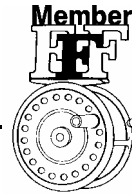




THE *FLYCASTER*



Northern Arizona Flycasters – August/September 2007

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

Next Meeting September 5th Game and Fish building, 3500 S. Lake Mary Road at 7pm

President’s Drift:

August has arrived and I haven’t been able to go fishing nearly as much as I wanted. Several of us headed over to the San Juan at the end of June. We had one of the best weekend fishing in years. The river was cold and clear and the fishing was HOT. We caught then on Dry’s, Nymphs and some on streamers. Much to our surprise the river was not crowded. Nice to only see a couple of fishermen in the area you are in. All the parking lots were either empty or half full. I plan to return this time next year. For any of you that have fished the Williams area know that the lakes are in trouble this year. Water is low and hot with a low octagon level. Because if this the large fish kill has occurred. (Read the article from Game & Fish.)

A couple of reminders: Our first meeting is September 5, like last year we will be meeting at the Game and Fish building on Lake Mary Road. New Board of Director members will be elected.

Also, if you plan to make the October 4, 5, 6, 7th outing to the San Juan you need to contact Dave Grubb 928-522-5697 for the details and to sign up. Arrangements have been made with Gretchen at the Enchanted Hide-Away, beds will be reserved once Dave has your CASH or CHECK. We need to give Gretchen 30 day notice for beds not needed. Those without a deposit will be canceled! Should you choose to make your own room arrangements you are welcome to share in the Friday and/or Saturday dinners.

We are still in need of articles. What did you do over your summer vacation? Send hard or soft copies of photos/articles to either tresa@intergate.com or wwhite@empire-cat.com or the PO box.

Hope to see you on the river.
Warren

Conservation Corner:

FFF Clean Angling Pledge submitted by Leah Elwell, Conservation Coordinator, Federation of Fly Fishers. The FFF's Clean Angling Pledge is beginning to gain some traction. We have a number of new partners in the effort who will help promote the pledge and educated their readers/customers in preventing the spread of invasive species. The National Wildlife Federation has recently partnered and posted info on their website http://blogs.nwf.org/arctic_promise/2007/05/anglers_and_boa.html

Some of the other partners in the effort include:

Manufactures: Clackacraft drift boats, Hyde drift boats, Dan Bailey's
Magazines: Fly Fish America, Fly Fishing New England, Midwest Fly Fishing
Organizations: Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation

FFF expects to add more partners to the list next week, so look at their growing partners page of the Clean Angling Pledge in the coming weeks. <http://www.cleanangling.org/partners.php>

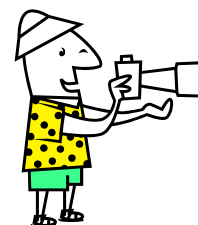
If you have not already checked out the Clean Angling Pledge, visit the website <http://www.cleanangling.org/index.php> and take the pledge today.

Have a great summer. Good fishing, see you this fall.

Dick Brown
Conservation Chairman
928.525.1579

Models Wanted:

Kurt Drawz, local photographer and banquet donor is in need of a model especially those of you who cast a good loop. If you are interested in an early morning or evening trips give him a call at 928-853-9484. If you remember his photos from the banquet, or have seen any of his work, you know that he is willing to hike.



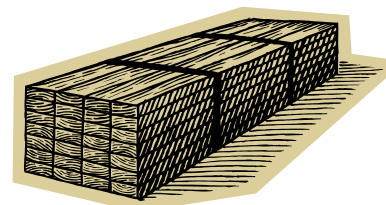
Editors Note:

My last trip to 'the river' had unexpected results. A week of planning and pre-packing did not help in the last minute shuffle of fishing/camping equipment from pick-up to boat. Once up river, I discovered I had everything but my rod. Seemed a fishing faux-pax to borrow the only one available, so I spent two days observing the river and canyon. I took the time to watch the ducks, geese, heron, toads and insects. I got some amazing pictures of dragonflies and damsels. I followed the tracks of lizards, and other unknown creatures, and added to the growing collection of interesting and heavy but not so valuable rocks. I guess I'm just reminding everyone that "trout do live in beautiful places" and we need to take the time to enjoy what is beside and above the water as well as what is in the river.

Tresa

New Board Members:

The club membership will be electing representatives to serve on the Board of Directors at our first fall meeting on September 5. We are in need of fresh new faces and ideas on the Board, and are seeking same. Please give this serious thought, and if you would be motivated to serve NAF in this capacity please let Paul Weitz know at 527-3861 or pweitzq13@npgcable.com.



Education:

Our president has asked me to serve as the education committee chair for this year. I hope to have this committee contribute to increasing the ability and confidence of NAF members in their fly fishing but I will need help.

First, I need two or three members willing to serve with me on this committee. Second, the

committee will need ideas from club members as to what they need in the way of fly fishing education. My e-mail address is clarkr@npgcable.com. Contact me.

I hope to submit a short educational piece to the newsletter editor every month. Following is something I found informative. Hope you enjoy it.

Clark

Education Riffle

Every sport has a vocabulary of its own, and those who use it are immediate insiders. Angling is no different.

No one wants to be clueless when the guy whose fish you are admiring says, “Yep I hooked that big boy near the thalweg” insiders know the thalweg is the main thread of a stream current. To gain a rep in the river you need to take your game to the next level of biologist speak.

Here is a vocabulary guide to sounding like an insider. You might even be mistaken for one of Montana’s “fish squeezers”, known formally as Montana Wildlife and Parks fisheries biologists.

Adfluvial: fish that migrate from a lake to a stream to spawn

Anchor tag: an alpha –numeric or color coded, external tag injected near the dorsal fin of the fish.

Because of its location the tag is easy to identify by anglers and biologists.

Cover: an element of habitat that provides shade, concealment or protection.

Diel: pertaining to a 24-hour period

Diel Cycle: daily rhythm of pattern

Fecundity: the reproductive capacity of an individual, usually measured as the number of eggs produced by a female in a specific time period.

Fluvial: fish that hatches in a small tributary and rears there for one to four years and then migrates out to a larger river to mature. The fish then migrates back to the tributary to spawn.

Lamellae: small extension on fish gills to increase the gills surface area to promote oxygen consumption.

Lateral Line: a row of fine scales and mechanoreceptive patches located on the side of the fish that is a primary sensor organ used by a fish to detect vibrations and determine its position in the water column.

Littora: the aquatic zone extending from the shoreline of lakes and oceans out to depths where light is insufficient for growing of rooted macrophytes.

Macrophyte: an aquatic or water plant that grows along stream or lake bottom

Otolith: inner ear bones of fish used to determine the age of the fish

Piscicide: A naturally produced or synthetic compound that, applied to water, kills fish, for example rotenone.

Recruitment: the number of young fish surviving to a defined size or age.

Redd: a depression created in the gravel where fish deposit their eggs.

Relative Abundance: the abundance of a species within a collection of species expressed as a proportion or percentage.

Rheotaxis: the alignment of fish in the current, upstream or downstream, using sensory organs such as the lateral line.

Total Length: the length from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail.

Water Column: the portion of a body of water between its surface and its bottom commonly used to describe a fish’s location.

Watershed: an area of land from which water drains into a stream of lake.

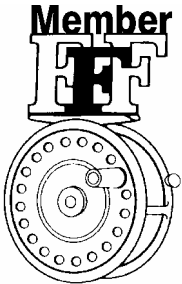
Current e-Mail/USPOAddresses:

Please keep Leo LaBranch leophoenix2@aol.com informed when USPO or e-mail addresses change. If you wish an on line copy of the newsletter let Tresa know. tresa@intergate.com

Calendar of Events

NAF Club Officers/Committee Chairs

September 5	Regular Monthly Meeting – Game and Fish Offices	President – Warren White	928-526-3585
September 10	Lie and Tie Peace Surplus	Vice President – Greg Neal	928-526-9050
September Board Meeting	Date to be determined	Secretary - Ron Sutter	928-522-5642
October 3	Regular Monthly Meeting – Game and Fish Offices	Treasurer – Gary Tallman	928-527-1736
October 4-7	San Juan Outing	Membership – Leo LaBranche	928-526-2987
October 8	Lie and Tie Peace Surplus	Programs	Open
Give Peace a call if you plan on attending Lie and Tie so enough pizza and drinks can be ordered		Conservation- Dick Brown	928.606.4349 or Rjmabrown@aol.com
		Web Master- Dave Schurz	(928) 220-0921 or dave@formmagic.com
		Public and Member Education	Clark Dierks 928-556-1545
		Meeting Raffles -	Open
		Outings – Dave Grubb	928-522-5697
		Meeting Location - Paul Weitz	928-527-3861
		Newsletter – Tresa Ronco	928-526-3585
		Banquet Committee – Greg Neal, Frank Ronco, Ron Sutter, Bob Mankowski, Clark Dierks, Tresa Ronco	
		Budget Committee- Gary Tallman, Bob Mankowski, Ron Sutter, Scott Buell, Greg Neal	
		Conservation Committee- Dick Brown, Frank Ronco, Paul Weitz	



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