

Arizona Flycasters Club

R E E L L I N E S

Established 1963

www.azflycasters.org

We support catch and release

November 2008



Ron Rosenlof
Club President
623.979.2002

Roger Cahoon
Vice President
480.219.8747
Marti Cahoon
Secretary
480.219.8747

Bruce Burkett
Treasurer
623.388.3354

**FEDERATION OF
FLY FISHERS**



Next Meeting:
**Sport and Fly
Fishing on Our
Urban Lakes**
Eric Swanson
Urban Fishing
Program Manager,
AZ Game and Fish
Dept.

Thursday,
November 13, 2008
7:00 PM

President's Lines

Ron Rosenlof afcpres@cox.net

As we approach this holiday season, I would like to take this opportunity to inform everyone that our club will be meeting at the Sunnyslope Community Center. Yes folks, we are finally going to return to AFC's previous home of over 20 years. I spoke about this change at the October general meeting but I would like to remind everyone that we will now be meeting @ SCC @ 802 E. Vogel. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

In December we will have our annual elections for AFC Board Members. I am required by our club by-laws to list the names of the nominees in the newsletter prior to the election. We have current members that need to be re-elected. They include, Keith Swalley, Marti Cahoon, Edd and Juanita Cason, Bruce Burket, and Phil Wagner. We have other board positions to fill. If you have an interest to serve on the board for AFC, please contact me or any other board member.

It's time to start thinking about awards for those who have made contributions to our club. We give an award to the Member of the Year for contributions above and beyond what the general member does. Also, the Silver Doctor Award; this award is given to an outstanding female member who has distinguished herself as being deserving of this award. Finally, there is the Life Member Award given to someone who has made outstanding contributions to our club over many years and has also received the Ed Adams patch for at least 5 years. If you can think of someone whom you feel is deserving of one of these awards, please give a written nomination of why you think so to me or any board member, or e-mail it to me at the above address.

By the time you read this, 28 members will have returned from the San Juan fishing trip and you can hear of their fishing adventures at the November general meeting. Our December 6 outing will be a dutch oven cook-out and casting contest at Steele Indian Park located at Central and Indian School Road. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and can be purchased at the November general meeting.

In closing, get out and go fishing while the weather is real nice. You really do meet the nicest people when you go fishing.

Hope to see you on the water.

Ron

**2008
AFC
Board**

Ron Rosenlof	<i>President</i>	623.979.2002	afcpres@cox.net
Roger Cahoon	<i>Vice President</i>	480.219.8747	rgcahoon@cox.net
Marti Cahoon	<i>Secretary</i>	480.219.8747	mac@wmgraceco.com
Bruce Burkett	<i>Treasurer</i>	623.388.3354	gramsburkett@cox.net
Ed Cason	<i>Membership Development</i>	602.843.8656	eddcason@qwest.net
Juanita Cason	<i>Membership Development</i>	602.843.8656	eddcason@qwest.net
Phil Wagner	<i>Outings Chair</i>	602.973.7643	tinypil@cox.net
Tom Herman	<i>Special Events</i>	602.862.9653	herm85023@yahoo.com
Paul Finell	<i>Membership Badges/Flybook</i>	480.998.7024	pfinell@cox.net
Charley Greene	<i>Sunshine / Welcome Table</i>	602.263.5084	charleygreene@yahoo.com
Chuck Howey	<i>WCC Rep</i>	602.866.9495	chuck@howeyconsultants.com
Larry Kamins	<i>Membership Chair</i>	480.664.1853	larryk6@cox.net
Dick Kennedy	<i>Conservation Chair</i>	623.486.1571	greyhackle@att.net
Brad Norgaard	<i>Library</i>	602.997.8047	stream2699@cox.net
Glen Knight	<i>Youth Activities</i>	602.840.6546	glen.knight@att.net
Ron Robinson	<i>Education Chair</i>	602.867.8820	robinsonrs@cox.net
Connie Sullivan	<i>Raffle Chair</i>	602-265-5162	csullivan17@cox.net
Keith Swalley	<i>Merchandise/Outings</i>	623.581.1378	ksinaz@cox.net
Karl Kish	<i>FFF Representative</i>	623.581.7337	flytyer@qwest.net
Craig Mernitz	<i>Program Chair</i>	602.739.2385	craigmernitz@remax.net
Dan Varner	<i>Newsletter</i>	623 .842.5809	danieltdtd@msn.com



**November
Program
With
Eric Swanson
Craig Mernitz**

Eric Swanson, Urban Fishing Program Manager, with the AZ Game & Fish Department, will present a program on "Sport Fishing & Fly Fishing in Our Urban Lakes." This presentation will give you the tips and techniques on fly fishing the many urban lakes in Maricopa County. You will be surprized as to the many short trip adventures you can enjoy in the Valley of the Sun! The whole family will enjoy this program! The meeting location is the Sunnyslope Community Center, 802 E Vogel, near the cross streets of Dunlap & 7th St. in Phoenix. For further information contact: Craig Mernitz, AFC Program Chariman, 602-739-2385. Meeting date is November 13th, Thursday Night, from 7-9 pm. Open to Public! Check out - our 300 Member - Outgoing Family Fly Fishing Club! More information - www.azflycasters.org

**Raffle
Riffles
Connie Sullivan**

Thank you to all the club members who graciously donate items for the monthly raffle. Items for the raffle can be new, gently used, or member made. They don't have to be fishing related. A special thank you to Larry Kamins for donating an Orvis float tube that was won at last month's meeting.

The ANNUAL RAFFLE is quickly approaching. Some items in previous raffles were : rods, reels, custom member made items, books, flies,fly tying materials, fly boxes, discount certificates, jewlery, paintings, and fishing trips. Help make this year's ANNUAL RAFFLE an outstanding event by donating an item. See Connie for additional item ideas.



**Be A Part
of this
Exciting
Opportunity
Craig Mernitz**

Want to meet and get further into fly fishing? This is your opportunity as a Member of AFC to develop programs and meet the experts in the exciting field of fly fishing. Opening on the AFC Board for a New 2009 Monthly Meeting Program Chairman! For further information on this fun opportunity, contact Craig Mernitz, AFC Program Chairman, 602-739-2385. The 2009 Season is awaiting your talent and creativity! Networking, opportunities and practical education make this position really worthwhile!

It is now **FURTHER NOTICE!** We are returning to our ancestral home in the Sunnyslope Community Center at 802 E. Vogel (map on p. 8) for all of our activities starting with our November 13 General Meeting. See you there!

Combined Calendar for 2008	November	1-5	Sat. - Wed.	San Juan Trip (Vote Early)
		13	Thursday	General Meeting
		18	Tuesday	General Education Class
		29	Saturday	Fly Casting @Steele Indian School Park
	December	6	Saturday	Dutch Oven B'Fast and Casting Games Steele Indian School Park
		11	Thursday	General Meeting
		18	Thursday	Board Meeting



One More Outing for 2008: Dutch Oven Demo @ Steele Indian School Park
Phil Wagner

This has been an interesting year for outings. We have seen snow, rain, hail and believe it or not some sunny days. I have enjoyed meeting the people that attended the outings. I would like to thank everyone who helped out at the outings. It makes my job a lot easier and I appreciated your help. I am in the process of setting up the outing schedule for 2009. If you have some inputs on the outings for next year, please send me an email at tinyphil@cox.net or stop by and see me at the next general meeting. Your inputs are always welcome.

By the time you read this the Colcord and San Juan Outings will be history. So that leaves only one more outing for this year. The last outing will be on December 6th at Steel Indian School Park. This will be a Dutch oven cooking demonstration and casting games. Breakfast at 08:00, cooking begins 06:00 if you want to see how it is done. This should be a fun time, so plan on attending. Tickets \$5.00 on sale at the November General Meeting



Annual Banquet and Raffle for 2009
 Marti Cahoon

The Annual Banquet and Raffle will be held February 22, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Tickets will go on sale at the November General Meeting (at Sunnyslope Community Center) and will be on sale through the February General Meeting.

Tickets are \$40.00 per person and your meal choices this year are: Roasted Prime Rib of Beef, Baked Halibut, Chicken Piccata, Wild Mushroom Raviolis.

Mark your calendar and bring your checkbook to the November meeting. If you have items that you are donating you can bring them to the meetings or contact Connie Sullivan, Raffle Chairman.

**Fly Tying II:
On Wings
and Tails**
Brian Mazoyer

So, you say you're having troubles with wings and tails on your dry flies. Well, have I got the class for you, on November 18th I will be teaching a fly tying class to help you with different kinds of dry fly wings from hair to parachute and also show you some different ideas for your dry fly tails. So come to Sunnyslope Community center at 7:00 pm and enjoy some fly tying. If you have questions contact me, Brian Mazoyer, at 623-566-7946.



**Honoring
Bob Hirsch**
Dick Kennedy

Last October the State lost a long time advocate for the outdoors, Bob Hirsch. During his life time, he continuously supported the use of our beautiful lands in Arizona. He constantly encouraged people to be active in the outdoors and enjoy sporting activities.

If you were in Arizona in the 60's and 70's, you probably remember Yellow Front Stores and the Bob Hirsch newsletter they published. Depending on when you joined Arizona Flycasters, you would have met Bob at meetings or activities. He was a true supporter of all the activities that involved wildlife including fly fishing. He was a special friend to our Club and all Arizonans. He cherished our State.

A group has now come up with a way to commemorate Bob. In early December, a petition will be presented to Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Commission to name the hills that create the northern boundary of the Ben Avery shooting facility in honor of Bob Hirsch. This would be a truly fitting way to memorialize his ambitious, lifelong work. His name will thus live on in the legends of our State. You might also be surprised to know that these hills are currently unnamed.

The Arizona Flycasters as a Club has stated our full support to this effort. It is only right that we offer a very small tribute to a man that did so much to support flyfishing and all outdoor activities; A man who spread the love of the outdoors to all he met and with whom he communicated.

If you wish to individually support this effort, you can email your support to wildvision@aol.com Kerry Baldwin and Steven Hirsch are coordinators of this effort. We all wish them our best in this effort.

Cabela's
WORLD'S FOREMOST OUTFITTER'S

WWW.CABELAS.COM
9380 W. GLENDALE AVE.
GLENDALE, AZ 85305
623-872-6700

**Education:
The Last
Casting
Class of
2008**

Ron Robinson

Our final casting class of 2008 will be held on Nov. 29 at Steele Indian School Park from 9 - 11 AM. As usual, we will be casting on the west side of the park with the entrance just off Central north of Indian School. We will stress the basics of flycasting with an emphasis on applications to fishing situations. Ron Robinson will have a number of "speciality" rods for all to try. They will include the new bass tournament legal Largemouth and Smallmouth rods from Sage, spey rods, a switch rod, 1, 2, 3, 10 and 12 wt. rods. In addition there will be several "different" 7 and 8 wt. rods that will give you a good idea of the effect that rod "action" and length has on your casting. These classes are always a fun event so bring the family and join in. If you have any questions give Ron a call at 602 867 8820.

Giant Sale

**for Dave
Cohen**

Ron Robinson

GIANT SALE: Dave Cohen was the president of our club for eight years. His contributions to us and the sport would fill volumes. Dave is in very poor health and is liquidating all his fishing equipment. Since Dave is not physically able to run this sale we are giving him a helping hand. We will be selling these items on two different dates and locations. The first will be Nov. 15 from 9 - 11 AM at Ron Robinson's home - 16231 N. 57 Street in Scottsdale. This is located just north/east of 56 Street and Paradise Ln. Check a map or do a search on Mapquest if you have not been there as several "turns" are required. The second sale will be at our December 6 Dutch Oven Cooking & Fly Casting Games at Steele Park starting at 8 AM. At Steele Park we can not exchange money so we will accept IOU's from club members.

Over the years Dave acquired a great deal of unique equipment. Some of these items were displayed at our October general meeting. Most will be priced about 75% - 80% of what you could find on ebay. There are a number of very nice rods and reels. Some fall into the "collector" category like the Al Ellis 8' 4 wt. rod made just for Dave. There is a copy of a limited edition of Polly Rosborough's book "Fuzzy Nymphs". There are many quality rooster necks and saddles as well as an unbelievable supply of other fly tying materials. The type and number of hooks are more than at some stores. There is a reel and extra spool we believe was hand made by Ed Adams. We have some high-end reels like Ballan, Tibor and Hardy as well as very fishable reels like Scientific Angler's System 2. You will be amazed at the original art work from Dave Whitlock. If you have questions give Ron Robinson a call at 602 867 8820. We will not make any sales before the start times given above.

**Catching
Tarpon**

**Dr Jack
Miller**

Jack Miller

The actual catch and release of a tarpon is the result of a lot of preparation and practice and experience with hook-ups and losses. To begin with, the angler must be able to comfortably handle a 10 wt. rod and line. This requires a lot of practice, practice and more practice. Long casts are not usually necessary, but accurate immediate casts with no more than one, or at most two, false casts to a distance of 60 to 70 feet. As the fish is moving, you must make the cast where the fish will be with the fly at the depth of the fish. The fly must be presented so it is moving away from the fish as tarpon are not used to bait attacking them.

Gotcha? Well, it's a lot like hooking a reader! The rest of this article will be published in our December issue, and we think you will find it both interesting and informative. The editors.

Matching
Rod and Line
to Situation
Ron Robinson

I have often encouraged members to experiment with different fly lines on their rods to see if they had a preference for a weight, design, color, finish, etc. After purchasing a new Sage Switch rod I found it beneficial to give this idea a more through trial. While it should not have been a surprise to me I was amazed at how changing lines on several of my rods gave me better performance for the task at hand.

An example of this was changes I made while fishing the San Juan using the “twitch method” that I have described in earlier news letters (see *May 2006 newsletter*). One of the keys for this technique is to get as long a cast as conditions will permit in an up-stream direction. Remember, you are using a long leader, often 12' or longer, a large indicator, a two fly rig (dubbed bunny leech and RS2) with one BB shot above the leech. This is not an easy rig to cast with “normal” equipment. My initial trials were with a DT-7-F line on this 11' 6 wt. Switch rod. The slightly heavier line loads the rod easily and carries the fly/shot/indicator adequately. My limitations seemed to be wind direction and force along with adequate back-cast room for longer casts (often over 60'). My goal was to make easy casts to + 70' and with several different rods.

Two innovations occurred in line design that I thought would really help me with this. The first was Sage introduction their “Indicator” series of lines. They are calibrated in grains rather than a single number, like 6 wt. They have a very heavy front taper that is designed to cast heavy flies while using indicators and allow easier mending. They are supplied in 230, 260, 290, and 320 grain weights. The second new line is that supplied for Sage’s Largemouth, Smallmouth and Bluegill fly rods. They are 330 gr., 290 gr., and 230 gr. respectively. They are even more radical in their front taper than the Indicator line series. A significant benefit when using these lines is that the tip sections float much better than your normal fly line. This will reduce drag at the tip of the fly line and give a better float through your target area. If you check these weights out to determine the equivalent line wt. you will think they are quite heavy. For example: 8 wt. = 210 gr., 9 wt. = 240 gr., 10 wt. = 280 gr., and 11 wt. = 330 gr. This is what gave me the wrong impression. I thought they would be just too heavy for my 6 wt. Switch rod.

I have found that my 6 wt. Switch rod will easily cast up to 290 grains with indicator/fly/shot at +70'. The same is true if I use my Sage TCR 7100 (10' 7wt.). I can come close to this distance with my TCR 695 (9 ½' 6 wt.) using the 230 and 260 grain lines. The same is true with my RPL Xi2 795 (9 ½' 7 wt.). The backcast doesn't need to be as long as a “normal” fly line as these lines “shoot” line amazing distances. This is a big help when fishing along the San Juan river in the lower sections of the Texas Hole. That is one reason I use the larger indicators so that I can see them better at these longer distances. In addition to helping with the “twitch” fishing they are just what I need for salmon and steelhead.

I hope this motivates you to try other lines on your rods to see if you can extend their use in fishing that may be giving you trouble. In addition to my example of floating lines, consider full sinking and sink tip designs. If you want to do this but don't have a supply of “other” fly lines just give me a call and we can experiment with some of mine. My number is 602 867 8820.

ORVIS

SPORTING TRADITIONS
SINCE 1856

Cinda Howard
Fishing Manager

The **ORVIS** Company
7012 E. Greenway Parkway
Scottsdale, Arizona 85254
Tel. 480 905 1400 FAX. 480 905 3898

Your Flyfishing Specialists
Serving Arizona since 1981



Guide Service • Schools • Lessons

www.azflyfishing.com
email: flyfish12@mindspring.com

480.730.6808

31 W. Baseline, Tempe, AZ 85283

SPORTSMAN'S WAREHOUSE

LOW EVERYDAY PRICES

Hunting • Fishing • Camping
Reloading • Outerwear • Footwear

Rick Godley
Fishing Manager

623.516.1400

19205 N. 27th Avenue, Phoenix
www.sportsmanswarehouse.com

FLIES BY BRIAN

HAND CRAFTED
FLIES
BY
BRIAN MAZOYER



623.566.7946
Mazbrian@cox.net

Neal's Fishing Products



We carry a wide selection of
fishing tackle, rod building
supplies and outdoor clothing.
We also offer guide service and
special orders.

480.945.6122
Neal Cissel FAX: 480.829.6122

www.nealsfishingtackle.com
email: neal@nealsfishingtackle.com

910 S. Hohokam, Suite 120, Tempe, AZ 85281



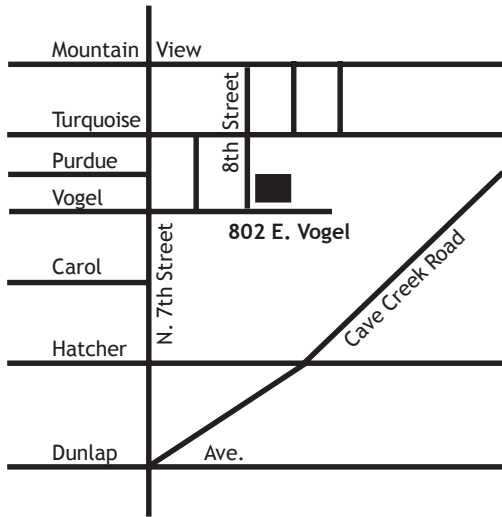
A Celebration of the Sporting Life

Specializing in
Flyfishing & Wingshooting

10050 N Scottsdale Rd Suite 101 Scottsdale, AZ 85253

480-368-9280 Fax 480-368-8915

www.desertsportsman.com



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.

The Arizona Flycasters Club newsletter is published by the Arizona Flycasters Club and is distributed to its members and advertisers. Opinions expressed in the newsletter are not necessarily those of the club. Advertisements are placed as a means of conveying the message of the advertisers. The AFC does not necessarily endorse the advertisers' products or services.

Application for Annual Membership

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Date _____ E-mail _____

Annual family membership = \$35

Send check or money order to:



Arizona Flycasters Club

P.O. Box 47357

Phoenix, AZ 85068-7357

Be an active member and volunteer for a committee.

Please indicate all those which interest you:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outings | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications |



Arizona Flycasters Club

P.O. Box 47357

Phoenix, AZ 85068-7357

<http://www.azflycasters.org>



Next Meeting:
**Sport and Fly Fishing on
 Our Urban Lakes**
 Eric Swanson
 Urban Fishing
 Program Manager,
 AZ Game and Fish
 Dept.

Thursday,
 November 13, 2008
 7:00 PM

This space reserved for your name and address.

Don't Miss Out-

Pay your 2009 dues today!