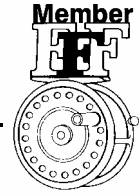




# THE *FLYCASTER*



Northern Arizona Flycasters – April 2008

An Active Member Club of the Federation of Fly Fishers and Eastern Rocky Mountain Council  
“Conservation, Restoration and Education Through Fly Fishing”

General and Board Meetings at:  
Game and Fish building, 3500 S. Lake Mary Road at 7pm

## **President's Drift:**

Next Meeting 04-02-08  
Board Meeting 04-16-08

Mark your calendars for the annual San Juan outing, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. This year we have booked rooms at Rizuto's, although the location has changed the club will still host dinner on Friday and Saturday. Contact Dave Grubb or Guy Baldwin, they will add you to the roster upon receipt of \$100.00.

Dick Brown has announced that he is stepping down from the conservation position with the club after 15 years. He has done an outstanding job and we can't thank him enough for the devotion and passion he brought to the position. He has been many memorable experiences and has met some famous people. If you have an interest in conservation we need your help by filling the conservation position. We also need to fill the Banquet Chair position. Greg Neil needs to direct more of his attention in other areas. Greg has a treat team to help with the banquet program. As you know the Banquet is the major fund raiser and we need help keeping it on track. Let a board member know if you can help.

Speaking of Board Members- new Members will be elected to the board at the May meeting.

See you on the water, Warren

## **Conservation Corner:**

After nearly 15 years as chairman of NAF's conservation committee, you may conclude I have a passion for fishery conservation. Unfortunately the time has arrived for me to step down as the altitude does not agree with my current medical condition. I do this with reluctance since I have really enjoyed this position and all the doors it has opened for me. Over the years I have had the opportunity to visit with Ted Turner, Sandra Day O'Connor and numerous associations with many people prominent in the fly fishing community. The conservation committee continually interfaces with all State and Federal agencies involved in fish and fisheries conservation and I'm proud to say we have a great relationship with all of them.

The position has no pre-requisites other than an interest in fishery conservation and the desire to serve NAF in an important part of our mission. However, I do have one suggestion (and it is only a suggestion) for the person that may be interested in this position. The individual should either be retired or have a flexible work schedule since nearly all meetings with fishery agencies are conducted during workdays. Since it takes time to get to know and develop relationships with agency people I suggest this person consider a relatively long term commitment, but it doesn't have to be 15 years!

So if you have an interest in conservation and a desire to serve NAF, please consider this position. It would be great if someone would step forward soon (we have a West Fork Oak Creek meeting on April 17) so we can have some overlap time. I will continue as chairman until the end of 2008 if needed.

I plan to continue as FFF Eastern Rocky Mountain Council VP for Conservation which includes chairing the West Fork Oak Creek project to its completion. If you have any questions call me a 928.606.0068.

Dick Brown,  
Conservation Chair

### **The Education Riffle:**

Fishing season is upon us and I believe the following article is quite appropriate for the time. It comes from the Arizona Outdoorsman web site and was written by Chip Chipman

#### Harvey's Fundamentals

Have you ever fished with someone many times and that person always caught more fish than you? As Harvey would say, "It ain't luck." To become outstanding at any sport, the fundamentals must be mastered. Harvey said that there were two types of fundamentals. He called them the fundamentals of mechanics and knowledge.

Harvey was my fly fishing mentor when I was in my early teens. When asked if he had any luck fishing would always answer, "It ain't luck," and give one of several reasons why.

He disliked being called a "born fisherman", saying there was nothing innate about it. "Did you ever hear anyone referred to as a born bricklayer?" he would ask. "A good bricklayer learned his craft well. Fly fishing is no different.

1. Learn to cast correctly. It doesn't do any good to practice casting if you ain't doing it right in the first place. Practicing bad casting only makes you a better bad caster
2. Practice accuracy. Put the fly where you want it the first time—there might not be a second chance. Keep your cast short when fishing streams. Short casts are more accurate than long casts. I don't care how good you are or think you are.
3. Short casts makes line control easier too. Line control sounds simple enough. You want the fly to drift naturally, so the line can't have too much slack or be too tight. The main reason people don't have good line control because they have too much line out.
4. Finally, casting and good line control ain't necessarily going to make you a good fisherman, any more than being a good rifle shot will make you a good hunter. I bet you could train an ape to cast a fly line. To become a good hunter, you have to know your quarry. Same thing fishing. Learn all about trout. What kind of habitat do they like? What do they feed on? How does water temperature affect them? You already know trout mainly feed on aquatic insects. Learn about insects, too.

Good advice and happy fishing. Thanks Chip

### **Education:**

#### **Mark your Calendars- June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Dan Hodler and Dave Grubb are working on plans for a Casting Clinic/Games outing, at JD

Dam, this will also include a potluck lunch. NAF to provide the grill, food (to go on said grill and condiments/chips. Todd Rovelstad, has volunteered to provide the beverages. More information in the next newsletter. Give the time of year, there is always the chance of postponement, due to weather or road conditions and without a meeting in June, communication via e-mail/phone will be important. Make sure that Leo has the latest contact information.

### **\$\$\$ Treasurer Needed \$\$\$**

Gary Tallman has been serving as treasurer for the last 2 years he too is looking for a replacement. He estimates 4-6 hours per month are required for keeping the books, slightly more before and after the banquet. All information is loaded on Quick Books and will be made available along with adequate training to his successor. At the last Board meeting several options were discussed, bearing in mind that NAF must have a Treasurer who is a board member..

1. A current member will step up and take over the record keeping and reporting monthly to the NAF Board.
2. The NAF Treasurer would be a liaison between the Board and a hired Accounting Firm or CPA.
3. As above with the hope that a club member will have either business or personal contacts and can persuade an accountant/CPA to donate their services.

### **Banquet News:**

Donation from all organizations are less than last year, vendors who contributed in the past are declining to participate this year or reducing the items donated. Local businesses are being contacted with slightly more success. Please take the time to contact ask those you do business with, if they are interested in participating. Auto Dealers, Musicians, Restaurants, Jewelers, Artisans, Spas/Massage, Health and Beauty (human and animal), Clothing, Lodging, sellers of Recreational Equipment (all sorts), are welcome to participate, by donating either hard goods, services or Gift Certificates. By expanding the items available for the bag raffle and live auction we will make the banquet all the more interesting for those who do not fish. I have copies of the solicitation letter, 501(c) tax exempt status, Banquet and Casting For Recovery flyers, that I can send either in hard copy or on-line.

Monies collected are spent on Conservation, Public and Member Education and of coarse to supplement the minimal cost for club sponsored outings. For the second year in a row, NAF will match funds raised in the Casting for Recovery Raffle featuring a hand carved 'Spirit of the Sun' donated by Jim Fraijo. Raffle and dinner are available at the Banquet (\$45), Peace and Babbitt's (\$50). I also have both tickets for members to sell. Give me a call 928-526-3585 or e-mail [tresa@nahealth.com](mailto:tresa@nahealth.com) or [tresa@intergate.com](mailto:tresa@intergate.com) Tresa

### **Membership Renewals:**

If you did not take advantage of the membership renewal forms included past newsletters or disregarded the personalized request, this will be your last newsletter.

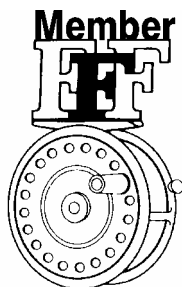
### **April Program:**

Joel McMillin will present the second half of his presentation- Fishing for Smallmouth Bass in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Additionally Bill Watt will have pictures and share his experience of fishing the Black Canyon of the Gunnison.

## Calendar of Events

## NAF Club Officers/Committee Chairs

April 2	Regular Monthly Meeting	President / Programs– Warren White	928-526-3585 or <a href="mailto:wwhite@empire-cat.com">wwhite@empire-cat.com</a>
April 14	Lie and Tie Peace Surplus	Vice President – Todd Rovelstad	928-607-2606
April 16	Board Meeting	Secretary - Ron Sutter	928-522-5642
April 19	Annual NAF Banquet/Fund Raiser	Treasurer – Gary Tallman (OPEN)	928-527-1736
May 7	Regular Monthly Meeting	Membership – Leo LaBranche	928-526-2987
	Last meeting before Summer Break	Conservation- Dick Brown (OPEN)	928-606-4349 or <a href="mailto:Rjmabrown@aol.com">Rjmabrown@aol.com</a>
May 21	Board Meeting	Web Master- Dave Schurz	928 220-0921 or <a href="mailto:dave@formmagic.com">dave@formmagic.com</a>
June 7	Summer PotLuck/ Casting Games	Public and Member Education -	
	JD Dam	Clark Dierks	928-556-1545 or <a href="mailto:clarkr@npgcable.com">clarkr@npgcable.com</a>
September 3	First Regular Fall Meeting	Dan Hodler	928-714-1818 or <a href="mailto:dhodler@commspeed.com">dhodler@commspeed.com</a>
October 2,3,4	San Juan Outing	Meeting Raffles - Don Ellerman	928-814-0221
	Give Peace a call if you plan on attending Lie and Tie so enough pizza and drinks can be ordered	Outings Dave Grubb	928-522-5697
		Guy Baldwin	
		Meeting Location - Paul Weitz	928-527-3861
		Newsletter – Tresa Ronco	928-526-3585 or <a href="mailto:tresa@intergate.com">tresa@intergate.com</a>
		Banquet Committee – Greg Neal, Frank Ronco, Ron Sutter, Bob Mankowski, Paul Weitz, T.resa Ronco	
		Budget Committee- Gary Tallman, Bob Mankowski, Ron Sutter, Tresa Ronco, Greg Neal	
		Conservation Committee- Dick Brown, Frank Ronco, Paul Weitz	



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