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## Pres Sez

*Doug Benford*      shscadman@yahoo.com

What an amazing Sunday afternoon in February for our club! The Annual Awards Banquet and Raffle on the 20<sup>th</sup> was truly an awesome event and humbling experience for me to stand among the 200 members and guests. What impressed me most was the high percentage of participation of our members during the year. There seems to be something for everyone offered almost every week. The banquet is an opportunity to recognize our members' participation and achievements. It was amazing to see 66 members receive the Ed Adams patch for participation in club activities (100+ points)...the highest number ever given in one year. (NOTE: Be sure to always sign attendance sheets at ALL club activities—that's how you earn points.)

Special thanks to the Banquet Committee who organized the largest awards banquet and raffle in our club's history. Although many helped to make the evening a huge success, I'd like to especially thank the following who pulled it all together:

Banquet Chairman	Sue Hawk
Tickets	Brad Norgaard
Raffle Chairman	Bob Rudzinski
Graphics (program, certificates, etc.)	Darlene Benford

**Thank you committee!!**

Four special awards are given out each year at the banquet to AFC members. This year's recipients for 2004 were:

President's Achievement	Charlie Hawk
Silver Doctor	Shirley Johnson
Member of the Year	Bob Rudzinski
Life Member	Chuck Cothran

**Congratulations!!**

Also, during the weekend of the banquet our club had a booth at the Sportsman Outdoor Expo at the fairgrounds. Ken Young, our special events coordinator, once again did a fantastic job in negotiating to get the booth and then organizing our members in staffing our booth, as well as helping with the FFF booth. One official of the Expo said, "AFC was the best-organized group at the show." Thanks again, Ken and all the volunteers who helped in the booths.

After attending the Jack Dennis presentation on February 22nd, and watching him at the casting pond during the Outdoor Expo, I realized how much I do not know about this great sport we all enjoy. I have always thought any day fishing is a great day, even those days when the line gets wrapped around my boots or I miss setting the hook, or I break off fish that do get hooked...well, you get the picture! A frustrating day to be sure. However, like I said, any day fishing is a great day! Even when I hear someone say they caught "x" number of fish and I am still looking for the first one! Fishing is not about equating numbers of fish caught with having a great day or being an expert in the sport. Certainly your day is enhanced by catching a bunch, but does everyone want to hear numbers? I'm guessing some don't. Education is the great equalizer...the more knowledge you can compile the more "successful" you will become. Read about our sport, watch videos, learn to make your own equipment, listen to the "experts", practice casting, learn to read the water, and fish often. Be a "complete" fly fisherman. Turn a "great day" into a FANTASTIC DAY and share the experience with others!

Doug

Member of the



**Upcoming  
Three Month  
Calendar**

<b>March</b>	2nd	Wednesday	Intermediate Fly Tying	
	3rd	Thursday	Beginning Fly Tying begins	
	7th	Monday	Beginning Fly Tying continues	
	9th	Wednesday	Beginning Fly Tying continues	
	10th	Thursday	General Meeting	
	12th	Saturday	Fish Fry	
	14th	Monday	Beginning Fly Tying continues	
	16th	Wednesday	Beginning Fly Tying continues	
	19-20	Sat - Sun	Seneca Lake Outing	
	21st	Monday	Beginning Fly Tying continues	
	23rd	Wednesday	Beginning Fly Tying continues	
	28th	Monday	Beginning Fly Tying ends	
	<b>April</b>	2nd	Saturday	Casting Class
		13th	Wednesday	Intermediate Fly Tying
14th		Thursday	General Meeting	
19th		Tuesday	Intermediate Fly Tying	
23-24		Sat - Sun	Roper Lake Outing	
26th		Tuesday	Intermediate Fly Tying	
<b>May</b>	12th	Thursday	General Meeting	
	18th	Wednesday	Lanyard Class	

**Sunshine and  
Welcome  
Committee**

Charley  
Greene

So far this year Arizona Flycasters Club is off to a great start! We're growing, as demonstrated by attendance at meetings, interest in club activities and involvement in community and state conservation opportunities.

If you're new or a long time member, don't hesitate to ask "how" you can participate. Stop by the Welcome Table and speak to Nancy Vance or Charley Green. Let us know your thoughts or questions and we'll let you know how you can contribute and further your enjoyment of the club through the many committee programs. Have fun, be active!

Please continue to wear your name badge at every event, and let us know of the physical needs of members where a hospital stay or extended illness takes place.

**Welcome New  
Members**

*Introduce yourself  
and say hello!*

Donald Balach Glendale	Mike Kutch Scottsdale	Edward F. Ryder Glendale
Will David Peoria	Dito Labb Scottsdale	Don Schroeder Scottsdale
Dick Delapp Scottsdale	Lanny Pitts Black Canyon City	Don Shuck Phoenix
Susan Depew/Jim Rubin Scottsdale	Mario & Gloria Ramirez Peoria	Linda Stenzel Tucson
Larry Fraker Phoenix	Jerome Riddle Jr. Surprise	Kris & Kris Wenzel Phoenix
		Bruce Williams Paradise Valley



***"... trout fishing isn't just fishing for trout, it's fishing for sport rather than for food, where trout are the means not the end, where true enjoyment of the sport lies in the challenge, the lore and the battle of wits." - Trout Unlimited***



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## Seneca Lake Outing

March 19th - 20th

*Bill Vance*

For our March outing we are returning to Seneca Lake which is located about 36 miles northeast of Globe just off Highway US 60. Seneca is always one of our most enjoyable outings, and in the spring fishing is usually good.

The lake elevation is 4840' and the evenings are generally cold this time of year. The lake contains stocked rainbows, bass and bluegill. Flies of choice are fuzzy wuzzies, hare's ears, peacock ladies and wooly buggers. Yellow and green are good colors. A San Carlos Apache fishing and camping permit is required to use this lake. They can be purchased at the **Express Stop**, 1501 E Ash St. (Hwy 60) in Globe. They are not available at the lake. The lake is ideal for float tubes, but recently installed floating piers make shore fishing possible. The campground has pit toilets, but not always paper. Also bring your own water.

Our usual pot-luck dinner will be held at 3:00 PM Saturday, so bring your favorite dish, salad or dessert. Camp hosts will be Bill and Nancy Vance.

**Directions:** To get to Seneca Lake, take US 60 east to Globe. Watch on the left through town for the Express Stop (to get your permits), just a short distance up the road from there is the turnoff to continue on US 60/AZ 77. Make a left and enjoy the scenery the 35 miles or so from Globe to Seneca. Signage is poor- watch for a left hand turn lane and follow the AFC signs to our camping spot. If you find yourself heading down Salt River Canyon you've gone too far!

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## Beginning Fly Tying

*Bill Vance*

March is the month for all beginning flytyers. Classes began on March 3rd at the Sunnyslope Community Center and continue on March 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23 and 28. All classes are free to club members.

Tying equipment and materials will be furnished by AFC. The following members have graciously agreed to be guest tyers: John Wallace, Donna Walkuski, Brian Mazoyer, Shirley Johnson, Art Thomas and Ron Robinson. Mark your calendar now and join us for beginning classes.

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## Classifieds

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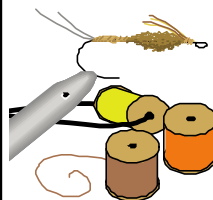
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## Want Fish?

If you will be attending the Fish Fry on March 12 please call Ron Robinson at 602-867-8820 ASAP and let him know how many will be in your party.

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## Ed Adams Fellowship Awards

Ed Adams was a founding member of the Arizona Flycasters Club and past president. Ed, now deceased, exemplified the ultimate member, as he was involved in all aspects of the club's activities. In his honor a patch is awarded to any member who accumulates points.

Point values are based on the type of activity performed. Examples are: attendance at the general meeting 3 points, outings 10, class attendance 5, class instructors 10, board meetings 10, donations 5–20 depending on value, and additional points for many other activities that support the club.

Any member who accumulates at least 100 points within a calendar year is awarded a fellowship patch at the annual banquet. Any member that accumulates 300 points will receive a patch with a gold border. These patches can be attached to a fishing vest and worn as a sign of dedication and loyalty to our club.

For the year 2004 a record number of members were awarded the fellowship patches—they are:

### 100 Points

Tad Adkins	David Mayl
James Barnes	Katie Mazoyer
Dave Batten	Greg Mernitz
Kitty Batten	Don Mickus
Rob Boyce	Dick Nowicki*
Roger Cahoon	John Nutter
Ross Cahoon	Tim O'Brien
Mark Cockrill	Charles Pigos
Greg DeGroot	Dianne Post
LeRoy Donnally	Ed Rife
Elise Ferguson	Ron Rosenlof
James Frye	Richard Schooler
Leo Gatlin	Reginald Smith
Charley Greene	Ken Steele
Tom Herman	George Stephan
Dawn Hewitt	Gary Stinson
Gary Hinrichs	Art Thomas
Shirley Johnson	Ed Vanderlaan
Phil Koda	Karl VonWolf
Dennis Lockett	Jon Wallace
Dale Marshall	

### 300 Points

Doug Benford
Charles Cothran
Bob Day
Paul Finell
Charlie Hawk
Sue Hawk
Jerry Hobbs
Chuck Howey
Dick Kennedy**
Brian Mazoyer
Gary Miller
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Marian Tallon
Dario Travaini
Bill Vance
Nancy Vance
Donna Walkuski
Ed Yanez
Ken Young*

\* Received patches for 5 years

\*\* Received patches for 10 years

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## FLY FISHING MICRO PATTERNS WITH JUDE DURAN

### Programs

*Nancy Vance  
If you've ever been  
stumped at the ferry  
or San Juan this is a  
don't miss  
presentation!*

Jude Duran, a San Juan River fly fishing guide, commercial fly tier, and fly fishing instructor will discuss fly fishing micro patterns on our famous western tail waters and in other rivers and lakes where these tiny flies are predominant. He will describe the most effective techniques for fishing these small flies, setting up and casting double-fly nymph rigs, using strike indicators, reading the water, and will review the best fly patterns to imitate these small insects.

He will also be tying some of his flies before the meeting so be sure to visit the tying table.

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## Education Committee News

*Ron Robinson*

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### **Fish Fry March 12, 2005**

The fish fry is in Yavapai Park at the Mc Kellips ramada. This park is where we had the outing in January (see the Jan. newsletter for a map). The park entrance is off of Hayden Rd on Pierce St. This is about half way between Roosevelt St. and Mc Kellips Rd. We will be getting things ready at noon and will start serving fish at 1 PM sharp. The club will supply the fish, soft drinks (no beer or spirits allowed), bottled water, plates, cups, flatware, and napkins. We ask that you bring a side dish to share with the group. We are expecting a lot of members so it would be a good idea to bring your own folding chairs and table if you have them.

Remember there is a \$5 charge/club member (no guests please) attending that will be refunded in raffle tickets. The raffle will have a lot of "neat stuff" that any fly fisher person will like. Please call Ron Robinson at 602-867-8820 if you plan to attend.

### **Casting Class April 2nd**

The first casting class of 2005 will at Granada Park (20th Street and Maryland) from 9 - 11 AM. We will break the class into two groups. One group will focus on basic casting while the other will learn the "haul" technique for increased line speed. If you have any questions please call Ron Robinson at 602 867-8820.

### **Intermediate Fly Tying**

In April we will have three interesting classes. On 4/13 and 4/19 we will be making bass bugs with Brian Mazoyer in charge. On 4/26 it will be carp flies and tactics with Matt Baker of Desert Sportsman. All classes will be at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM.

### **Lanyard Class May 18th**

LeRoy Donnally will be teaching this class. Those that attended the annual banquet saw his handiwork and he will show you how to do the same. There will be more about this next month but mark you calendars now so you don't miss this one.

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## Federation News

*Dario Travaini*  
*FFF Representative*

Please note the change in my by-line. As you may know, I declined bidding for National Director in the Eastern Rocky Mountain Council purely for personal reasons. I enjoyed my tenure as a National Director but I am now honored to represent only AFC and its membership. I'll do my best to keep you informed and represent your interests at the Affiliate level. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Now, about this month's news report. Eastern Rocky Mountain Council (ERMC) has a new slate of Executive Officers. They are President, John Marvin - First VP/Secretary, Pat Ogelsby and Treasurer, James Aubrey. **John Marvin** was a long time member of the Northern Arizona Flycasters in Flagstaff and served two terms as club president. Moving to Sierra Vista upon retirement, he formed San Pedro Flycasters. He will provide the leadership ERMC needs and deserves. **Pat Ogelsby** is from Grand Junction, CO. Pat and his wife Carol have been very active in their club as well as on the National level for many years. Pat has served as FFF National Director for the past three years. Pat and I worked together as National Directors during this time and I can assure you that he will do well. **Jim Aubrey** from Durango, CO has been treasurer for many years and agreed to continue serving ERMC in that office. John Marvin now has the responsibility of appointing one or more VP's who along with the Executive Committee will form the ERMC Board of Directors.

Upon acceptance, President Marvin talked about the need for education/communication with all clubs in the Council. He intends to sustain current membership and promote membership growth. He also plans for the Council to promote the sport of fly fishing and aquatic conservation efforts.

**Richard Brown** from Northern Arizona Flycasters remains as VP of ERMC Conservation having served in that office for six years. High on his agenda is supporting state and federal agencies in the reintroduction of Native Trout. ERMC has 8 species and sub-species. His top priority is the reintroduction of Gila Trout (the only species listed as 'Endangered') to the West Fork of Oak Creek, an ongoing work for nearly 5 years now. Colorado clubs are working on restoring Colorado River Cutthroat while New Mexico and Arizona clubs have focused on Apache and Gila trout restoration. Our own **Shirley Johnson** remains as Council VP of Education and has worked with Boy Scouts, Casting for Recovery and some workshops with the Wildlife Conservation Council and Outdoor Women. Mary Brown is VP Communications and Don Gibbs is VP Membership. For further information regarding ERMC clubs, officers and news check out their website at [www.ffffermc.org](http://www.ffffermc.org).

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**Conservation  
News**

*Dick Kennedy*

*In 1990, Arizona citizens overwhelmingly approved the Heritage Initiative. It sets aside \$20 million in state lottery monies every year to fund wildlife conservation in our state, including money for parks, historic preservation, habitat protection, and facilitating our access to public lands.*

*-Editor*

For those of you who have not heard, I have assumed the chairmanship of this committee from Jerry Hobbs. He has assured me he will continue to help our efforts and will be part of the committee. How about you? Do you have an interest in some aspect of Conservation? Why not let me know you want to be included on the Committee to help with some aspect of our program.

Some of the things we will probably focus on are: Introduction of Native Trout into the West Fork of Oak Creek (meeting Flagstaff Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> with various groups involved), Crayfish control, Canyon Creek Riparian Project, Apache and Gila Trout projects, and control of the Bull Thistle in the Canyon Creek area. Those are on the front burner this year and the amount of involvement this Club puts into to them is up to the membership. We will all have the opportunity to improve our fishing waters this year. Again, let me know if you would like to join the committee to address these issues or others. In fact if you want to hear more about the Canyon Creek Riparian Project, attend the Desert Flycasters meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Speaking of addressing issues, you can immediately make an impact in this state through involvement with the legislature. Two very important pieces of legislation are currently moving through the State government and you can have an impact on their outcomes. First, SB1067 authorizes the expenditure of almost 1.6 million dollars to settle a water rights dispute with the Zuni Tribe. This is a positive action for all involved but the Senate leaders who drafted the legislation are trying to fund this with Heritage Fund money. You can let your legislator or the Appropriations Committee members or sponsor Jake Flake and others know what you think about this. The bill originally called for the General Fund to be used but it has been amended to take the money from the Heritage Fund. Let your legislators know what you think. I do not believe the Heritage Fund was established or funded with your tax money to balance the State budget.

Another important bill is SB1365. It will authorize the maximum charges for various sporting licenses to be raised. This in turn will enable the incremental increase in fees over the next 8 to 10 years. The Arizona Department of Game and Fish is looking for your support for this item. For more information go to the link on our website under Calendar of Events or visit <http://www.azgfd.gov/feecap>.

Another website you need to use is <http://www.asleg.state.az.us> That site will give you access to the information you need to contact your legislator and follow the movement of these bills through the legislature. Your voice is extremely important and needs to be heard. Even if the legislature continues with SB1067, they need to hear your opposition to the raiding of the Heritage Fund to support general budget issues.

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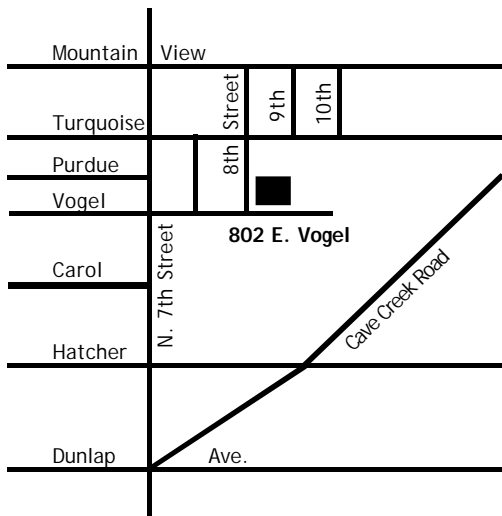
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