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I have just returned from Bozeman, Montana where I had the great opportunity to fish both the Yellowstone and Madison Rivers. The scenery in this part of the country is unbelievable this time of year, with the snow just beginning to fly on the high mountain peaks and the valley is a crisp golden color. The contrast between the two as the sun strikes both at the same time is spectacular. Now imagine combining this scenery floating down one of these two famous rivers catching wild Brown and Rainbow trout that are equally as vivid as their surroundings. You will understand when I say, this was a fishing trip I will not soon forget. I impart my experience to you for a reason; it has been the many educational opportunities that our club has provided as well as the exchange of ideas and techniques with the membership that gave me the fly fishing skills and confidence which in turn contributed to making my trip such a success. I encourage you to take advantage of all our club has to offer. You will be rewarded with the knowledge and skills that will make your own trip memorable.

We have our own vivid colors right here in Arizona that you can experience for yourself. The end of October marks fall in the White Mountains. This is a time when the Aspens turn bright golden in color and the trout start to spawn. October's Hawley Lake outing to be held October 22nd and 23rd, affords you the opportunity to not only experience fall in Arizona but possibly the chance to catch a trophy trout. Plan on attending. I would also like to remind you at this month's General Meeting will be your **last chance** to sign up for the San Juan River trip that will take place November 5th through the 9th. This is one of the premier trips of the year and I encourage you to attend.

We have a number of educational classes that will help you improve your fly fishing skills not only for the upcoming San Juan trip but for your skill set in general. The first class will be held October 11th. This class will cover flies members use on the San Juan and other similar tail waters. This will be followed by a casting class to be held on the 15th at Steele Indian School Park, and wrapping up the month will be the Pre San Juan trip class which will cover everything you need to know about fishing the San Juan River whether you're attending the outing or venturing out on your own.

As I mentioned I have gained a wealth of information from fellow member that have contributed to my fly fishing skills and now you have the opportunity to pass on your knowledge as well. We have two youth events coming up that we need your help on. The first will be October 29th when we will be hosting a Boy Scouts Fly Fishing Merit Badge event at Granada Park. If you'd like to help please contact our Youth Activities Chairman, Glen Knight. The next event will be the Youth Fish Camp to be held November 12th. This is a free event for youth 8 to 18 years of age. Let your family members and friends know, applications are available at www.azflycasters.org

You can bet there is something for everybody whether you're new to fly fishing or have years of experience. Come join us, learn something new to enhance your experience or pass on your knowledge to someone else.

Tight lines
Roger



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**October
Meeting
"Belize"**
*Featuring
Kyle Bourassa*

Come and enjoy an informative program presented by Kyle Bourassa, Travel Director for Desert Sportsman Flyfishing Shop. Kyle will be talking about fishing Turneffe atoll, Belize. Turneffe atoll is the second largest barrier reef system in the world and offers the angler the opportunity of catching Bonefish, Tarpon, and Permit and fulfilling the dreams of many anglers in successfully obtaining the elusive saltwater grand slam!

Fish Fry, Dutch Oven Cooking & Casting Games

Fish Fry
December 3rd

Saturday December 3, 2011 @ 9am

Steele Indian School Park

\$5:00 per person

Bring your friends, relatives and future members

Tickets must be purchased in advance

Buy your ticket at the October General Meeting

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*Personalized
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Master Tyer
Brian Mazoyer*

How would you like to enjoy four hours of personalized fly tying with Brian Mazoyer? What a great way to learn from a master. Brian has even indicated that the winner those four hours can help decide what to tie and what techniques would be helpful to learn during the individual instruction.

In order to raise money for the Northern Arizona University Scholarship Fund, AFC is conducting a raffle and the winner will receive this fantastic opportunity. Tickets will be available from now till the Annual Banquet in February at a cost of \$5.00 each. All funds raised will go to the Scholarship Fund and receipts for tax purposes will be given to each donating individual. Direct donations will also be accepted.

Dick Kennedy will coordinate the fund raising and can be contacted at 623-670-2950, email at greyhackle@att.net or at meetings. He will have raffle tickets and receipts available. Decide now to buy tickets each month and increase your chances of winning and the amount of your donation.

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)

October	11 th	General Education Class
	13 th	General Meeting (SSCC)
	15 th	Casting Class
	18 th	San Juan Pre Trip Meeting
	20 th	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	21 st - 23 rd	Hawley Lake Outing
November	5 th -9 th	San Juan Trip
	10 th	General Meeting (SSCC)
	15 th	General Education Class
	17 th	Board Meeting (SSCC)
	19 th	Casting Class
December	3 rd	Casting Games/Fish fry/Dutch Oven
	8 th	General Meeting (SSCC)
	13 th	General Education Class
	15 th	Board Meeting (SSCC)

Conservation News
Gary Stinson
Conservation Chair

Mining uranium in the Grand Canyon in Arizona and the mining at the Pebble Mine in Alaska. What do these both have in common? The majority of the citizenry in both states are against the operations, both are owned by non-U.S. interests, neither provide very many jobs, and both are capable of very serious environmental disaster possibilities affecting waterways.

What else do they have in common? Both have a very good chance of moving forward despite the foregoing common downside issues because of the likelihood of permits being issued. The owner interests are spending heavily to influence an outcome they want and gaining ground. If you have a position on these issues, make it known. Tell your federal and state representatives what you want to happen.

E-mail me at Gary@T-fdn.net.



Fly Fishing
Merit Badge
Glen Knight
Youth Activities

We are anticipating a full class of 30 Scouts for the Fly Fishing Merit Badge class on October 29 at Granada Park starting at 9:00 A.M. We still need volunteers for fly tying, casting and knots/safety/equipment and matching the hatch. The Scouts will be divided into groups of 10 and rotated through the three areas. At the end, they will have an opportunity to try to catch a fish on the flies they have tied.

It is a fun experience for both the Scouts and volunteers. You don't have to be an expert in any of these areas to participate. If you are interested, please let me know at glen.knight@att.net

Thanks,
Glen

Education
Ron Robinson
Education Chair

Education Activities:

Tying San Juan Flies - On Oct. 11 we will have a special fly tying class at which time we will teach eight different flies that have proven to be very effective at catching big trout on our Nov. club trip in past years. The class will be at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. We will have five club instructors teaching these flies. The club will supply all the materials required. If you don't have your own equipment the club will have their student tying kits available. Like our other fly tying classes, there is no charge for this class. With only two hours of tying time available you will not be able to tie all eight flies so you will have to select those that interest you the most. We will be teaching midge larva, midge pupa, midge emerger, midge clusters, may fly emerger, bunny leech, Semi Seal leech and foam dry flies. If you have any questions give Ron Robinson a call at 602 867 8820.

Fly Casting Class - On Oct. 15 we will have our second class of the fall. The class will be at Steele Indian School Park from 9 - 11 AM. The park is at Central and Indian School Rd. A map can be found on our web page. In addition to basic instruction we will have more advanced instruction on casting when the weather is rough. This will likely be the situation during our club trip to the San Juan in November so you should be ready for whatever we are dealt. October can still be hot so be sure to bring water, sun screen, and a chair for resting in the shade. If you have questions give Ron Robinson a call at 602 867 8820.

A big thank you to all those instructing at our Basic Fly Tying class and our casting clinic. It's those "helping hands" that add real value to our club activities. I hope all of you will lend our club a helping hand soon.



Raffle Ruffles
Jim Schultz
Raffle Chair

As your new raffle chairman, let me start out by saying **thank you** for the warm reception at September's membership meeting and for buying all those tickets.

Starting this month and every month thereafter you will be able to get an idea as to some of the items we will have in the raffle. It will be impossible to list all of the items because this article is turned in to our editor 3 weeks prior to the next month's meeting.

Having said that, here is a partial list for October's meeting: **Custom made wooden fly line winder** made & donated by Jon Wallace, **Ozark Trail Pocket Knife** donated by Dick Nowiki, **1 dozen trout flies** tied & donated by Sam Chapman, **Vehicle Emergency kit** includes jumpers, portable air compressor, various tools, flashlight, first aid kit comes in its own heavy duty bag donated by Larry Kamins, **Cabela's 35 piece assorted trout flies**, a really neat **pocket size fly fishing reference book** that covers everything from A to Z by Ron Cordes and Gary LaFontaine, **2 Leader Wallets** by The Creek Company (if you don't have one they are real handy) **4 Knot Tyers** *these are slick...* During the break I will demonstrate how easy they are to use, **1 pair of light weight float tube fins** by The Creek Co., **2 Cortland CL Series 100% Graphite Fly Rods** a 9 footer and a 8'6" (**pick one**) both rods handle a 4wt. or 5wt. line, **Fly Fishing California** a No Nonsense Fly Fishing Guide book, by Ken Hanley who is in the FFF Hall of Fame. If you ever plan to fish California you'll want this book!

Finally... before putting all your raffle tickets into the main bucket check out all the raffle tables to see if there is an item that might be sitting in front of a Styrofoam cup that you would like to win (*cups are labeled*). Then put one or as many tickets into the cup(s) as you want. At our last meeting some of those cups only had one or two tickets in them. *Don't tell anyone, but that's why I won soooooo many times...It was embarrassing!*

*** There will be some new and exciting raffles in 2012, such as the chance to win one day boating/fishing trips, to fish our AZ lakes. If you have a boat and would like the opportunity to participate, *we want all the boaters we can get...* please sign the boat sheet at the raffle table & I will contact you with all the details. See you at the meeting!

October Outing

October 2011 Outing

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 and give 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 21-23 or you may want to try Earl Park Lake located adjacent to Hawley Lake. Either way, you are 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 **AFC YELLOW SIGNS** to our campsite. **The Hawley Lake store will be closed so you 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 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Phil and Diane Wagner will be the camp hosts. You don't want to miss this Outing. This will be the last White Mountain trip of the year. 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. If you don't camp there are many hotels in Pinetop and the Hon-Dah Casino Hotel which are close. We look forward to seeing you there.



November Outing San Juan Trip

The 2011 annual San Juan Trip 5th -9th of Nov, is coming up faster than you think. It will be from November 5th through the 9th. The Last chance to sign up for this trip is the October general meeting. The cost of the trip will be \$275/person if you are planning on staying at Abe's Hotel. The \$275 includes the cost of the room based on double occupancy, buffet breakfast for 4 mornings, the Liars Banquet on the last night and the cost of your fishing permits. If you are planning on camping, the cost will be \$109 which includes the buffet breakfast for 4 mornings, the Liars Banquet on the last night and the cost of your fishing permits. The \$109 does not cover the camping fees. The camping fees at Abe's RV are \$18.95/night. Sign up early to beat the rush.

Roger Cahoon
Home: 480-219-8747

Many AFC members bought tickets in the raffle for the Winston Boron rod donated by John Rohmer. We were able to sell all 100 tickets and this was a great fund raiser for WMLF. Tom Herman from AFC won the rod and turned around and donated it back to the Foundation. We really appreciated Tom's generosity and this is the kind of support we need to grow bigger fish in the White Mountains. Thanks again for your help.

Glen



Things to Consider when Fly Tying

1. Use club members that are accomplished tiers for information on recipe, material selection and tying instructions on flies that are new to you. They can also help on how, where and when to fish these new flies.
2. Use the internet to research materials, tying instruction and fishing recommendations for flies that are new to you.
3. Have a comfortable chair so that you can further enjoy your time at the vise.
4. Use good illumination and any needed magnification to achieve best results. Make sure you have a background color that allows you good visibility of material being applied. Often matt pastel light colors work well for most flies.
5. Review the tying sequence, needed techniques and materials proportions before beginning.
6. Use the best quality materials you can afford.
7. Take you time to make a good fly that will land many fish.
8. Arrange, sort, select and prepare the proper materials for the pattern being tied before you start tying.
9. Make sure the hook is appropriate for the type of fly being tied. This would include type of bend, shank length, shank shape, hook point, eye type, wire strength/size, temper, etc.
10. Barb is removed or pinched flat.
11. Your thread is appropriate for fly type and fly size. The thread color is correct for materials being used such as dubbing, body,etc.
12. On saltwater and larger freshwater hooks sharpen the hook before tying.
13. Try to tie six or more flies of a type and size at a single sitting. Your quality and speed will improve.
14. Critique your flies to be sure you are getting what you want and not accepting less than your best.
15. Invite some friends over to share materials, new techniques, lies and drinks.



New (2yrs old but never fished): 8ft 4wt 4pc. White River Fly Shops Classic rod with case - \$40

Used: 9ft 6wt 4pc. St. Croix rod, med fast taper - \$20

Mildly used: WF5S Rio Aqualux intermediate full sinking line - \$15

Used: 9ft 7/8 wt 4pc. Ross Essence FC fly rod outfit (rod, large arbor reel, and case) - \$100

Very used: 2 Southbend bamboo fly rods with aluminum tubes. Both need to be re-stored to be able to fish. Could make a great rod building project. I will provide quality pictures by email for anyone interested. Make an offer.

Kent Berchin-Miller
Cell: 520-371-6476
kbmiller@fluidicenergy.com

Fish Fry
December 3rd

Fish Fry, Dutch Oven Cooking & Casting Games

Saturday December 3, 2011 @ 9am

Steele Indian School Park

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Club Position
Openings!!

Ask not what the club can do for YOU
Ask what YOU can do for the CLUB!

First: Thank you Tom, Glen, Juanita and Edd, for all your wonderful work!!!

There is ONE opening left:

Raffle Chair -FILLED!!

Youth Coordinator ← One Spot Left!!

Welcome Table/Membership Relations – FILLED!!

Here is an opportunity you may well have been waiting for, a chance to give back to the membership at large.

Take some time to think it over and look over the duties. Here is the link to the director's manual. Take a look at the duties and see if you can't handle it.

<http://www.azflycasters.org/Pages/Manual.html>

This is a wonderful opportunity for some club member to step up and help out the club that has helped so many!

Thanks!!!

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Visit us at our next meeting — every second Thursday of the month.
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Application for Membership

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Annual Membership Fee (includes all family members living in your home) is \$35.00.
Please include a check or money order, made out to AFC, with this application.

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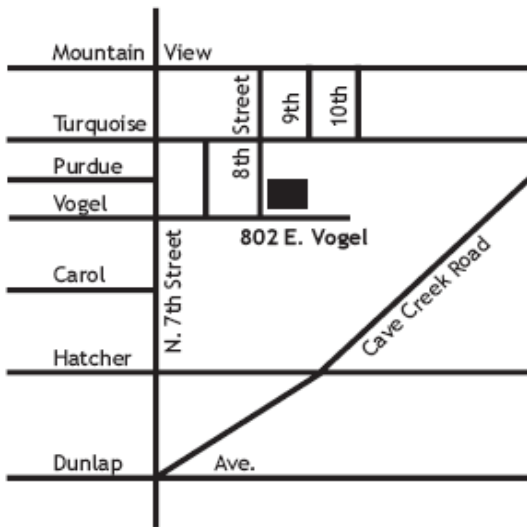
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Arizona Flycasters Club meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at the Sunnyslope Community Center. The Annual Banquet is held in the month of February. Watch for further details.

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"Fishing Belize"
Kyle Bourassa
Thursday
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7:00 PM

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