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President's Lines

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Wow, what a great month February was for our club, beginning with our General Meeting. I hope you had a chance to talk to one of the true legends of our sport, Dave Whitlock and his wife, Emily. They are truly a gracious down to earth couple. The fly tying classes were well attended and couldn't have been better. It's always nice to get together and learn how to tie flies in such a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. I'd like to thank Ron Robinson and Brian Mazoyer and their volunteer instructors for making the classes so enjoyable.

The highlight of the month was the Annual Awards Banquet and Raffle. At this year's Banquet we had 175 members and friends in attendance. The food was very good and the Raffle exceptional. I would like to thank our Banquet Chairman, Marti Cahoon and our Raffle Chairman, Tom Herman along with their committees for putting together such a spectacular event. Both Marti and Tom worked very hard and put in a great deal of time to assure the success of this year's Banquet. I would also like to congratulate this year's award winners, Ron Rosenlof - Life Member; Walt Ordog - Member of the Year; Gary Stinson - President's Achievement; Donna Walkuski - Silver Doctor, and the many members who received President pins this year. Thanks to all of you for your continued work and dedication to the club.

March will be another good month with many opportunities for everyone to take advantage of. We start off with our General Meeting when we welcome as our guest speaker, New Mexico guide and fresh water Hall of Fame inductee, Taylor Streit. Plan on attending as it is sure to be a great program! This month we switch from Fly Tying classes to Rod Building classes. Ron Robinson and his instructors make assembling your own rod fun and easy. Plus I can attest to the fact that it is a very rewarding experience to catch a fish on a rod you custom built and on a fly you tied yourself. The classes started on the 1st with an introduction on what you need with subsequent classes on the 21st and 23rd.

March 25th-27th the club will be heading out to Roosevelt Lake for some warm water fishing. This outing, is very enjoyable and has become a well attended event. Phil Wagner, our Outings Chairman has reserved one of the group camp grounds at the lake which provides running water and bathroom facilities. If you can't stay the whole weekend, this is another outing that makes for a good day trip. Join us and try your hand at catching a bass! You can tune up your casting skills before this trip by attending the casting class on the 19th. This same weekend, if you just can't make it to the outing, we are looking for volunteers to help man a booth at this year's Arizona Game and Fish Outdoor Expo. There will be more information and a signup sheet at this month's meeting.

If you have missed any of the events over the past few busy months or if you have just joined or thinking about joining our club, don't despair, the rest of the year is packed full of activities to bring you up to speed without missing a step. The camaraderie and willingness of all our members to impart their experiences and expertise to help each other grow in the sport of fly fishing, is what makes our club so special.

Tight lines,

Roger



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**March
Meeting
Featuring
Hall of Fame Guide
Taylor Streit**

Taylor Streit has been guiding fly fishers in Northern New Mexico for 30 years and is a "Legendary Guide" in the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame. He has written three acclaimed fly fishing books. His son Nick runs Taos Fly Shop and was on the U.S. Junior Fly fishing team that placed second in the world competition of 1998. They employ several experienced guides who have been hand-picked and trained by Taylor on fishing NM waters.

Tips for Beginning Fly Tiers

Tying Tips

A stable vise, with good jaws to hold the hook firmly, provides the basic starting point for good fly tying.

Always tie or wrap your thread in a motion over the top of the fly away from you.

Before using a hook, check and make sure it is sharp and will not straighten out under pressure.

A common problem with new fly tiers is breaking the thread. To get a feel for how tight to wrap your fly, intentionally apply force on the thread until it breaks.

To avoid sloppy heads, do not tie too close to the hook eye.

Tie carefully and correctly from the start. Speed will come with practice and repetition.

For dry flies:

Avoid all unnecessary wraps of thread. Don't wrap three times when two will do.

Use the lightest weight materials

Use the least absorbent materials

Choose the best quality hackle

Wet flies or nymphs should be constructed with materials as water-absorbent as possible. From the FFF

**AFC Cookbook
"Food on the Fly"
Marti Cahoon
Cookbook Coordinator**

Cookbooks will be on sale at all general meetings. A ten dollar donation goes to the NAU scholarship fund.

THE ARIZONA FLYCASTERS MEET THE 2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AND FOR OUR CLASSES, AT THE SUNNYSLOPE COMMUNITY CENTER, 802 E. VOGEL
(Map on Page 8)

2011 Schedule (partial)

March	1 st , 21 st , 23 rd	Rod Construction
	5 th /6 th	Cabela's Outdoors Days
	10 th	General Meeting (SSCC)
	17 th	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	19 th	Casting Class
	25 th -27 th 26 th /27 th	Roosevelt Lake Outing AZ Game & Fish Outdoor Expo
April	2 nd	Fly Fishing Merit Badge Day
	12 th	General Education Class
	14 th	General Meeting (SSCC)
	16 th	Casting Class
	21 st 29 th - May 1 st	Board Meeting (SSCC) Fools Hollow Lake Outing
May	10 th	General Education Class
	12 th	General Meeting (SSCC)
	17 th	Hawley Lake Pre-Trip Meeting
	19 th	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	27 th - 30 th	Hawley Lake Memorial Day Outing
June	9 th	General Meeting (SSCC)
	13 th	General Education Class
	16 th	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	24 th - 26 th	Sunrise Lake Outing
July	12 th	General Education Class
	14 th	General Meeting (SSCC)
	21 st	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	29 th - 31 st	Big Lake Outing



Education
Ron Robinson
Education Chair

Education Activities:

Rod Construction: This class began on March 1 with a meeting to decide what to order to make the rod of your dreams. On March 21 and 23 we will have two classes to construct that rod. All classes will be at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. All club members are welcome to these construction classes even if only to watch how it's done. Please contact Ron Robinson at 602 867 8820 with any questions.

Casting Class: On March 19 we will have a casting class at Steele Indian School Park from 9 - 11 AM. In addition to basic instruction we will have more advanced instruction on different methods for presentation of your fly. This will include methods for slack line casts, reach casts, curve casts, etc. For our new casters the club has rods and reels for your use. Also, it's a good opportunity to try some of the club rods that fit the "hole" in your arsenal of rods. It's also a great time to swap lies with club members, learn about current fishing opportunities close to home and discuss your thoughts on the knots you find useful in your fishing.

If you have any questions, give Ron Robinson a call at 602 867 8820.

Conservation News
Gary Stinson
Conservation Chair

It is probably pretty much general information at this point, but kind of earth shaking news in the history of Arizona fishing. This past month, AZGFD approved a one time fishing opportunity for Gila Trout into the Frye Reservoir which is a first in Arizona history since the Arizona Game and Fish Department has been regulating fishing. The event was due to some excess stocks that existed in a New Mexico hatchery and there was nowhere else to go with them so AZGFD is arranging this opportunity for Arizona Anglers. This is a put and take stocking but it is OK if you want to do C&R.

In other equally earth shaking news, the possibility of a third Arizona native species has been brought to light. It may be we have an Arizona Cutthroat in the Northwest corner of the state. Stay tuned for breaking developments.



**2011 Annual
Fly Swap**
Gary Lashewich
Head "Swapper"

Attention to all fly tiers! It's time for the 7th Annual AFC Fly Swap. It's time to share one of your favorites or a new innovation. For those that haven't participated before, this event is very simple and lots of fun. You simply tie about 15 flies of one pattern (exact number TBD) and submit them to the "Head Swapper". That would be Gary Lashewich; his second year at coordinating this event. You will then receive back a fly box with about 15 flies tied by your friends. If you like, you can make multiple submissions. Each will be of a single pattern, one size, pinched barbs and you are encouraged to include a brief tying description, interesting history and methods you use to fish this beauty.

Past years have seen some submit up to four submissions (that's about 60 flies given and received).

Each submission will be matched with a like number of those can't miss beauties from your friends. To participate, you need to sign up at our March general meeting, or contact Gary at midgemasterg6185@gmail.com or 623 221 7278. Your flies should be completed by the end of April so that the committee can get the boxes filled and ready for distribution at the May general meeting. A very special thanks goes to Donna Walkuski for getting this program started and keeping it going at an ever increasing size.



Raffle Riffles
Tom Herman
Raffle Chair

MAY IS FLIES ONLY RAFFLE MONTH

In time for the AFC's, Hawley Lake Outing, May 27 - 30, we will be having another raffle of FLIES ONLY ! This will be your choice of whatever size; dry, wet, mixed dozen flies, that you would like to contribute.

So, all you folks who just participated in the recent fly tying classes, this is a good reason to start tying some flies.....

I will start collecting your flies at the March meeting.



March 2011 Outing

**March
Outing**
*Phil Wagner
Outings Chair*

The March 2011 outing will be held at Roosevelt Lake at the Grapevine Group Campground. This will be a joint outing with the White Mountain Fly Fishing Club, so come and meet some members of the White Mountain Club. The campground is located on Highway 188 about 22 miles Northwest of Globe. State route 188 can be reached by taking State Route 87 (B Line) towards Payson or US Route 60 to Globe. Maps will be available at the March meeting. The outing will be from Friday March 25th through Sunday March 27th. The Mallard Loop of the Grapevine Group Campground has been reserved for the outing. The campground has a nice group Ramada and restrooms with showers. The cost of camping will be \$15.00 for two nights and the cost of day use will be \$3.00 per car. The camping and day use fees will be collected by the camp host. A Tonto Daily Use Pass is required by each vehicle at Roosevelt Lake. The Tonto Daily Use Pass will be handed out by the camp host at the time you pay your camping and day use fees. There is a boat launch near the group campground that can accommodate the launching of float tubes/pontoon boats as well as fishing boats. If you bring a boat, there is room at the campground to park your boat and camper. There are coves near the boat launch that are accessible to float tubes/pontoon boats. The fish that you can expect to catch are Bass and Crappie, so bring your favorite fly's to entice these species of fish.

There will be a pot luck on Saturday at 3pm at the Group Ramada, so bring your favorite main dish, side dish or dessert. This should be a fun outing, so I hope to see you there.

The April 2011 outing will be located at Fools Hollow Lake Campground near Show Low. The dates for the outing are April 29th to May 1st. There will be more information on this outing in the April newsletter.

The May Memorial Day weekend outing will be from May 27th through May 31st at the Hawley Lake Group Campground. Signups for this outing will be taken starting at the March meeting. More information on this outing will be provided at the next general meeting.

**Fly Fishing
Merit Badge**
*Glen Knight
Youth Activities*

We have 30 Scouts confirmed for the Fly Fishing Merit Badge Class on Saturday, April 2 at Granada Park. The class is broken down into 3 one hour rotating sessions of casting, fly tying and knots/safety. Several AFC members have already volunteered to help. Thanks for your support. We can still use more help, so please let me know if you are available. You can check the requirements on line at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/mb-FLYF.aspx>

In the latest revision to the requirements the specification for fish caught, is now limited to a requirement of "one fish". glen.knight@att.net

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Call Pat at 623-583-9568 or email Pat9722@cox.net for information or to make an offer.

I can be reached at the above number with any questions you may have.

Thank you, Pat Calascibett



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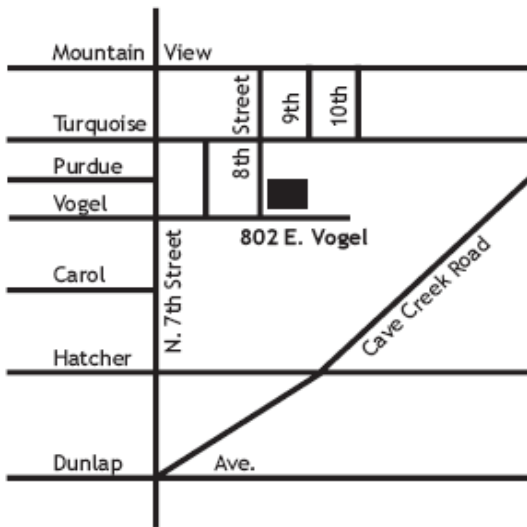
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Arizona Flycasters Club meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at the Sunnyslope Community Center. The Annual Banquet is held in the month of February. Watch for further details.

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Next Meeting:
"Taylor Streit"

Thursday
March 10, 2011
7:00 PM

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