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Next Meeting:  
**San Diego Saltwater  
Sampler**  
with  
**Captain Peter Piconi**

Thursday,  
October 12th  
7:00 PM

### President's Riffles

Brian Mazoyer Mazbrian@cox.net

If you weren't at the last meeting you missed a very exciting presentation. Your club has finalized its commitment to giving the Eugene "Chick" Scott Memorial Scholarship a new home with Northern Arizona University. Linn Montgomery came down from NAU to not only present a program about NAU and the Biological Sciences program but he also brought down the paperwork for us to officially transfer the scholarship to NAU. This scholarship will be awarded annually to either a junior or senior student to support the study of fishes, fisheries, or fish habitat and conservation.

For those newer members who don't know who Chick Scott was, he was a very active member of this club. A gifted and artistic fly tier and coordinator of the club's fly tying classes, he introduced many members (myself included) to fly tying. Chick passed away several years ago and a scholarship was started in his honor with another educational institution, but after that institution dropped its fisheries program we found ourselves looking for a new home and NAU will be the scholarship's new home.

While I am on the subject of the last meeting- many of you may have been asked to have your picture taken and be added to the computer database at the community center. I have spoken with Frank Ray who is the director of the center about the city registration cards and he explained that they are a "bean counting" measure to allow the center and the city of Phoenix to track how much use the center gets. So, I need your cooperation. Stop off at the front desk and give the receptionist the information she or he needs and have your smiling picture taken to get the ID card so that we can keep our good status here at the Sunnyslope Community Center.

If you have been attending classes, outings or any other club functions and you been taking pictures please e-mail some of them to me at the address above or even to the club newsletter editors Marion Tallon and Donna Walkuski so they can be used in the newsletter or shown at the monthly meetings.

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

San Diego is known as "America's Finest City", and what would America's finest city be without fly fishing? Fifteen years ago, Peter Piconi realized he did not have to travel to the Sierra's or the Rockies to find a great fishery - he could walk out his back door to one of Southern California's best kept secrets - saltwater fly fishing!

Peter is one of fly fishing's most sought after experts and has been featured on Mighty1090 AM's "Let's Talk Hook Up", OLN's "Reel Outdoors" and spotlighted in fly fishing instructional videos. He is also an accomplished photographer and journalist. Publications include: Saltwater Fly Fishing and Southwest Fly Fishing.

Two hundred days out of the year, you'll find Capt. Peter Piconi leading anglers to corbina, halibut, yellowfin, bass, bonefish, barracuda, bonito, yellowtail, white sea bass and dorado. Along with guiding on San Diego Bay, he instructs casting clinics, fly tying classes, surf schools, and leads trips to British Columbia, South America, Baja, Alaska, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and anywhere else fish are biting.

Peter is a graduate of Humbolt State University, where he earned his degree in Wildlife Management. He has worked as a biologist in California, Idaho and Alaska.

Peter invites you to join him in exploring San Diego's saltwater - Fly Fish San Diego!

-Nancy Vance

**Upcoming  
Three Month  
Calendar**

October	10th	Tuesday	Intermediate Fly Tying
	12th	Thursday	General Meeting
	16-18	Mon-Wed	Net Building Classes
	21-22	Sat - Sun	Hawley Lake Outing
November	6th	Monday	San Juan Pre-trip Meeting
	9th	Thursday	General Meeting
	11-15	Sat - Wed	San Juan River
December	9th	Saturday	Local Outing TBD
	12th	Thursday	General Meeting

**Federation  
News**

*Dario Travaini  
FFF Representative*

**Teaching Fly Fishing as Therapy:**

**AFC's Involvement in the Federation's Healing Waters Program**

The Ambulatory Care Unit located in the Carl Hayden V.A. Medical Center oversees a 'Virtual Clinic' consisting of 2,000 plus OIF/OEF (Iraqi Freedom Conflict/Afghanistani Freedom Conflict) veterans discharged from the military and in need of support. The Arizona Flycasters Club has 15 volunteers committed to providing this support using the fly-fishing Art as a therapeutic approach similar to 'Casting for Recovery'. This program is in its planning stage and is scheduled to begin in late October. The initial program will involve a couple of fly tying stations, a display of fly-fishing tackle and a slide show depicting what we do and how we do it.

We are not sure just how many attendees will come to the initial program but our previous experience suggests that the number of participants will grow in number over time. The AFC Board of Directors is in strong support of Healing Waters and I will periodically report its progress to you.

Our opening remarks to the veterans will be "Thank you for serving." I would also like to say "Thank you for serving" to our AFC volunteers.

**Annual Raffle**

*Bob Rudzinski*

*Editor's Note: Bob's column from last month is so darn important that it bears repeating.*

*Here it is again...*

Believe it or not, it is already time to begin thinking about the Annual Banquet and Raffle. All members are invited to contribute a raffle item: home-made, hand-crafted or one that is purchased. If you are going to "make" something, it is not too early to get started. Some of the most popular items at the Annual Raffle are those made by our talented members. Contact me for ideas (Bob Rudzinski: 602-980-3538).

If you have joined the club since February and have not attended an Annual Banquet, you are in for a treat. It is also a way to contribute and pay back for all the club has given to you. Stay tuned for more information in future newsletters and at the monthly meetings.

*and more ...*

It is time to once more step up and contribute. We 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. The more help we get, the fewer calls each of us have to make. Give back to the club that has given so much to you. Call Bob Rudzinski 602-980-3538 if you are interested in helping.

**A Warm  
Welcome to our  
Newest  
Members:**

John, Wendy, Sarah, Christa, Anna, David and Maren Abbott  
Phoenix

Linda Alkove  
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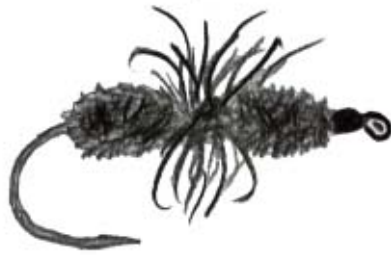
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## Terrestrials

*Text and  
Illustrations by  
Jerry Hobbs*

*Last in a series*

*“Trout will sometimes gently sip them, but in my experience, they more often hammer them on the surface, so be ready.”*



*Black ant*

In the latest edition of the TU magazine Trout, Dave Whitlock wrote an article called “Terrestrial Insects- Part I.” Much of this article will be based on his work. I had planned to write on this topic anyway, and Whitlock’s article is extremely well done. If you can get a copy of the Summer, 2006 and subsequent issues of Trout, read the unabridged article(s) for yourself.

Terrestrials are insects which are not aquatic, but end up by accident (such as wind) in the water, where they end up drowning and becoming lunch for fish.

Immature terrestrials generally don’t end up in the water, so fly fishers and fly tiers concern themselves mainly with the adult forms: ants, beetles, grasshoppers, crickets, bees, moths, and spiders, among others.



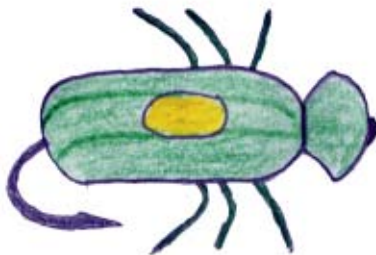
*Dave's hopper*

Trout habitats generally feature cold winters and terrestrials take a little time to mature in the spring, so the best time to fish terrestrials is July, August, September, and October. This is when many aquatic insect hatches have slowed down anyway, so trout begin keying on the terrestrials.

Fish your terrestrial imitation on the surface, since most will float for a time, before drowning. Trout will sometimes gently sip them, but in my experience, they more often *hammer* them on the surface, so be ready. Fishing them subsurface can also be effective.

I particularly like ant, grasshopper, and beetle imitations, and all 3 are easy to tie and fun to fish. I do as Dave Whitlock suggests and keep a box containing only terrestrials for fun late in the summer. I like his suggestion of adding a little color to the top of the pattern so that you can see it better. It’s hard to spot a #16 or #18 black or brown ant without this colorful tag.

Use a little bright colored paint on the back of your foam beetle or ant, or add some colored yarn



*Foam beetle*

to the top of your pattern. Whitlock assures us that the extra color does not detract from the effectiveness. On the contrary, Whitlock feels that the color seems to make the pattern more attractive to the trout.

For a grasshopper I like Dave Whitlock’s pattern, simply called Dave’s hopper. Beetles are tied using closed cell foam, just called a foam beetle, in black, brown, or green, and ants can be tied using yarn of the appropriate color (red, black or rust).

Some of my best times have been spent on the Black River near Alpine, with one of these terrestrials, trying to entice an Apache or brown trout to hit and provide me with a little excitement. Try it- you’ll like it!

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**Education  
Committee  
News**

*Ron Robinson*

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**What's new in fly lines and leaders: Tuesday, October 10th**

The crew at Desert Sportsman will present a review of the latest innovations in fly lines and leaders at the Sunnyslope Community Center on Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 7 - 9 PM. This is a class that all members will find informative and of value when considering expanding their fly fishing arsenal. There are many new fly lines designed to meet specific conditions unique to our sport. For example, there are fly lines designed to handle very hot fishing conditions and others that will buck the bitter cold. There are lines with all types of sinking sections and some are very useful for fishing our lakes. There are lines that make casting longer distances possible while others add to a stealthy presentation. Some are more forgiving for beginning casters while others are for more advanced casting. What's best for you? Come to the meeting and you may find just what you have been looking for. See you there.

**Net Building Class: October 16-18th**

The first beginning net building class will be given at Apollo High School on Oct. 16, 17, and 18. The class can accept 24 students. The final sign-up will be at the Oct. 12 general meeting. Ron Rosenlof will have the class sign-up sheet and will answer any questions you may have. We are giving preference to any member that has not taken a previous class. The class has a \$15 charge to cover the cost of materials including a net bag. Additional net classes will be given however the dates have yet to be determined. Stay tuned!

**Casting Class: Saturday, November 4th**

There will be a casting class on Nov. 4 at Granada Park from 9 - 11 AM. We will include the casting of tackle simulating what we will be using at the San Juan. This will include indicators, split shot and two fly rigs. As always we will give basic instruction on fly casting. The club will have equipment available to all those in need. If you have any questions contact Ron Robinson at 602 867 8820.

**San Juan Pre-trip Meeting: Monday, November 6th**

We will have a pre-trip meeting for the San Juan River trip at the Sunnyslope Community Center on Nov. 6 from 7 - 9 PM. We will have information on room assignments, bus schedules, equipment needs, maps of the river, some basic fishing strategies and safety considerations. This is always a fun meeting and I am sure some stories will be told about previous trips. Some may even be true. Hope to see you there.

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**Conservation  
News**

*Dick Kennedy*

There still might be time for you to let your views be known to the Arizona Game and Fish Department regarding the proposed fishing regulation changes for 2007-2008. If you haven't let your views be known you can email them to [fishaz@azgfd.gov](mailto:fishaz@azgfd.gov) You can also send them to Arizona Game and Fish Department, Commission Order 40, Fisheries Branch, 2221 West Greenway Road, Phoenix, AZ 85023-4399.

Two of the rules will have a major impact on fishing at Becker Lake and Canyon Creek. You can access more information about these rules at the Arizona Game and Fish website: [www.gf.state.az.us](http://www.gf.state.az.us). Search on Commission Order 40 2007-08 and you will go to a page of wildlife news. About half way down the page you will see the summary of the proposed regulations. Copy this line into your browser to go directly to the article [http://www.azgfd.gov/artman/publish/article\\_601.shtml](http://www.azgfd.gov/artman/publish/article_601.shtml)

One rule would allow the taking of two rainbow trout from the current catch and release area at Canyon Creek below OW Bridge. This is an area that members of this Club, Desert Flycasters and many others have worked on for over twenty-five years to create the fishery and catch and release conditions. *[Editor's Note: see next page for late-breaking news regarding Canyon Creek]*

The other rule would change Becker Lake to artificial lure and fly only with barbless hooks and a two trout limit. The proposal is aimed at reducing the "take" from the lake which would allow the fish to grow larger.

If you have an opinion regarding these two issues or others, let them be known. This is your opportunity to speak up.

## This Month's Outing: Hawley Lake

October 21st - 22nd

*Roger Cahoon*

Finally fall has arrived and it's the perfect time to experience White Mountain fishing at its best. Brown and Rainbow trout begin cruising the shoreline giving you the opportunity to land a trophy fish. This month's outing will afford you a chance to do just that, as we will be going to Hawley Lake October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> or you may want try Earl Park Lake located adjacent to Hawley Lake. Either way, you're sure to be rewarded.

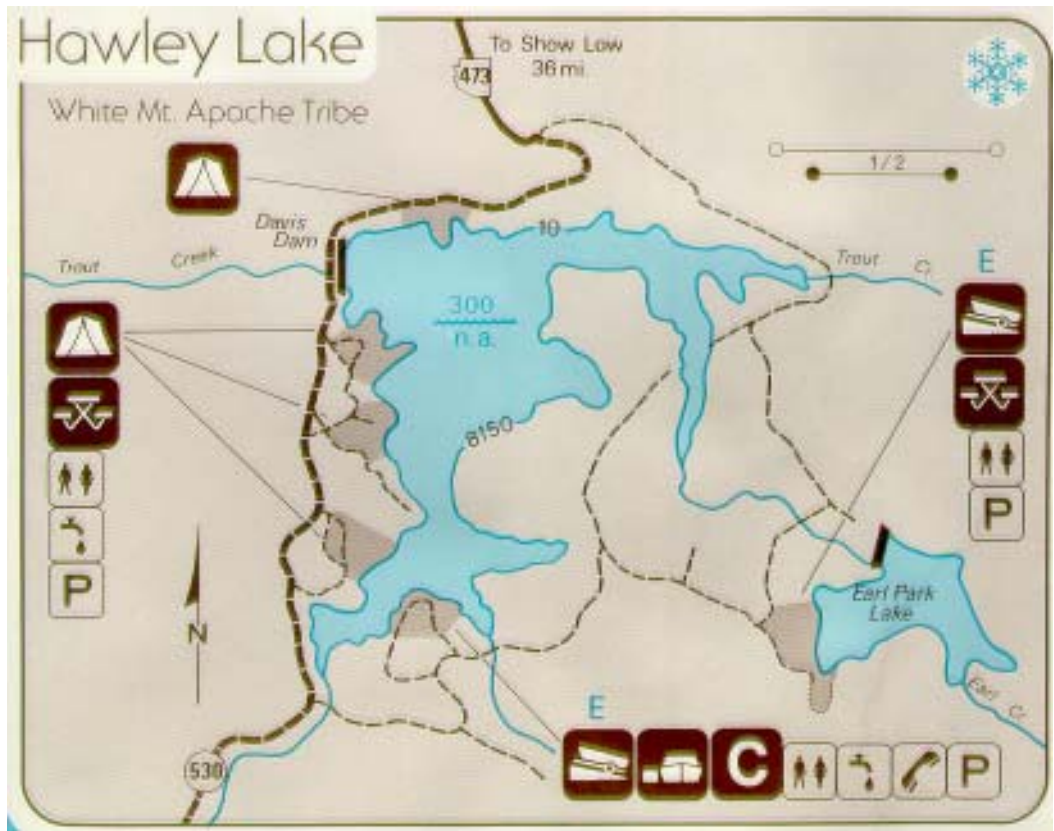
We will be staying at the Hawley Lake campground. To get there take Highway 260 East out of Hon-Dah to 473. Turn south on 473, which will take you to the lake and watch for the A.F.C. signs to our campsite. The Hawley Lake store will be closed so you will need to stop and buy your fishing and camping permits at one of the vendors in Show Low, Pinetop or Hon-Dah. If you plan on fishing Earl Park Lake be aware that it requires a special daily use permit.

The potluck will be at 3:00pm Saturday. Roger and Marti Cahoon will be the camp hosts. You don't want to miss this outing! Remember the temperatures will be chilly, the fall color will be vibrant and the fishing some of the best of the year. Plan now on attending. We look forward to seeing you there.

### September's Woods Canyon Lake Outing

We had a good turn out at the Woods Canyon Outing. About 14 over-nighters and 27 members joined us at the potluck.

Fishing was bountiful, we had good weather, and were visited by 9 elk in our camp!



AFC received the following update regarding Canyon Creek just before press time:

*September 27, 2006*

“As part of our continued internal and public review of our proposals for Commission Order 40, the Department has decided to table its proposal for allowing a two fish bag limit on lower Canyon Creek this year. Alternatively, the Department will collect pertinent data on the fishery (including use) and habitat over the next two years in order to bring back a proposal or proposals for Canyon Creek during the next regular commission regulation cycle 2009/2010. The Department believes that the proposal has merit, but wants to collect and assess additional data from which to base an objective recommendation.”

Jim Warnecke  
Region VI Fish Program Manager  
Arizona Game and Fish Department

While this is a temporary stay for the waters of Canyon Creek, the controversy is not over.

### Canyon Creek Proposal Tabled

*Dick Kennedy*

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Credit: Dr. George Gannon

AFC takes over Granada Park's upper pond during last month's casting clinic.

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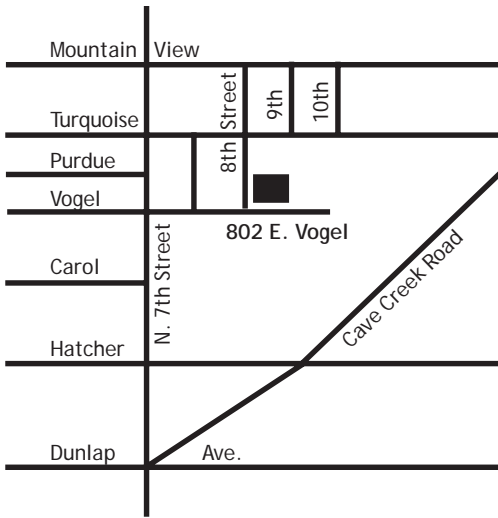
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