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### Arizona Flycasters—More than a fishing club!

Arizona Flycasters is a club focused on teaching the art of fly fishing and all of the skills that go into being a successful fly fisher. But this club is so much more to our members and our community than just another fishing club. I am so proud to tell the public about our club. In the past we have endowed a college scholarship, donated labor and equipment for crawfish abatement, donated funds for an aerator at Seneca lake, donated funds for the reintroduction of the Gila trout in the West Fork of Oak Creek, donated funds and labor for the reintroduction of the Apache Trout and provided labor for the removal of bull thistle along Canyon Creek. These are all great accomplishments that any club or individual can be proud of. AFC provides scholarships for two women to attend Casting for Recovery, as well as instructors and prizes for their raffle. While in Alpine recently, Darlene and I ran into a participant who attended the most recent Casting For Recovery retreat. This participant was so appreciative and excited to tell us what a difference that retreat had made in her outlook on life. She wanted us to be sure to send her thanks to the club members for their support.

### Katrina Fund

At the September meeting our membership pledged all proceeds made from the raffle would be sent to the Hurricane Katrina Fund. I am proud to announce that the raffle total was \$584.00, higher than our average raffle. The AFC board then voted to match that amount. A check for \$1168.00 has been sent to the Salvation Army for the Katrina fund. It is so rewarding to belong to a fly fishing club that chooses to respond to such a catastrophic event on the other side of our country. But really why should I be surprised when I witness the caring that occurs among the members of our club on a regular basis, in all kinds of ways! Much like our Sunshine program where we provide dish gardens to members who are faced with health challenges and could really use a lift. AFC, YOUR club, is definitely a caring club.

### Wounded Warriors

The Wounded Warriors program is for members of the military who have been wounded in Afghanistan or Iraq. Fly fishing, and the related skills are used to rehabilitate our wounded soldiers. The Federation of Fly Fishers is funding this program and has solicited donations to take the program nationwide. Arizona Flycasters has donated \$1,000.00 to this outstanding program. We look forward to the time that we will be able to participate at our local Veterans' Hospital.

Oh what a feeling! To know that this club is making a difference not only in Arizona and our state fisheries, but also in the lives of members and non-members across the country.

Tim Patterson, owner of RIGS Fly Shop and Guide Service in Ridgway, Colorado, will join us to explore some of the best trout waters in Southwest Colorado. Tim's shop is located in the Uncompahgre River Valley and he will talk to us about fishing opportunities in the area, including the Gunnison River, Uncompahgre River, Cimarron and San Miguel Rivers.

The presentation will include a video tour of regional offerings, info on float trips through the Black Canyon of the Gunnison, discussion of regional hatches, and information on seasonal fishing opportunities.

If you would like to learn more about fly fishing the rivers and streams of this beautiful part of Colorado, this is a program you won't want to miss!

-Nancy Vance

<b>Upcoming Three Month Calendar</b>	<b>October</b>	1st	Saturday	Casting Class
		1st	Saturday	Apache Trout Workday
		11th	Tuesday	Dubbing Basics
		13th	Thursday	General Meeting
		15-16	Sat-Sun	Hawley Lake
		22nd	Saturday	Seminar with Jude Duran
		29th	Saturday	Canyon Creek Workday
	<b>November</b>	5th-9th	Sat-Wed	San Juan Trip
		12th	Saturday	Casting Clinic
		17th	Thursday	General Meeting
	19th	Saturday	Swap Meet	
<b>December</b>	8th	Thursday	General Meeting	
	10th	Saturday	Salt River	

### Beginning Fly Tying

*Bill Vance*

The beginning fly tying classes are over for 2005. A special “thank you and job well done” to the members who volunteered their time and talents to make this year’s classes so successful. Participation by both tiers and helpers was at an all time high with the result being some very handsome flies tied. Thanks also to Katie Mazoyer and Johnathan Croom, two of our youngest members who did a smashing job as guest tiers

Dates for the Spring 2006 classes have not been set, but will most likely begin in February or March.

### This Month’s Outing: Hawley Lake

October 15th-16th

*Bill Vance*

If you have dreams of landing one of the huge Brown Trout or Rainbows that call Hawley and Earl Park Lakes home then don’t miss the October outing. The Browns and Bows will be cruising the shoreline just waiting for your perfectly presented fly. Fall is the magic time to fool one of these White Mountain bruisers and a wonderful time to enjoy the change of seasons. Don’t miss this outing!

The dates are October 15th and 16th. We will be camping at the Hawley Lake campground. Take 473 south from 260 to the lake and look for the AFC

signs to our camp spot. Also, don’t forget to buy your fishing and camping permits at one of the vendors in Show Low, Pinetop or Hondah as the Hawley Lake store will be closed for the season. Be aware that a special daily permit costing \$10 is required to fish Earl Park Lake.

Pot luck will be at 3pm on Saturday as usual and Bill and Nancy Vance will be the camp hosts. Plan now to attend or you may miss the best fishing of the year. For more information, phone Bill Vance at (602) 992-1434 or E-mail [bnv37@cox.net](mailto:bnv37@cox.net).



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**Fly Fishing Seminar with Jude Duran**

October 22nd

Jude Duran, wading guide on the San Juan River, will conduct “on the water” instruction and fly tying demonstrations to prepare club members for fishing moving water. The seminar will include a casting clinic for fishing with 2 flies, weight and an indicator; mending techniques; sight fishing; and dry fly presentation. Also included will be information on the strongest knots, equipment selection and rigging.

This class will help all of us improve our moving water skills but will be especially timely for those club members planning to attend the November San Juan Outing!

*This seminar is available to members only*, so if you really want to attend, all you have to do is join our club for \$30.00 for 2005-2006, and you will be able to take advantage of this special opportunity to learn from an expert.

We will be providing lunch at a cost of \$5.00 per person. We will also provide water and soda for all who attend. Please bring a chair to sit in for breaks and lunch. Be sure to sign up with Nancy Vance at the general meeting or call her at 602-992-1434, so we’ll know how much food we will need.

The event will be held Saturday, October 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Granada Park, 6505 N. 20th Street, Phoenix. Bring your rod along if you have one, if not, the club will provide.

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**Education Committee News**

Ron Robinson

robinsonrs@cox.net

**Dubbing Basics** - Oct. 11 at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM.

We will cover selecting and preparing dubbing to meet the fishing needs of the flies you are tying. We will show how to “customize” dubbing and let you try it yourselves. There will be a great deal of natural dubbing materials for the students to take home for their collection. We will cover both basic and rather advanced techniques and demonstrate some of the different types of dubbing aids. We ask that you bring your own supply of zip-lock bags to store that dubbing you will generate. We won’t be tying any specific flies but if you want to see how easy or difficult a specific blend is to use you should bring your own vice, threat, bobbin, etc. If you have any questions give Ron Robinson a call at 602 867 8820. See you there.

**Casting Clinic** - Using a haul to help your casting - Nov. 12 at Granada Park

This class will go from 9 - 11 AM and will cover the basics of hauling. We will cover how to use this technique to accomplish more than just increased distance. We will also supply basic instruction for those of you that are just getting started in this fun sport. Remember, Granada Park is located at the north east corner of 20 th Street and Maryland. We will be at the upper pond. Call Ron Robinson at 602 867 8820 with any questions.

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**Welcome and Sunshine Committee**

Charley Greene

Everyone on the Board of Arizona Flycasters wants to encourage each member to use the updated Website: [azflycasters.org](http://azflycasters.org) It is there so you can learn about the many meetings, educational and outing opportunities that the club offers. With such a variety of activities, your participation would be appreciated.

Be sure to come by the Welcome Table to introduce new guests and have them receive the latest monthly newsletter. And remember to wear the NEW name badges to all meeting and functions. Finally, please let me know of members who have experienced illnesses resulting in hospitalizations or need a call of encouragement.

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**MONTHLY RAFFLE**

The majority of items on the table for the Monthly Raffle are donated by members. Some items are new, some slightly used. I will accept whatever you bring to the table for the raffle. Especially popular with members are books and flies. Donating is a good way to get rid of those items you never seem to get to use. Don’t forget, anything is appropriate, even if it is not directly fly fishing related. Also, donors earn Ed Adams points. Instead of throwing it away or letting it clutter and collect dust, bring it to the raffle table!

-Bob Rudzinski

**Welcome New Members!**

Wes Keyes  
Phoenix

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Phoenix

**San Juan River**  
November 5th- 9th

See Ken Steele

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## Conservation News

*Dick Kennedy*

Do you want a little work in the forest? Here might be your chance to step up and make things happen. The Canyon Creek Riparian Project has just taken a big step forward. Over the past few months, logging trucks have been in the area harvesting the burned trees and now the initial stage of the containment structures are being constructed. Bull thistle is ready to become airborne: harvest time is here.

The Board has indicated the October 29<sup>th</sup> weekend would be available to see if we can assist the forest department with a work day. The proposal is to camp just off the Young road (I suspect they mean the Colcord Campground) and begin work on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 8 A.M. and work till about 3 P.M. with a lunch break. Fishing would be able to be done in the evening hours and potentially some work on Sunday.

They are looking for about 25 volunteers who would assist in removing old fencing materials and assist in bull thistle removal. The old fence has to be rolled and transported to trucks and hauled out to a collection site.

There may be a second work weekend later in November. Last year, snow came in early November and thus ended the opportunity for a second work party but who knows, winter may come later this year and a second work day may be available.

Unfortunately, I will most likely not be able to join you for this effort on the 29<sup>th</sup> and I am looking for some volunteers to lead our trusty members on this expedition. I will be collecting names at the Club meeting and by email or phone.

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## Hints to Improve Your Casting

*Dr. Jack Miller*

I see some guest fly fishers on TV programs that are not really adept at casting. Even if you aren't going to be on television, if you follow these suggestions you will not only look better, but your ability will improve considerably.

First and foremost, to be a good caster you need to practice. Not on your fishing trip, but at home where you can concentrate on what you are doing to make a good cast. You don't need water; your yard or neighborhood park will be fine.

Now that you want to improve your casting, as you practice, make an effort to do the following:

1. Don't use your body to cast, body English doesn't help to load the rod. The only thing that happens with body movement is more energy expended and increased fatigue.
2. Don't reach forward at the end of the cast or over your head during the cast. This also requires you to use more energy and again it doesn't help load the rod. If you need that extra two foot longer cast, don't make it happen by reaching. Keep your elbow below your shoulder.
3. Don't try to get extra distance by trying to "Kill It". If you need extra distance on a cast, either learn to double haul or move closer. Try to maintain a smooth motion both backward and forward and push with the thumb. If you watch your line as it unrolls forward and it has waves in it, you have shocked the rod in your forward motion; this will reduce your distance.
4. Don't strip the line in too close; you need at least 15-20 feet to flex the rod. If you strip in closer than that you will need to roll cast to extend the line to load the rod.
5. Don't be afraid to look at your rod as you are practicing to see if you are throwing the line up and back or down to the ground. You will have plenty of time to aim your forward cast.

These few do's and don'ts will greatly improve your casting and allow you to fish with less physical motion and fatigue. Most important of all is to practice - just 10 to 20 minutes a day, a few times a week. Very few casters are good without practice.

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## People Get Ready:

### Get on Board for AFC Swap Meet

Do you have fly fishing equipment you no longer want, use, or need? Are you looking to add to your fly-fishing arsenal or looking for hidden treasures? Then the AFC Fly-Fishing Swap Meet and Hamburger Fry is for you! This is a great chance for you to clean out your closet, and gives you a chance to add to your equipment.

Here is what you need to do, sign up with a \$5.00 deposit (you will be given raffle tickets for some great prizes) and bring whatever you have to sell along with a table to display it on to the park. The swap meet will take place at Mckellips Park in Scottsdale at Ramada #3 from 10:00 - 3:00 pm on Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>.

We will be taking sign-ups at the October and the November meetings, so be sure to sign-up with your \$5.00 per person. We're also going to do our pot luck a little different: Bring dessert!!

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## Annual Raffle:

### Calling All Members!!!

*Bob Rudzinski*

We need your help! All of those wonderful raffle items you see at the Annual Banquet don't just materialize out of thin air. Members contribute the majority of them by building, sewing, knitting, tying, creating, purchasing, etc. Begin thinking of what you can contribute. Feel free to give me a call for ideas. Three members have already stepped forward with raffle items. We are on our way but have a long way to go!

Donations don't have to be exclusively fly fishing related. Gift certificates to Hair Dressers, Barbers, Sporting Goods stores, Fly Shops, restaurants, a day of guided fishing, tickets to the Suns or Cardinals, etc. etc. are also popular items. Use your imagination. You may have more to offer than you think. A donation in years past was the painting of a room by a member who is a professional painter. There were a lot of tickets in that cup. Get your donations to Bob Rudzinski 602-980-3538 as soon as you can.

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We also need your help making phone calls to fly fishing related businesses throughout the country asking for raffle items. Several members have already volunteered to help, but we need more members to be involved. It is a good time to "pay back" for everything you get from the club. Call Bob Rudzinski 602-980-3538 if you are interested in helping.

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## Woods Canyon Trip Report

*Bill Vance*

Wonderfully cool weather was a welcome respite from the Valley's sweltering heat for the 40 AFC and Dame Juliana members who attended the Woods Canyon Lake outing. The fishing was a hit or miss to those who took to the water. The pot luck, however, was only a hit. Great food and good times! We especially enjoyed the eleven DJA ladies who joined us this outing. Thanks for attending and know the welcome mat is always out. Thanks also to the Cothrans who graciously hosted this outing, as well as providing the delicious chicken casserole. Tasty!

Nancy Vance had the hot hand with the fly rod and landed more than 20 rainbows on Saturday. The water temperature was 63 degrees and a sink tip line seemed to be best. The trout were hitting stillwater nymphs, peacock callibaetis, as well as sunrise specials.

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## Upcoming AFC Board Openings

Ok, so you're a member of a great fly fishing club and you're thinking to yourself you'd like to become more involved in your club. Here is your big chance; we are looking for eager volunteers just like you to fill two board positions that will come open next year: Vice President and Membership Chair.

Briefly, the Vice President fills in for the President when necessary, and should also be available to help with special projects as needed. The Membership Chair maintains our computer database of current members, dues paid, and Ed Adams points. Board meetings are held monthly the Thursday following the General Meeting.

Interested? Please contact Brian Mazoyer (623-566-7946), Tom Herman (602-862-9653) or any board member (*see page 6*) by October 13<sup>th</sup> for details and more information.

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## Federation News

*Dario Travaini*  
FFF Representative

I am pleased to advise you that the AFC Board of Directors approved a \$1,000 contribution to the Federation's 'Wounded Warrior' program. As directed, these funds will be specifically allocated to provide rehabilitation for wounded men and women who need help with manual dexterity utilizing fly tying and fly fishing for those with upper body needs. The program is currently being piloted at Walter Reed hospital and should be ready for export across the country this winter. Be assured that AFC members will be first in line to participate at the local level.

FFF Guide Association

When we are interested in booking guide service most of us make our selection based on word of mouth recommendations. If we plan on traveling to a remote location, a recommendation may be available from our local fly shop or we might be able to find what we are looking for in a fly fishing magazine. FFF is developing what may turn out to be a better approach. Try accessing their web page at [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org). Click on 'Guides & Fishing Partners' then click on 'Search for Guides Using a Map'. Let's say we want to fish Lees Ferry. Follow the links to Arizona. You will find a match for 'Lees Ferry Anglers Guides and Rentals'. Page down and view the information you would need regarding their service, the fishery, references and site pictures. It's really cool stuff. Try it. I believe you will like it.

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**Fishing  
Reports:**

**The Sierras**

*Doug Benford*

I recently returned from 5 days of fishing the eastern side of the Sierras. The scenery was remarkable. We stayed at June Lake, about 140 mi. southwest of Reno, Nevada. The highlight of the trip was traveling to Saddlebag Lake, which rests at over 10,000 ft. We took the water taxi to the end of the lake and then hiked into the Twenty Lake Basin.

This is the land of perpetual snow. The lakes were crystal clear and very cold, at an elevation near 11,000 ft. We also fished the lakes on Bishop Creek just outside of Bishop California. We caught rainbows in the range of 19" and 3 lbs. What a thrill in a float tube! No matter which way you turned there was a new place to fish...water was everywhere. I am definitely going back.

**The San Juan**

*Ron Robinson*

**Fishing With Friends At The San Juan**

It's 400 miles from my house to room 52 at Abe's Motel on the San Juan. This trip seemed to go in a flash because Ed Rife and I had an almost unending conversation about "things". Long conversations between men are unusual but when you combine friendship along with fishing all bets are off. We traveled on Sunday to avoid the Saturday crowds. We met Steve Stevens, now living in Texas, for 3 1/2 days of fishing. Steve is making custom guitars of rare beauty. (Check out his web site at [www.stephenstevensguitars.com](http://www.stephenstevensguitars.com) to see some of his recent creations.)

We fished Sunday from 5 PM to dark with rain a constant threat. While the fishing was slow we managed to catch several nice rainbows in the 17" range. The flow had been adjusted to 660 cfs and was quite clear. This made sight fishing on Monday a lot of fun. We fished above the Texas hole in the morning and below after a great afternoon nap. I caught fish on a number of flies but a gray RS2 was a constant producer.

I tried the Lower Flats on Tuesday morning hoping to see some improvement after the high flows of spring. While it was better than last fall it was still very slow fishing. Fishing below the Texas hole in the afternoon produced some nice fish for all of us. On Wednesday Steve and I took a float trip with Bear Goode of Float'N Fish. Ed took a shot at the main river below the Upper Flats. Steve and I caught lots of fish all day on a number of flies but most on the gray RS2 size 18. Ed got some exciting leech fishing and was able to catch some very nice fish from the fast water section.

The ride home was also enjoyable because Ed and I were planning our next trip. We came up with a number of ways to fool the bigger fish. I hope we remember them. I am going back in September with Tim O'Brien. Perhaps we will see you there.

*Do you have a fishing report you'd like to share? Reel Lines welcomes your submissions!*

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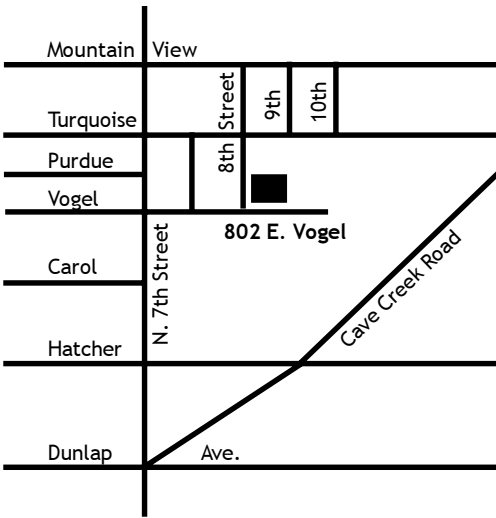
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