Tue + Wed	Rod Building
April	1st	Saturday	Casting Clinic
	5th	Wednesday	Advanced Net Building
	11th	Tuesday	Intermediate Fly Tying
	12th	Wednesday	Advanced Net Building
	13th	Thursday	General Meeting
	15-16	Sat - Sun	Gila Trout Workday
	19th	Wednesday	Advanced Net Building
	22-23	Sat - Sun	Outing TBD
	25th	Tuesday	Intermediate Fly Tying
	26th	Wednesday	Advanced Net Building
	May	6-7	Sat - Sun
11th		Thursday	General Meeting
16th		Tuesday	Intermediate Fly Tying
23rd		Tuesday	Cyclone Lake Pre-Trip Meeting
26-29		Fri - Mon	Cyclone Lake Outing

**Welcome New
Members!**

A warm welcome to our newest member, Sandra Day O'Connor, who joins us as a result of a special invitation AFC extended to her as a gift upon her retirement.

Like many of us here in the arid parts of our state, she was attracted to fly fishing as a sport that requires being on the water, and has fished all over the country since the 1980's, when she first took it up through some tennis friends on their home waters in Pennsylvania. Alaska is her favorite place to fish, "like heaven", as she describes it, but she's eager to discover what local destinations like Lee's Ferry, the White Mountains, and the San Juan have to offer now that she's home.

While she has fished from a float tube and finds it relaxing, she prefers wading as a more active way to pursue her quarry. Yet she understands that when it comes to fishing, activity must be tempered with something more. "Fly fishing requires patience," she quipped while waiting for the awards ceremony to proceed at the banquet, "and for 25 years I've been paid to be patient."

Her favorite thing about fly fishing? "Catching fish!" Enough said- we wish her and all of our new members this month a full net and the joy that comes with it!

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Phoenix

Glen Knight
Phoenix

Tony Tam
Fountain Hills

James M. Davis
Sun City West

Adam Kowalski
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Roger Ristau
Mesa

Bud Green
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Jim Sejba
Scottsdale



Education Committee News

Ron Robinson

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Rod Construction Class - March 1, 21, 22, 28 & 29

In our first class we'll have a discussion of how to select what you want to build and where to get the components. We leave about 20 days between this intro class and the next to allow students time to acquire their components.

The first night of actual construction will be March 21. Most students will complete their rod in three nights. We have scheduled a fourth night for those that might need more time.

No sign-up is required. There is no charge for the instruction. All the student needs to do is buy their own components. All members are welcome even if you are not going to build a rod. You can join in the fun and perhaps learn something in the process. All our classes will be held at Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. If you have any questions give Ron Robinson a call at 602.867.8820.

Intermediate Fly Tying - April 11

Our first Intermediate Fly Tying class of the year will be April 11 at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. The subject will be "Alaska Flies for Beginners". Several basic styles will be demonstrated and the club will supply materials to tie two different types of flies. No sign-up is necessary. If you don't have your own tying equipment the club will have some available. Call Ron Robinson with any questions at 602.867.8820.

Fly Casting Class - April 1 (no fooling!)

This class will be held at Granada Park, located at 20th Street and Maryland, from 9 - 11 AM. We will give instruction on basic techniques for our new members and achieving better accuracy for our more advanced casters. The club has equipment for those new members who are still considering what to purchase. No sign-up is necessary, just bring your positive attitudes and let's have some fun.

Spotlight on Annual Raffle

Bob Rudzinski



Whenever I see the credits at the end of a movie, I am amazed at the number of people it takes to put a production together. I have the same feeling when I think about the number of people it takes to put together a successful Annual Raffle. Attendees left the Annual Banquet February 19th with over 200 prizes, and I'd like to acknowledge those who made it all possible. Let the credits roll!

Account Executives

Kitty Batten, Pat Kingston, Brooks Marshall, Don Mickus,
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Darlene Benford for the Tent Cards & Posters

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Runners

(more commonly known as walkers)

Jerry Hobbs, Bill Vance, Nancy Vance

(Nancy currently on the Disabled List because of a foot injury sustained while walking.)

Special thanks to our members who generously contributed the majority of raffle items. I heard more than one person remark on the outstanding talent and creativity of our members, well evidenced by the beauty and quality of their handcrafted donations.

Engineering the setup of display tables around the room could not have been accomplished without the diligence and tenacity of Julie Rudzinski, Nancy Vance and Bill Vance. Their efforts allowed our members and guests to maneuver freely around the banquet hall.

It took all of you to bring the Annual Raffle to a successful conclusion. THANKS!!!!!!

Ed Adams Awards

Bob Day

Ed Adams was a founding member and past president of the Arizona Flycasters Club. Now deceased, Ed exemplified the ultimate member, as he was involved in all aspects of the club's activities.

In his honor a patch is awarded to any member who accumulates points. Point values are based on the type of activity performed. Examples are: attendance at the general meeting 3 points, outings 10, class attendance 5, class instructors 10, board meetings 10, donations 5–20 depending on value, and additional points for many other activities that support the club.

Any member who accumulates at least 100 points within a calendar year is awarded a fellowship patch with a blue border at the annual banquet. Any member who accumulates 300 points receives a patch with a gold border. These patches can be attached to a fishing vest and worn as a sign of dedication to our club.

For the year 2005 a record number of members were awarded fellowship patches. They are:

<u>100 Points</u>		<u>300 Points</u>	
Harry Abair	Ronald Jones	Ken Schubert	David Batten
Bernard Blakely	Larry Kamins	Bob Segelbaum	Kitty Batten
Robert Bowers	Dick Kennedy	Terry Sewell	Darlene Benford
Ross Cahoon	Karl Kish	Reginald Smith	Doug Benford
Doug Collier	Phil Koda	Sharon Smith	Roger Cahoon
Chuck Cothran	Dennis Lockett	Ken Steele**	Bob Day
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Margaret Dennis	Katie Mazoyer	Gary Stinson	Paul Finell
Susan Depew	Jerry McGinness	Connie Sullivan	Tom Herman
Cliff DeVlieg	Craig Mernitz	David Szymanski	Chuck Howey
Leroy Donnally	Don Mickus	Rick Tesinsky	Brian Mazoyer*
James Frye	Brad Norgaard	Art Thomas	Gary Miller
George Gannon	Richard Nowicki	Dario Travaini	Ron Robinson
Leo Gatlin	John Nutter*	Ed VanKuren	Ron Rosenlof
Charles Greene	Tim O'Brien	Dan Varnor	Jim Rubin
Charles Hawk*	Charles Pigos	Phil Wagner	Bob Rudzinski*
Sue Hawk*	Domininka Piotrowski	Jon Wallace	Marian Tallon
Gary Hinrichs*	Richard Piotrowski	Sara Yeager	Bill Vance*
Jerry Hobbs	Ed Rife	* Received patches for 5 years	Nancy Vance*
Shirley Johnson	Barney Rouse	** Received patches for 10 years	Donna Walkuski

In addition to the Ed Adams patches a "rocker" patch is awarded to those who have received an Ed Adams award for at least 5 years or for at least 10 years. The rocker can be placed below the Ed Adams patch to indicate the time period that the member has received the award. Those receiving the 5 year and 10 year rocker patches are:

<u>At Least 5 Years</u>		<u>At Least 10 years</u>	
Wayne Baldon	Jerry Hobbs	John Nutter	Dick Kennedy
Doug Benford	Chuck Howey	Tim O'Brien	Ron Robinson
Chuck Cothran	Carl Kish	Bob Rudzinski	Ken Steele
Bob Day	Dennis Lockett	Bill Vance	Steve Stevens
Paul Finell	Brian Mazoyer	Nancy Vance	Dario Travaini
Rich Girard	Jack Miller	Jon Wallace	
Charles Hawk	Brad Norgaard	Ed Yanez	
Sue Hawk	Dick Nowicki	Ken Young	

**This
Month's
Outing:
Seneca Lake**

March 25th-26th

Roger Cahoon

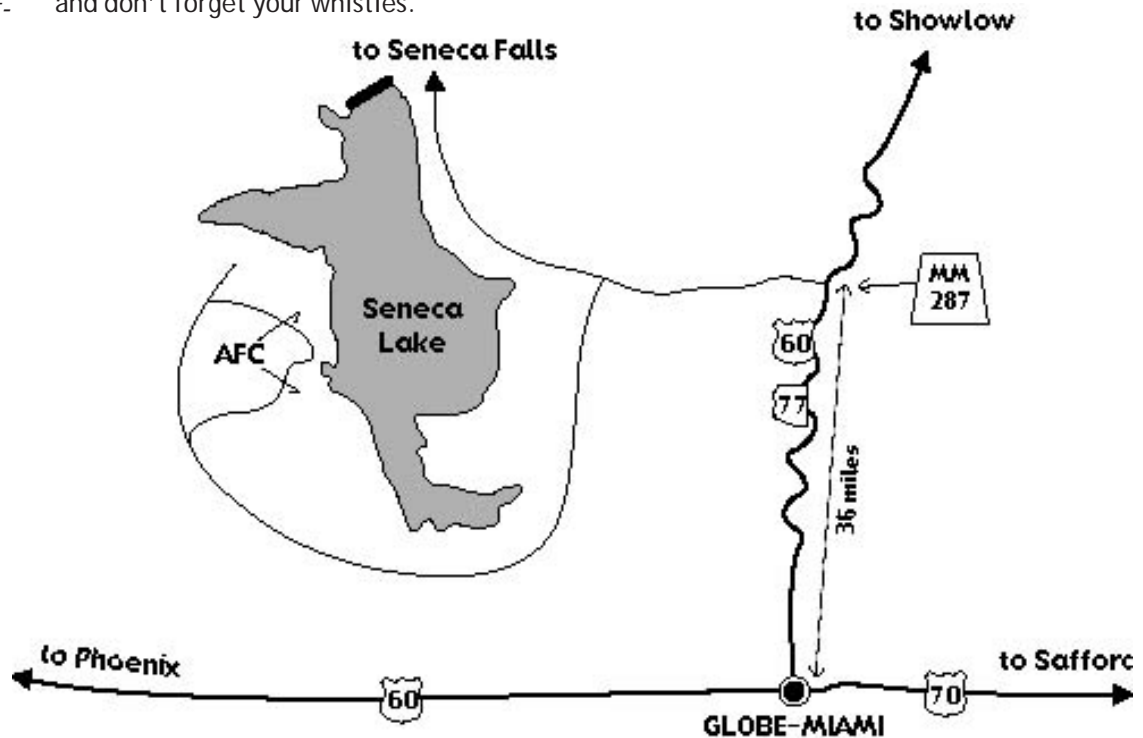
*Thanks again to
Larry and Cheryl
Kamins for their
excellent job as
camp hosts for
last month's out-
ing!*

The March outing will be held at Seneca Lake on the San Carlos Apache Reservation about 35 miles northeast of Globe. You will need to obtain a fishing and camping permit from the Tribe. It can be purchased at the Express Stop, located at 1501 E Ash St. (Hwy 60) in Globe (located on the east side of town near the Pizza Hut).

To get to Seneca Lake take US 60 east to Globe. Go through town and turn left onto US 60/AZ 77 about ¼ mile past the Express Stop (where you get your permit). Drive about 35 miles north to the Seneca Lake turn off (milepost 287). Be warned, signage is poor, so watch for the left turn lane and follow the AFC signs to the campground. If you find yourself in the Salt River Canyon you went too far.

Seneca Lake contains stocked trout, bass and bluegill and in past outings it has proven quite productive. Some flies to consider are the Soft Hackle Pheasant Tail, Hare's Ear Nymph, Prince Nymph, AP Emerger, Simi Seal Leech, Woolly Buzzer, Peacock Callibaetis and Fuzzy Wuzzy in sizes 12 to 16. Olive and chartreuse have been good colors in the past. The potluck will be Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Bill and Nancy Vance will be the Camp Hosts.

This is a good lake for float tubes. If you are new to float tubing please check in with the Camp Hosts so that we can team you up with a member who can give you some pointers on float tube safety. Remember that it is the law that you have a personal flotation device on your float tube/kick boat, and don't forget your whistles.



**Conservation
News**

Dick Kennedy

Old Pueblo Trout Unlimited has set a tentative schedule for 2006 for the Gila Trout project on the West Fork of the Black River. Some of the early dates are:

- April 15-16: placement of temperature sensors on the Blue watershed for summer monitoring.
- May 6th and 7th - placement of temperature sensors in the upper regions of the Blue watershed if this is not completed on the April outing.
- June 10-11: if the grant is approved, planting of willows along the West Fork near the Thompson Ranch.
- July 8- 9: gather temperature data from West Fork, Stinky, Burro and Thompson Creeks.

Other outings will be scheduled in August and September.

Please be aware some of these may change due to various reasons. If you would like to stay up with these events in order to participate, please let Dick Kennedy know and I will make sure you are notified. I am aware that April 16th is Easter Sunday and wonder if that will be a date that doesn't change soon.

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[Editor's note: This month's column is based on an article by Kim Lyons of the Northwest Women Fly Fishers, which was originally published in the Puget Sound Flyfishers News and reprinted in the FFF ClubWire.

**Federation
News:
Waders for the
Hard-to-Fit
Woman**

Dario has added contact information for those wanting to check out this avenue of finding good-fitting waders. Our local shops can be helpful as well.

While the article addresses women readers, some men might want to investigate custom alterations too. When the fish are biting everyone wants to be comfortable on the water!]

*Dario Travaini
FFF Representative*

Through the years, women have had a hard time finding waders that fit. Women typically end up buying waders sized for men - and end up with foot booties that are way too big. Several manufacturers, including Patagonia, Orvis, Simms, Fly Girl and Hodgman, offer waders sized especially for women, but these waders often tend to be sized relatively small for full figured women.

Kaufmann's Streamborn [a fly fishing outfitter based in the northwest,] has recognized how difficult it is for gals to find waders that fit. They have begun to order a small block of Simms [men's] Classic waders that can accommodate many larger women, but with smaller foot booties. If a woman's particular size combination of bootie and body are not included in this special stock, sample booties are available in most Simms outlet stores to try on and select the correct foot size needed.

Simms Women's Waders sizes range from S to XXL with shoe sizes from 6 to 10. Be sure to allow for heavy wading socks, typically one foot size larger than your normal size. Custom foot sizes are also available.

When you have determined your size factors you can send this information to Kaufmann's Streamborn (Attn. Randy) to receive order and cost details. He can be reached at their Tigard store, 8861 SW Commercial, Tigard, OR 97223, (503) 639-6400. Kaufmann's will then special order the body and bootie combination that works for you at no extra cost (resizing booties is usually a \$50 added expense). Simms is one of the manufacturers with the widest selection of sizes including short and stout. Check out the size chart at: www.simmsfishing.com or visit a shop and try on a pair.

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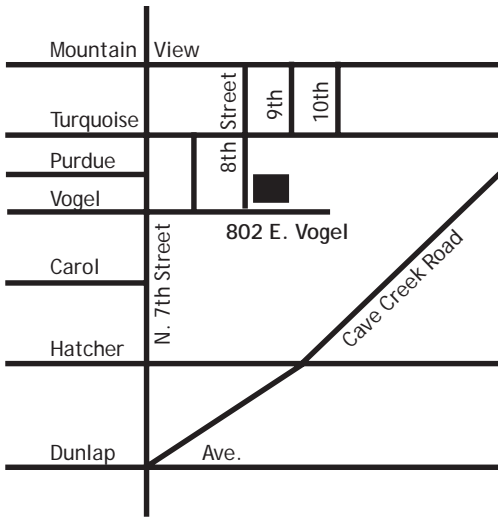
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