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Next Meeting:  
**Casting for  
Recovery**  
with  
**Shirley Johnson**  
Thursday,  
May 11th  
7:00 PM

### President's Riffles

*Brian Mazoyer* Mazbrian@cox.net

It's hard to believe May is already here! The fishing this spring has been terrific from trout and bass to pike and bluegill, and the summer fishing is right around the corner. AFC has some great trips planned to take advantage of these hot fishing opportunities. The outing planned for this month is our annual trip to Cyclone Lake in the White Mountains, and in June we plan to be at Little Bear/Big Bear Lake.

Remember this meeting is your last chance to sign-up for the Memorial Day weekend trip to Cyclone Lake in the White Mountains. For those of you who have not joined us at Cyclone before it is a great trip! The only people fishing and camping at the lake are club members and we have a **BIG** potluck on Saturday. It's traditionally our most well attended outing and a good opportunity to visit with club members new and old.

Mark your calendars! We are very excited to announce **Jim Teeny** will be here on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. His topic will be Fly-Fishing Stillwater for Trout and Bass. His presentation, for members only, will not be at the Sunnyslope community Center, but at Sunnyslope High School instead- see inside for details.

**National Fly-Fishing Week** is June 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. Your club will be involved with activities during that week, be sure to check the calendar for any that are of interest to you, or take the time to spread the word about our great sport of fly-fishing to a friend, relative or neighbor. Take someone fishing with you, teach your children or spouse fly tying or casting, or even bring a guest to a meeting so they can see what our club is all about.

We provide many different opportunities for fishing related activities, and conservation is one important part of those offerings. Our club has been very active in the restoration project going on in Canyon Creek up on the rim after it was severely affected by the Rodeo/Chediski fire of several years ago. Consider helping out in our ongoing efforts: it's important to give something back to improve our fishing waters for the future around the state. If you have questions talk to **Dick Kennedy**.

Bill Vance has retired from the AFC board of directors. We'll miss his leadership and thank him for his service. With Bill stepping down, the club finds itself in need of a **Vice President**. If you are interested in becoming more active in club activities and planning, then this is your big chance to get more involved. If you are interested in the position, talk to any board member or me.

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

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Casting for Recovery - A Support and Educational Program for Breast Cancer Survivors  
Did you know that Arizona Flycasters Club members have played pivotal roles in Casting for Recovery, since its beginning in Arizona? Find out how you, as a club member, have helped use fly fishing to bring new hope to breast cancer survivors.

Shirley Johnson, AFC member and Arizona CFR Program Coordinator, will give a presentation at the May meeting to fill us in on the latest national and local happenings with CFR and how AFC has contributed generously to this effort.

-Nancy Vance

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**Upcoming  
Three Month  
Calendar**

May	6th	Saturday	Fly Swap Turn-In Deadline
	6-7	Sat - Sun	Gila Trout Workday
	11th	Thursday	General Meeting
	16th	Tuesday	<b>An Evening with Jim Teeny</b>
	17th	Wednesday	Intermediate Fly Tying
	23rd	Tuesday	Cyclone Lake Pre-Trip Meeting
	26-29	Fri - Mon	Cyclone Lake Outing
June	6th	Tuesday	Equipment Maintenance
	8th	Thursday	General Meeting
	10-11	Sat - Sun	Gila Trout Workday
	24-25	Sat - Sun	Big Bear/Little Bear Lake
July	7th	Tuesday	Intermediate Fly Tying
	13th	Thursday	General Meeting
	23-24	Sat - Sun	Big Lake Outing

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**Education  
Committee  
News**

*Ron Robinson*

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**Intermediate Fly Tying - Deb's Bubble Butt**

This class will be given at the Sunnyslope Community Center on May 17 from 7 - 9 PM. This new fly pattern was shown to me by Deb Reed of Float' N Fish last year. It has proven to be very successful on recent trips to the San Juan. It is a type of foam wing emerger. It has an extended body with a "bubble" that makes it a little more complicated to tie but I think it is worth the effort.

We will have all the materials including the #22 or #20 hooks. Bring your equipment or if you like you can use the club's.

**FFF Fly Fishing Week - Equipment Maintenance Class**

To support FFF's national fly fishing week we will have a class for club members and the interested public on equipment maintenance. It will be at the Sunnyslope Community Center on June 6 from 7 - 9 PM. It will cover maintenance on rods, reels, lines, flies, clothing, boots, waders, float tubes and more. We'll also learn how to inspect for wear and make necessary repairs, clean, lubricate, etc. Special emphasis will be given to measures to combat the spread of whirling disease.

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**New  
Fishing  
(Inter) Net**

*Doug Benford*

*Going fishing? Want company? Share the gas, meet a friend or make a new one- our fishing buddies program makes it easy to hook up with other members.*

We have set up a Yahoo Group for the fishing buddies. The advantage of the group is that a member of the group can post a message that is seen by all other members. The numbers are growing on the list and fishing opportunities are being posted. If you would like to fish with someone during the week or on a weekend that is not a club outing, the fishing buddies is for you.

If you are not a Yahoo user and want to join the fishing buddies send me an e-mail at [shscadman@yahoo.com](mailto:shscadman@yahoo.com) and I will send you an invite to join which greatly simplifies the sign up process.

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**May Bonus  
Raffle**

Tickets are still available for the Powell Timax 905-5 rod. They can be purchased for \$5 each for a chance to win the 9' 5 piece 5wt. rod. Drawing at the May Meeting.

*Bob Rudzinski*



*AFC is proud to present...*

## An Evening with Jim Teeny:

### Fly Fishing Stillwater for Trout and Bass



**Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00 PM**

**Sunnyslope High School  
35 West Dunlap**

Known as one of our sport's most experienced and innovative fly fishermen, Jim Teeny is a host of Fly Fish TV and a contributor to leading fly fishing magazines. Though he has fished all over the world in fresh and saltwater and has held over 10 IGFA titles, as a boy he first learned the sport and designed his famed "Teeny Nymph" to catch the big rainbows and browns on East Lake in his home state of Oregon.

He'll be heading up to fish our own White Mountains following his presentation and will be sharing the strategies, gear, and techniques that he'll use to be successful on Arizona's lakes.

**Directions:** Enter the first SHS driveway west of Central off Dunlap and park. Our meeting room is on the west side of the parking lot.

*Free admission tickets available at the door for members only. All tickets will be entered into a drawing at the break for some great Jim Teeny gear.*

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**Fishing the  
San Juan  
with  
"The Twitch"**

*Ron Robinson*

*Earlier this spring, Ron headed out to the San Juan and got to fine-tune a method that brought in some big trout. He came back eager to share his success with the rest of us...*

My first cast was about 40' upstream and I used a large loop to avoid tangling my setup. The two #4 shot and rather large indicator on the 9' 4X leader with an extra foot of 4X to the leech and another 2' of 5X to the RS2 required some practice to get consistent loops. I let this drift towards me in the "dead drift" manner.

For years I had been working on this technique and it usually worked well.

I began breaking the dead drift rule and when the float had gone about five seconds I gave the indicator a little "twitch". I waited for another five seconds and gave another twitch. The indicator went shooting under and I was fast on to another fat rainbow. This one took the leech and after two more casts I caught another fat rainbow but this time on the RS2.

In all that day I took about two dozen trout from the boat launch area on the San Juan River using this rig. It is now my "go to" setup for fishing this deep, slow water below the Texas Hole.

You often hear people talking about "stripping" a leech pattern. This implies a rather constant movement of the fly without using an indicator. I fish this way and it does work, but the "twitch" is done using an indicator and is an intermittent subtle movement. Bear Goode, Senior Guide for Float' N Fish, likes to give a slow pulling motion rather than a twitch. While fishing from a boat this may be best but I find that while wading the "twitch" works better for me.

The leech is always the dubbed bunny type that we have taught in our Intermediate Fly Tying class. Float' N Fish sells these and Jude Duran offers a similar tie. They have a great life-like movement when "twitched" in this slower water. The color selection can make a big difference but we usually have good success with either a black, gray, brown/gray fleck (jack rabbit). Most often we use either a #8 or #10.

What really surprised me was how good the trailer fly worked. The RS2, in gray or chocolate, the KF Flasher, in black or chocolate, and other foam wing emergers work great. A new fly I have been using is showing great success. It is a foam wing type emerger and is called "Deb's Bubble Butt". Deb Reed of Float' N Fish showed me this fly late last year. We will be giving instruction in the tying of this fly on May 17th.

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**Conservation  
News**

*Dick Kennedy*

One of the favorite close, small streams for this Club has always been Canyon Creek. Older Club members remember efforts to improve the fish habitat of that stream and many were blessed with aggressive brown trout at the end of their fly lines. We all have heard that since the fire a few years back, two major issues must be dealt with to preserve the quality of the stream. First, the growth of willow trees and other forest coverage is needed to shade the water and reduce its temperature during the summer months. A few Club members worked along with other volunteers during the weekend of April 29<sup>th</sup> on the Riparian Restoration Project to that end.

Another threat is the aggressive bull thistle which has invaded the area. In order to slow this noxious weed, the Club has teamed with the forestry service and tried to reduce its ability to spread. The Club has decided to help on this project during our August outing. The Board, outings and conservation committees are combining our efforts for the weekend of August 11<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup> to camp in the area of Canyon Creek and harvest the young bull thistle rosettes before they have a chance to release their air borne seeds. To top it off, we are going to combine crayfish harvesting activities with this weekend. As August has also been our Crayfish Extravaganza month, we have decided to put these events together in hopes to attract enough members to harvest bull thistle, crayfish and then enjoy the tasty crustaceans.

Plan now to join the club for camping in the Canyon Creek area (possibly Colcord Ridge, Airplane Flat or possibly dispersed camping). Fishing is usually slow in August but Canyon Creek, Willow Springs or Woods Canyon Lakes will provide attractive choices for the angler.

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**Welcome New  
Members!**

Gary Day  
Apache Junction

Linda Stenzel  
Tucson

Roy Steuck  
Phoenix

James Varner  
Phoenix

Johnny Welch  
Phoenix

**This  
Month's  
Outing:  
Cyclone Lake**  
May 26th - 29th

*Roger Cahoon*

*Fun was had by the  
12 people and 7  
dogs that attended  
the April Outing to  
JD Dam. The  
weather was very  
nice and fishing was  
good. Thanks to Phil  
Wagner and his  
assistant, Mike  
Wyman, for being  
Camp Hosts.*

Where can you go over the Memorial Day weekend that you don't have to fight the holiday crowds? The answer is Cyclone Lake.

The club has reserved Cyclone Lake for the Memorial Day weekend of May 26th-29th for the use of club members and their immediate family exclusively.

Cyclone Lake is a pristine 37-acre lake at approximately 9000 ft elevation on the White Mountain Apache Reservation. The Tribe provides all essential amenities, i.e. port-a-potties, trash dumpsters and potable water. On Saturday, the club provides steak, gilled to your liking, and baked potato, and you provide a side dish or dessert. The price is \$62.00 for one person and \$79.00 for two which includes your dinner and permits for the weekend.

Your last chance to sign up and pay for this priceless weekend will be May 11th at the General Meeting. This is an outing you don't want to miss!

To get to Cyclone Lake, take Highway 87 out of Phoenix north to Payson. At the intersection of 87 and 260 turn right. Take 260 through Show Low/Pinetop Lakeside to the Hawley Lake turnoff (473) Turn right on 473 and watch and follow the AFC signs.

*If you're still deciding and  
would like to see pictures of  
last year's outing to Cyclone,  
click on <Previous Outings  
Pictures> on our website.*



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**Federation  
News**

*Dario Travaini  
FFF Representative*

Jack Nicklaus, Legendary Golfer and Avid Sportsman, Agrees To Join The Federation of Fly Fishers As A National Spokesperson and Honorary Chairman of the FFF Presidents Club

Jack Nicklaus has agreed to be a national spokesperson on behalf of the Federation of Fly Fishers as well as to become Honorary Chairman of the FFF Presidents Club. The members of this charitable arm of the FFF represent those truly dedicated individuals and organizations that have made a 10-year financial commitment to support the mission of FFF. Mr. Nicklaus is the first to be honored with this position. In addition, he has agreed to become a member of the FFF Board of Directors.

Mr. Nicklaus has been an avid fly fisher for most of his life and has visited many exotic worldwide destinations to pursue this passion. Mr. Nicklaus' philosophy is very consistent with that of the FFF. "I am an avid outdoorsman and few activities or sports provide me with as much joy as fishing." he said. "If you want to break it down even further, it would be fly fishing. I actually prefer to fly fish because I enjoy the skill, art and challenge of it."

Roger Maler, President of the FFF's Southern Council, Stated "The commitment to the FFF by an individual of the caliber and renown of Jack Nicklaus is an acknowledgment of the importance of the Mission of the FFF."

Dr. Ron Cordes, incoming Chairman of the FFF Board of Directors, added, "The participation of Jack Nicklaus in furthering the efforts of a non-profit organization such as FFF, the success of which is based upon the support of a vast number of volunteers, cannot be underestimated. His presence alone will send an important message to individuals and corporations alike whose potential support is critical to the FFF."

**AFC's  
"Iron Chefs" a  
Class Act**

Tad Adkins and Jack Hulse put a lot of pizzazz into cast iron cooking instruction. At last month's class these pros did a hands-on demo featuring a western-style egg breakfast and a peach cobbler and shared how smart, simple and fun cast iron cooking can be.

Thanks to them, even novice AFC members who attended are feeling up to the challenge of firing up some coals and wading into the fine tradition of "Dutch Oven Cooking". Look for some great offerings at future club potlucks. Thanks guys!

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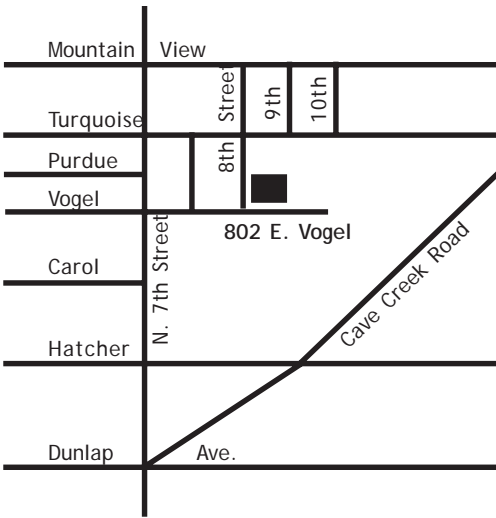
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