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Next Meeting
**The Latest on Canyon
Creek!**
with
**Dana Bayer and
Jim Warnecke, Arizona
Game and Fish**
Thursday,
May 13th

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The heavy rain and snow of this past winter is a great blessing to all who enjoy Arizona's outdoors. Every lake I have seen in the White Mountains and south of Flagstaff is running over its spillway. The amazing thing is that the high snow has not melted yet and will provide even more runoff in some areas. This water should insure great fishing across the state in the future. In the short term it presents some challenges. Many of the lakes I have visited recently are chocolate brown rather than that beautiful clear greenish tinted water we are used to. In addition to off color water we have to deal with the Spring winds in the mountains, but the good news is that there are so many lakes in close proximity to each other that you should be able to find one where the conditions are conducive to fishing!

I am really excited about the lakes around Flagstaff...Lower Lake Mary, Upper Lake Mary and especially Marshall Lake (which is on the plateau above Lower Lake Mary, only about 3 miles away). Historically when this marshy lake holds water the fish grow rapidly. Marshall Lake was stocked about two weeks ago. The lakes around Williams are also full and should fish well. The Northern Arizona Flycasters Club dedicates much of their efforts to these lakes. The fishing should be great and keep getting better into the fall. I have figured out that if I quit buying BIG GULPS on a daily basis it will offset the cost of gasoline when I go fishing!! Remember, for your safety always fish with a "buddy"!

Just a note about our Cyclone Lake outing:

As announced at the meeting, we will be helping to park the many trailers that are common on this outing. I hope everybody understands that we are trying to make this a great outing, one that EVERYONE will enjoy. By providing organized parking we will be able to park more members comfortably and also provide a way for each trailer to get out if need be. If you are a newbie to the club and/or fly fishing and need help during the weekend, stop by my trailer at anytime (except when I'm out fishing!) and let us know what you need. We will try to help you in anyway we can. Do not miss the pre-trip meeting that Ron Robinson has planned. He will share a wealth of information to make your fishing vacation one to remember.

In closing, be sure to check the calendar in this newsletter and on the NEW website so you do not miss any of our many opportunities to learn the art of fly fishing, and enjoy the act of fly fishing as well. There are many conservation and education activities planned in the next few weeks. I hope to see many of you participating!

The Latest on Canyon Creek!

with **Dana Bayer and Jim Warnecke, Arizona Game and Fish**

Arizona Game and Fish biologists Dana Bayer and Jim Warnecke will be presenting the "Canyon Creek Riparian Restoration Project." The presentation will include information on the management history of Canyon Creek, the purpose and need for the restoration project, along with project goals, objectives and activities. The presenters will also discuss how AFC can get involved with the project over the next several years. Please plan to attend as this is a chance to learn how we, as a club, can directly impact a fishery and give something back to our sport.

-Nancy Vance

**Upcoming
Three Month
Calendar**

May	6-8	Fri-Sun	East Clear Creek Crawfish Removal
	12th	Thursday	General Meeting
	13-15	Fri-Sun	Bull Thistle Party - Canyon Creek
	18th	Wednesday	Lanyard Class
	21st	Saturday	Casting Class
	24th	Tuesday	Cyclone Pre-Trip Meeting
	27-30	Fri-Mon	Cyclone Lake Outing
June	9th	Thursday	General Meeting
	14th	Tuesday	Fly Lines, Leaders and Knots
	25-26	Sat - Sun	Horseshoe Cienega Outing
July	14th	Thursday	General Meeting
	16-17	Sat-Sun	Big Lake

**Welcome New
Members!**

Johnny, Beau & Brett Batten
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Cave Creek

Kathryn Joseflow
Glendale

Steve & Judy Hanan
Phoenix

Richard & Dominika Piotrowski
Phoenix

**“Fit to be Tied”
Fly Swap**

Donna Walkuski

Twenty five members signed up for our AFC “Fit to be Tied” Fly Swap and there’s been a whole lot of tying going on since! What a selection! We’re going to have some great choices for stalking trout at Cyclone this month and at any of our White Mountain lakes. As we go to press I have most people’s contributions in hand, and I’m very impressed with how “fit to be fished” every one of them are.

I’m delighted that some of the best flies turned in were tied by two of our youngest club members. Check out Jonathan’s Girdle Bug or Katie’s Green Weenie. And veteran tiers have contributed some real prizes- proven patterns that you won’t find in any fly shop like Leroy’s HD Nymph.

In my opinion the most impressive contributions came from beginning tiers- folks who learned how to use a whip-finish tool just weeks ago- and who fearlessly stepped up to the vise and came through with some more than credible ties. Having been in their place just a year ago, I appreciate the occasional stray hackle and crowded hook-eye as evidence of their enthusiasm and determination to learn the art. Good work and congratulations!

A big thank you to every tyer for making this a great swap!

As promised, each tier donated one extra fly to make up some boxes for the raffle table at this month’s general meeting. If you did not participate you can still reap the rewards of our members’ talent for the price of a ticket. Check it out!

**Seneca Lake
Revisited**

Bill Vance

About 40 AFC members braved the wind and rain at Seneca Lake for the April outing. The fishing was steady if not spectacular with about equal catches of sun fish and trout. The potluck was excellent as usual with some really innovative and delicious dishes. Thanks to all who attended and contributed. Also, a special “thank you” to Dave and Kitty Batten for hosting the outing.

Conservation News

Dick Kennedy

Here is your chance to make an impact on a favorite spot for many Club members. On the weekend of May 13th thru May 15th we are going to have our "Bull Thistle Party". As many of you know the bull thistle is a noxious weed that is infesting the Canyon Creek area. We are going to try and make a dent in its reproductive cycle. The weed is a spiny thistle that is a menace to waders and bare legs. It is infesting the meadows and some action now can have a tremendous impact on its ability to spread.

Join us for the weekend or even a day as we have fun at Canyon Creek and rid some of the area of this weed. Plans are to camp in an area called "Airplane Flats" at the base of the canyon near the creek. We hope to go there Friday evening and stay till Sunday. You can even make it a day trip and come up for part of the time. As usual with outings, a pot luck dinner is planned for Saturday around 3 PM. I am even going to try and smoke a turkey for the event and hope all are able to enjoy some of it.

Bring your gloves, pruning shears, a small sharp shovel and some heavy plastic bags. We need to clip off the flower head and bag that part of the plant. Then dig the weed out of the ground and lay the plant down. The whole family can have fun helping the forest come back from the devastating fire. The timing should be excellent. It is prior to the weed being able to pollinate and the soil should still be soft from the winter snows.

I am told there will be some fish in the creek, so bring your fly rod and turn this into a great occasion.

Directions: Take Highway 260 out of Payson towards Heber. Go to the top of the rim and past Woods Canyon and Willow Springs Lakes. About 5 miles beyond Woods Canyon turn off is the Young Road (Forest Road 512). Take a right turn onto this dirt road. Go 3 miles to Colcord Ridge campground. Take a left turn onto the hatchery road (this crosses in front of Colcord Ridge Campground). Airplane Flats camp-ground is down the hill almost 5 miles. The forest service is currently clearing timber from the fire area and the road is now closed to the public. We are making arrangements with the forest service to allow our Club to enter and camp in the area. Currently, the suggestion is to secure the gate with a combination lock to allow the Club to use the road.

The latest information will be available at the May meeting. Canyon Creek is the topic that night so come to the meeting, get informed, hear the final plans and join us for a fun event. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please give me (Dick Kennedy) a call to obtain the latest access information to the forest. Cell phone reception in that area is very spotty and not reliable.

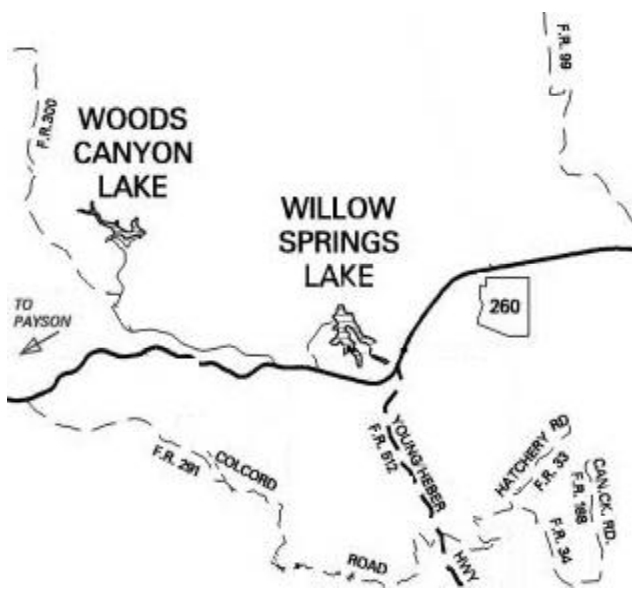
If you would like to help the wildlands group on the weekend of May 6th - 8th clear crawfish from the East Clear Creek area, contact me for the information on that trip.

Prior to the Rodeo-Chediski fire, Canyon Creek was one of the finest trout streams in the state.

Unlike native thistles, the bull thistle spreads aggressively. If left unchecked it will displace the native plant community and diminish the ability of the creek to recover.

-Editor

Area Map



"The man who knows all about trout does not exist, altho you have probably met him."

Samuel G. Camp (1911)

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**Education
Committee
News**

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Lanyard Class May 18th

Don't forget this class. It will be held at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. The cost will be \$7 to cover the cost of supplies. LeRoy Donally will be teaching the class. After completing this class you will have a great lanyard and the knowledge of how to design unique lanyards for family and friends.

Casting Class - May 21st at Granada Park

The class will go from 9 - 11 AM at Granada Park which is located at 20th Street and Maryland. Last month we worked on our hauling techniques and this month we will use them to make casting bass bugs more effective. As always, we will have basic instruction for those just beginning. There will be club equipment for those in need. As a special bonus, we will have an introduction to "spey" casting (equipment supplied). Expect the sun to shine and temperatures in the 90's. Bring water and put on your sun screen. See you there.

Cyclone Lake Pre-trip Meeting - May 24

This meeting will be at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7- 9 PM. If this is your first trip this is a must. We will cover things like how to get there, what to expect when you do, fishing techniques, the pot-luck and fun things for the family to do besides fishing. There will be ample time for Q & A's. As an extra, all first timers will be given a basic fly selection (gift from Ron Robinson) that will help them increase their success.

This is also a great time for those that have attended a few Cyclone trips to add their thoughts and share experiences that will help others.

Fly Lines, Leaders and Knots - June 14th

Fly lines, leaders and associated knots will be the subject of this class. We will help to clarify the confusion that often confronts you when selecting the specific fly line for the fishing you have in mind.

As many of you have discovered, one leader is not enough for all the different types of fishing we do. This part of the class will help you make the correct decision when selecting the leader to use in a variety of fishing situations. Knowing the basics of leader design will help in solving many of the "casting" problems reported by club members. Matching the leader to the fly line, tippet to fly, length to conditions and knots to minimize weakness will add greatly to your fishing success.

As with all our classes, the session will be held at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM.

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Classifieds

Sage SLT 3 piece, 2 wt., 8'6" NEW - Never been fished! \$250.00.

Sage RPL 4 piece, 5 wt., 8'6" USED \$200.00

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1 pair of turbo fins (one size fits all)

1 mesh carrying bag

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May Outing: Cyclone Lake

Memorial Day Weekend

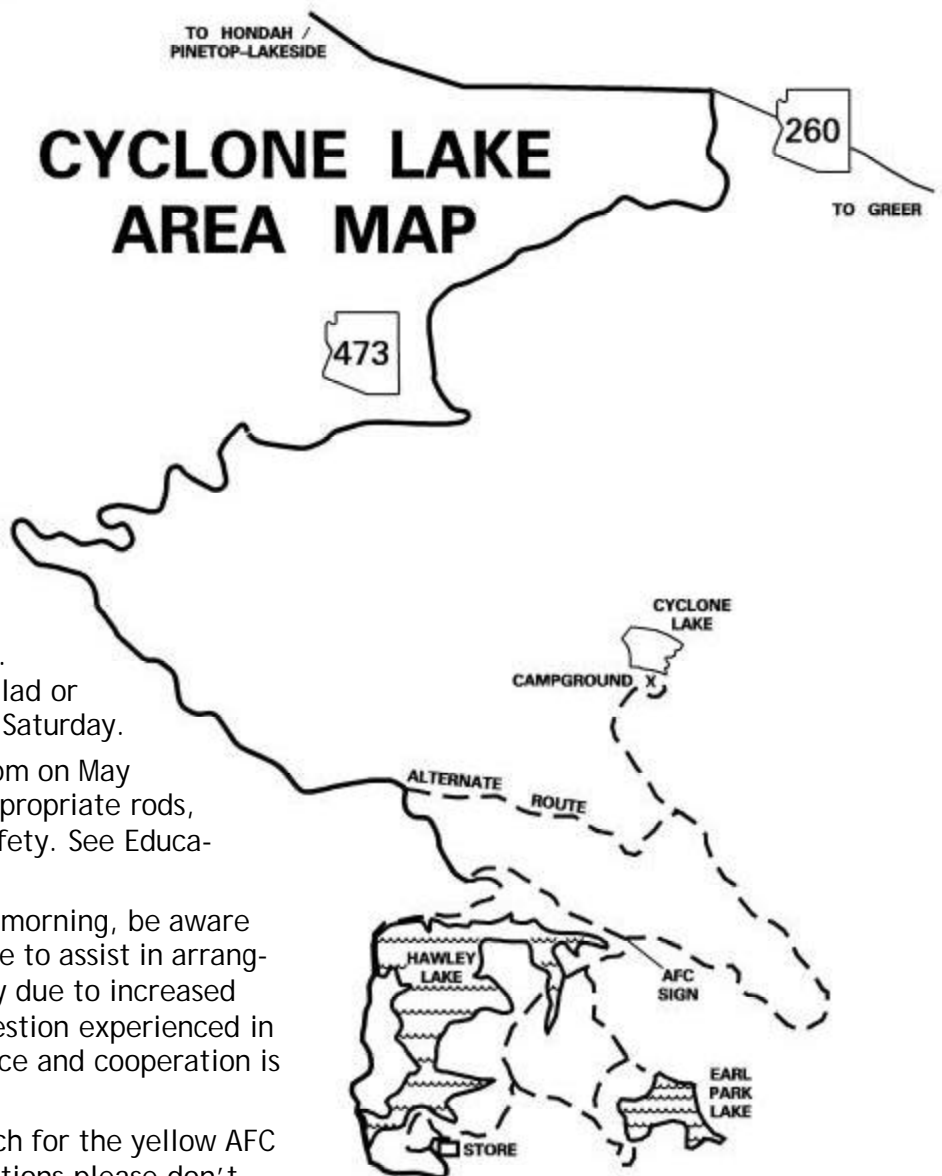
Don't miss one of the best outings of the year. AFC will have exclusive use of Cyclone Lake on the Apache Indian Reservation for the Memorial Day weekend starting May 27th through the 30th. You must be a member to attend and have signed up and paid all fees by the May general meeting. The cost is \$45 per family for the lake rental plus \$17 per person attending. The \$17 fee includes your fishing permit and your steak for the potluck. Again, plan on bringing a side dish, salad or desert. The potluck will be at 3pm on Saturday.

There will be a pre-trip meeting at 7pm on May 24th. Topics to be covered include appropriate rods, lines and flies as well as float tube safety. See Education Committee News for details.

For those who plan on arriving Friday morning, be aware that there will be a parking committee to assist in arranging the camp spaces. This is necessary due to increased attendance and to alleviate the congestion experienced in previous Cyclone outings. Your patience and cooperation is appreciated.

See the map for directions. Also, watch for the yellow AFC signs as you drive in. If you have questions please don't hesitate to phone or e-mail me at (602) 992-1434 or bnv37@cox.net.

-Bill Vance



-BONUS RAFFLE-

The Raffle Committee has commissioned one of our members to do a series of "Trout" watercolors. The first of the series, RAINBOW TROUT, was one of the most popular items at the Annual Fish Fry Raffle.

We are pleased to announce that the second in the series, BROWN TROUT, by Brad Norgaard, will be the featured item in the Bonus Raffle at the May meeting.

It is a beautiful watercolor suitable for framing that would be a welcome addition to your collection. Chances are \$5.00. The watercolor will be displayed at the raffle table. We look forward to the remainder of the series in the months to come.

-Bob Rudzinski

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**Chow
Lines**

By popular demand, here's member Wanda Cothran's recipe for her chicken enchilada casserole. Those of us towards the back of the serving line at an AFC potluck know that chances are good Wanda's pan will be scraped clean by the time we get to the table. Please do try this at home, a sure way to get some and maybe seconds too!

WANDA'S CHICKEN ENCHILADA CASSEROLE

There's Reel Lines, fly lines, and our favorite, the chow line. This occasional column features member recipes. If you want to know how to reproduce a dish from one of our famed potlucks, give a shout and we'll do our best to net it for you.

- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3 tbsp margarine
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 (3 or 4 lb) chicken boiled and cut into pieces
- 1 cup FRESH green chili roasted, peeled and chopped
- 1 pkg corn tortillas broken
- 1 lb. Longhorn cheddar cheese grated

Brown onions in margarine until light tan. Combine with soups and green chili. Blend, then add chicken and chicken broth. Blend well and simmer about 5 min

In a large baking dish place a layer 1/3 of the broken tortillas, 1/3 chicken mixture, and 1/3 grated cheese. Repeat layers until casserole is filled.

Bake at 350 degrees for 20 min

-Submitted by Chuck Cothran

Thank You Wanda!

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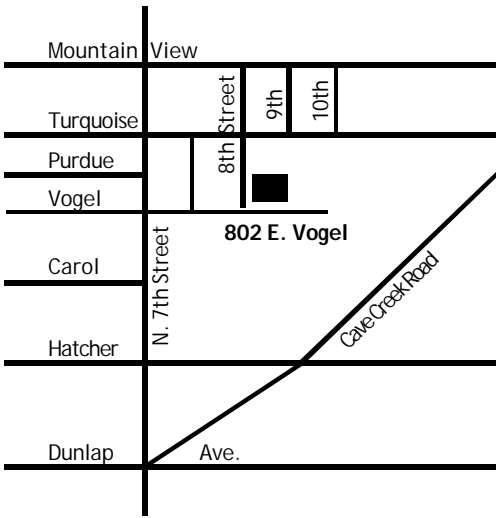
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