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### President's Lines

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Summer is fast approaching and now is the time everyone is making their fishing vacation plans for the coming season. From all the reports I've heard to date, this summer's fishing will be very promising not only throughout Arizona but across the entire western region. As you may or may not know, Arizona dodged a bullet this past winter. The state experienced good snow fall and precipitation in the high mountain regions filling the lakes to the point of spilling but at the same time the snow pack was not so heavy as to cause a winter fish kill, all good news for the coming fishing season. If you are new to fly fishing and would like a little help in planning a fishing adventure this summer, please do not hesitate to ask advice from your fellow members. They will not steer you wrong and don't forget our local shops in town are a wealth of information and always willing to help.

One such trip your family should plan on attending is our annual Memorial Day outing to Hawley Lake on the White Mountain Apache Reservation. Hawley is a beautiful lake located at about 9,000ft elevation and roughly 18 miles outside of Pinetop. This is a great weekend of fishing and food as the club puts on a steak fry/potluck on Saturday and our very own Cliff DeVlieg does a pancake breakfast Sunday morning. The club has reserved the group camp ground at the lake so you do not need to rush up to find a camp site, it is all taken care of for you and with 57 acres there is plenty of room to spread out. If you don't have an RV or if camping isn't your idea of fun, Pinetop is a short distance away with many fine accommodations. Your last chance to sign up to attend this trip will be at the May general meeting. This is a wonderful Holiday weekend full of fishing, friends and food.

Going hand in hand with the May Outing, our Program for the May General Meeting will be a round table put on by some of our members to help new members become familiar with the various aspects of fly fishing and will also be an opportunity for more experienced members to exchange ideas and techniques for fishing Arizona's high country waters. A few of the subjects that will be covered are matching line leader and tippet, safe use of float tubes and pontoon boats, equipment care and selection, useful knots for fly fishing, fishing opportunities in the White Mountains and future outing information. This will be a good meeting that everyone will want to attend in preparation for the fishing season ahead.

At last month's meeting I told you how the club is in the process of establishing a Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) program in Phoenix. For those not familiar PHWFF is a national program dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military and veterans through fly fishing, fly tying, education and outings. I want to thank all the members who signed up to help at last month's meeting. What we are in need of are a few people that would help in the administration of this program so that it does not fall on any one person's shoulders. We get a lot of help from the national organization and by working together we can make this a very successful and most importantly, a very worthy program here in Phoenix. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you can help.

We have had a very active beginning to the year and I would like to thank all of you for your participation. The club will not be slowing down for the summer with many activities ahead. I look forward to being involved with you.

Tight lines,

Roger



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**May  
Meeting  
Featuring  
White Mtn Lakes  
Round Table  
Discussion**

Please join us for a May Round Table discussion and demonstrations by some of the experts in our club about fishing in our beautiful White Mountains. It promises to be very informative so any questions you have been wanting to ask, please do!

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

Attention to all fly tiers! It's time for the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 April 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.

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**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)**

<b>May</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	General Education Class
	12 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting (SSCC)
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Hawley Lake Pre-Trip Meeting
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	27 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	Hawley Lake Memorial Day Outing
<b>June</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting (SSCC)
	13 <sup>th</sup>	General Education Class
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	24 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sunrise Lake Outing
<b>July</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	General Education Class
	14 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting (SSCC)
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	29 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>	Big Lake Outing
<b>August</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting (SSCC)
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	General Education Class
	26 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	Crayfish Outing/Woods Canyon Lake
<b>September</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fly Tying
	19 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	Fly Tying
	12 <sup>th</sup>	General Education Class
	8 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting (SSCC)
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Casting Class
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	White Horse Lake Outing/Williams	
<b>October</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	General Education Class
	13 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting (SSCC)
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Casting Class
	18 <sup>th</sup>	San Juan Pre Trip Meeting
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	21 <sup>st</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Hawley Lake Outing
<b>November</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	San Juan Trip
	10 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting (SSCC)
	15 <sup>th</sup>	General Education Class
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Casting Class
<b>December</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	General Education Class
	8 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting (SSCC)
	13 <sup>th</sup>	General Education Class
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting (SSCC)



It has been an unusual few months. The level of issues we are dealing with on the conservation front at AFC are seldom occurring in any great number. More usually it is one or two things and hopefully some kind of restoration or clean up project. However, these past few months have been and remain challenging for all groups and organizations concerned with conservation issues locally and nationally.

Our laundry list consists of: The New Forest Rule, Grand Canyon Lands mining withdrawal plan, Arizona Fish Stocking EA, Glen Canyon EAs, two of them, the Rotenone use legislation, Fossil Creek Use Plan, and Native Fish Recovery Program, Bristol Bay and the Wolf Management Legislation. All of these affect our fishing opportunities as well as our environment to one degree or another. Please stay informed and keep engaged. Whatever your opinion, make yourself heard.

We are looking for someone to represent AFC with the Hunting and Fishing Heritage Workshop group at AZGFD. The next meeting is in early June. Please contact myself or Roger Cahoon if you are interested. This a great opportunity to get a front line look at what is being done to recruit new anglers and hunters.



#### Education Activities:

Education  
Ron Robinson  
Education Chair

What's New in Fly Lines? As we mentioned in last month's newsletter we will have a class on recent developments in fly line technologies. This class will be May 10 at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. The class will discuss the types of fly lines most often used here in Arizona as well as those wonderful "destination" trips. With fly line costing in the \$80 range for the major brands you don't want to buy something and then discover it doesn't meet your needs. We hope we can help you avoid this type of disappointment. You will learn about the difference between a spey, skagit and switch line. We will talk about the different measures now being used for line weights. How weight ranges may not be the best way to select a line. There will be a discussion of sink rate and line weight and how this factors into the selection of a special purpose line. We will have product guides from some major manufactures to take home and study. So bring the family and friends and join in on the fun. See you there.

The Basics? Basics of Lake Fishing in Cold Water will be the subject of our June 13<sup>th</sup> class. This class will be given at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. This class is designed for the beginner and will cover all things that might take you years of trial and error to master. While lake fishing isn't a sure thing it does require considerable knowledge and preparation to give you a reasonable change of catching some beautiful trout. We will have some "crib notes" to handout that should help you and your next trip to the high country. Remember, the club trip for that month is at Sunrise Lake and this class should be a big help to you on that lake. Contact Ron Robinson at 602 867 8820 with any questions.

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**May  
Outing**  
*Phil Wagner  
Outings Chair*

### **May 2011 Outing**

Where can you go over the Memorial Day weekend that you don't have to fight the holiday crowds? The answer is Hawley Lake. The club has reserved the group campground at Hawley Lake for the Memorial Day weekend (May 26th to the 31st) for club members and their immediate family exclusively. Hawley Lake is a beautiful lake at approximately 9,000ft elevation on the White Mountain Apache Reservation and as an added bonus Earl Park is just up the road. The Tribe provides all essential amenities, i.e. port-o-potties, trash dumpsters and potable water. The pot luck will be on Saturday at 3PM with steaks grilled to your liking. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with the other club members. Also on Sunday morning, there is a SUPERB pancake breakfast by our very own chef, Cliff DeVlieg. The cost of the outing is \$30.00 per family for camping plus \$8.00 per person for the steak dinner plus \$3.00 per day per person for the Rent-A-Lake permits. Each person 1 year of age and older is required by the Tribe to have a Rent-A-Lake permit.

Your last chance to sign up and pay for this priceless weekend will be May 12th at the General Meeting. This is an outing you don't want to miss! If you are unable to attend the May meeting and want to go, please contact Phil Wagner at 602-909-3799 or at 602- 973-7643 as soon as possible. All signups and payments for the Memorial Day - Hawley Lake Outing must be received by May 12th, 2011.

If you have never attended the outing at Hawley Lake, this meeting is a must. It will be held on May 17th at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 pm. We will cover everything you need to know to make your weekend enjoyable and safe. Topics will include directions to the lake and what to expect when you arrive. We will also delve into rod, line and fly selection, fishing techniques, float tube safety as well as fun things for your non-fishing family members to do. There will be time for a Q & A session as well. If you have attended previous Hawley Lake trips, please plan to attend and share your thoughts and experiences..

### **June 2011 Outing**

The Outing for June will be held at Sunrise Lake in the White Mountains. The dates for the outing are from June 24th to June 26th. More information will be available in the June Newsletter and at the June General Meeting.

Phil Wagner  
AFC Outings Chair  
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**Raffle Riffles**  
*Tom Herman  
Raffle Chair*

Just in time for the AFC Hawley Lake outing, and summertime fishing, the May Flies Only Raffle will occur at the next meeting. We already have collected close to 40 dozen flies, but we need club members to participate. If each person who attended the last tying class, and every fly tying board member turned in at least one dozen flies, there would be an abundant amount of flies for the raffle.

Thanks to those folks who made donations toward future monthly raffle prizes at the April meeting; Ron Robinson, Sam Chapman, Jon Wallace, Ken Griffin, Gary Stinson, and Dick Nowicki.

**Welcome  
New Members!**

The Arizona Flycasters would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members! :

Matt Carrillo    Larry Hallas    Charles Murdock    Larry Cary  
Skip Culbert    Jack Bender    Kathleen Tucker

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## Application for Membership

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**Mail this application AND your check or money order to:**

**Arizona Flycasters Club**  
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**Phoenix, AZ 85068-7357**

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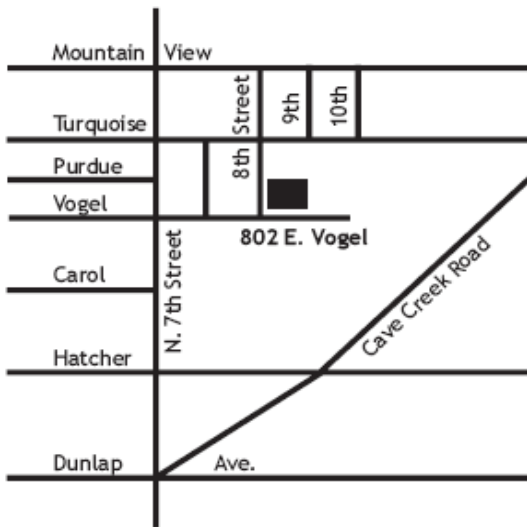
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**Arizona Flycasters Club** meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at the Sunnyslope Community Center. The Annual Banquet is held in the month of February. Watch for further details.

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Next Meeting:  
**White Mountain Lakes Round  
Table Discussion**

**Thursday  
May 12, 2011  
7:00 PM**

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