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**FEDERATION OF
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Next Meeting:
**Fishing Tandem
Flies**
with
Charles Meck
Thursday,
March 1st 2007
7:00 PM

President's Riffles

Brian Mazoyer Mazbrian@cox.net

During this past year we have added a huge number of new members to our club, which I think is fantastic, it's what keeps our club fresh and energetic. We participate in a sport that has a pretty large learning curve (at least it did for me), it's generally not something you just go out and do. Many of you may not be aware of the large number of activities your club puts together to promote our sport, we provide education in a number of areas including: Casting classes - learn to improve your casting ability or try casting a different weight or length of rod, Fly tying - nothing like catching a fish on a fly you tied, Rod construction - put your own fly rod together, Net building - learn how to build a beautiful net to scoop up your fish with. This is but a small sample of the educational opportunities you have to take advantage of as a new member, or an old one for that matter, that I hope you make use of because the only way to get better in this sport is to learn, practice and get out and fish!

A great educational opportunity is coming up on Thursday March the 8th at 7:00 pm at Sunny Slope High School: Jack Dennis will be here to talk with our club about fly-fishing in the Rockies. See inside for more details.

I know you have seen this before but I keep repeating it because I want to make sure everyone sees this: Do to circumstances beyond our control we have to move the March meeting to **Thursday March 1st**, so please mark your calendars.

If you have been attending classes, outings or any other club functions and you have been taking pictures, please e-mail some of them to me or even to the club newsletter editors **Linda Alkove**, **Dan Varner** or **Dito Ladd** mailto:azonthehook@hotmail.com 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.

Note the Date Change

March 1st - AFC Monthly Meeting 7-9

Speaker: Charles Meck

Author and fly fisherman, Charles Meck will be presenting information contained in his new book coming this year entitled "Fishing Tandem Flies - How to Double Your Catch." He will explain and give the techniques for six different ways to connect the flies in a tandem setup and the flies that work the best for the rig. He will also talk about the best knots and leaders to use to make these tandem setups produce fishing results. To illustrate his techniques he will give a slide show of the actual experience from Lee's Ferry in Northern AZ. If any fly fisherman have Charles' books, he will be happy to autograph for you. One of his books you might enjoy is: Arizona Trout Streams. Search: <http://charlesmeck.com>

**Upcoming
Three Month
Calendar**

March	1	Thursday	General Meeting (Note this is a change) 7 - 9 PM
	8	Thursday	Jack Dennis at Sunnyslope High 7- 9 PM
	2, 19, 21, 26, 28		Rod Building 7- 9 PM
	14	Wed	Lie & Tie (Flys for New Members) 7 - 9 PM
	19, 20, 21	Mon-Wed	Net Building 7-9 PM Apollo High School Woodshop
April	17/18	Sat-Sun	Dead Horse Ranch State Park Cottonwood, AZ
	10	Tuesday	General Education Class 7 - 9 PM
	12	Thursday	General Meeting 7-9 PM
	21-22	Sat-Sun	Canyon Creek outing
	24	Tuesday	Gen Ed Class Fit to Be tied FlyTying 7-9 PM
	28	Saturday	Casting Class
	30	Monday	Fit to Be Tied Flys Due
	May	10	Thursday
	15	Tuesday	General Education
	22	Tuesday	Cyclone Lake Pre-Trip
	25-28	Fri - Mon	Cyclone Lake Outing

**Education
Schedule for
2007**

The following dates have been set for the classes that will be given for the rest of 2007. Some may need to be changed but we thought you might want to make your plans now so you don't miss any classes you want to take. All classes start at 7 p.m. at the Sunnyslope Community Center unless otherwise noted. Casting Classes at Steele Park on 3d St. & Indian School Road

<i>Ron Robinson</i>	March:	2, 19, 21, 26, 28	Rod Construction	
		31	Saturday	Basic Casting (Steele Park , 9 AM)
		19, 21, 22	M-W	Net Building Apollo High School Woodshop
	April:	10	Tuesday	Lanyard Class
		24	Tuesday	General Education class
		28	Saturday	Casting Class (Steele Park, 9 AM)
	May:	15	Tue	General Education class
		22	Tue	Cyclone Lake pre-trip
	June:	12	Tuesday	General Education Class
	July:	10	Tuesday	General Education Class
	August:	21	Tuesday	General Education Class
	September:	5, 10, 12, 17,19, 24, 26		Basic Fly Tying
		29	Saturday	Casting Class (SteelePark, 9 AM)
	October:	9	Tuesday	General Education Class
		27	Saturday	Casting Class (Steele Park, 9 AM)
	November:	6	Tuesday	General Education Class (may conflict with San Juan trip)
	December:	11	Tuesday	General Education Class

Special program for March, Jack Dennis of Jackson Hole Wyoming will be giving a presentation at Sunnyslope High School, from **7-9 PM 8 March 2007**, in the Conference Room, double doors at the Northeast corner of the campus. Enter the parking lot at the east side of the school. Our regular monthly meeting is changed to **1 March** due to scheduling conflict at the Community Center.

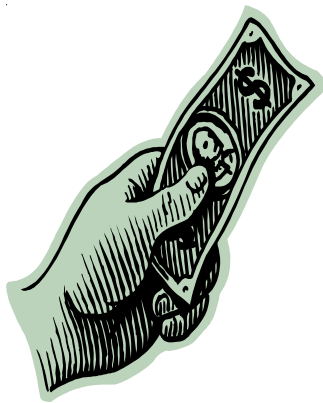
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586-4 RPL (8' 6" 5wt.) \$150
TXL 3710-3 (7' 10" 3wt.) \$400

Contact:

Dick Walton 602-943-7625 or
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Annual Raffle



OH MY!!!! WHAT A DOLLAR BOUGHT. Talk to those who attended the Annual banquet and learn of the great items they took home.

Special thanks to all of you who contributed items to make this years raffle a success. Thanks to all of you who purchased raffle tickets. This event is our club's major fund raising activity for the year and funds our programs for the rest of the year. Without your support we would be unable to do the work we do. Again thank you for making this years raffle a great success

Healing Waters Project

Dario Travaini

We have written a formal letter to the Director of the Carl T. Hayden Veterans hospital requesting permission to teach fly tying to the patients. This is a formality and we do not anticipate any problems moving on to the next phase of our work with the wounded veterans of the current conflict in the gulf. Thanks to all of you that have so generously given of your time to make the first phase of our work a success.

Flycasters! Sign up to Learn in our Education Classes

Ronald Robinson

NOTE THE CHANGE Casting Class: March 31, Sat., from 9 - 11 AM We have changed to location of the casting class to avoid parking problems at Granada Park. We will now have the class at **Steele Park on the old Indian School properties**. This is next to the Carl Hayden Veterans Center. To get there take **Indian School Rd. to 3rd Street and turn north**. This puts you on the park ground and continue north until you dead-end into the parking lot at the lake. There should be lots of parking and plenty of room to cast. Steele Lake is part of the Urban Lakes program and if you plan to fish you must have an **Urban fishing license**. The instruction will be very basic. If you don't have your equipment yet, the club will supply rods and reels to use. All family members are welcome and it's a free event to all club members. Come on out and join the fun.

Lie & Tie: March 14 is the evening we tie flies for our Membership Chairman to give to new members. It will be at the **Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM**. We will be tying simple flies so that we maximize the number tied. If you want to tie and don't have your equipment yet, just give **Ron Robinson** a call at **602 867 8820** and he will try to get something for you. As mentioned last month, you can donate flies at any time. Take the time to go through your fly boxes and cull out what you didn't fish last year.

Rod Construction: The first class night is **March 2**. At that first meeting we will select the components that you need to obtain before actual construction begins on **March 19**. All the classes will be given at **Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM**. If you are taking the net class (**March 19 - 21**) you can start your rod on **March 26** and finish on **March 28**.

Lanyard Class April 10: This class has a limit of 40 members and we are currently at about 20 students. You can sign-up at the next general meeting, March 1 or call **Ron Robinson** at **602 867 8820**. There will be a **\$5 charge/student** to cover the materials cost.

February Outing Report

Roger Cahoon

Dead Horse Ranch State Park - The February outing at Dead Horse State Park proved to be very successful. We couldn't have asked for better weather and had a great turnout. There were about 13 camper/trailers and had a total of 60 for the potluck. We had more food than could possibly be consumed- all of which was very good. No one should have gone away hungry and if they did it was their own fault.

Fishing was good, with most everyone reporting that they caught fish at both the Verde River and the ponds. Bob Rudzinski, Jonas Kelley and Phil Koda spent some time on the river and reported they did well. Larry Kamins fishing from a float tube in the lower pond ended up catching more fish than he could keep track of. All in all it was a fantastic weekend. Thanks goes out to everyone who participated and a special thanks to Larry and Cheryl Kamins for a job well done as camp host.

Cabela's Fishing Days

Dan Varner

Ron Robinson, our education chairman, put together a team of club members to serve as casting and fly tying instructors for the Cabela's Fishing days 10, 11, 17 and 18 February. We will finish up with a casting class on 24 Feb. Many people learned a little about fly casting and fly tying. As ambassadors for the club, we were able to talk up the club and probably recruited some new members. Thanks Ron for setting this up and thanks to all the members who participated.

Third Annual AFC Fit to be Tied Fly Swap

Donna Walkuski
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Have a great pattern you want to show off? Know of one that you'd like to learn or tie but haven't gotten around to it? Our club 'fly swap' offers the opportunity and a bit of incentive to get out the tying vise and get tying!

If you haven't participated in our fly swap before, it works like one of our famed potlucks. Tie up a bunch of flies, turn them in, and at the May meeting receive a smorgasbord of patterns tied by swap participants to place in your flybox. The number of flies you'll need to tie is determined by the number of club members who sign up. E-mail, call, or see me at this month's meeting if you want to participate this year or have any questions. Just do it before the **March 18th** deadline, which will give us all more time to get our submissions in by **April 30th**.

On **April 24th** we'll have a special Fly Swap Tying night at **7:00 at the Sunnyslope Community Center**. If you want some great company, tying tips, help or encouragement, please join us.

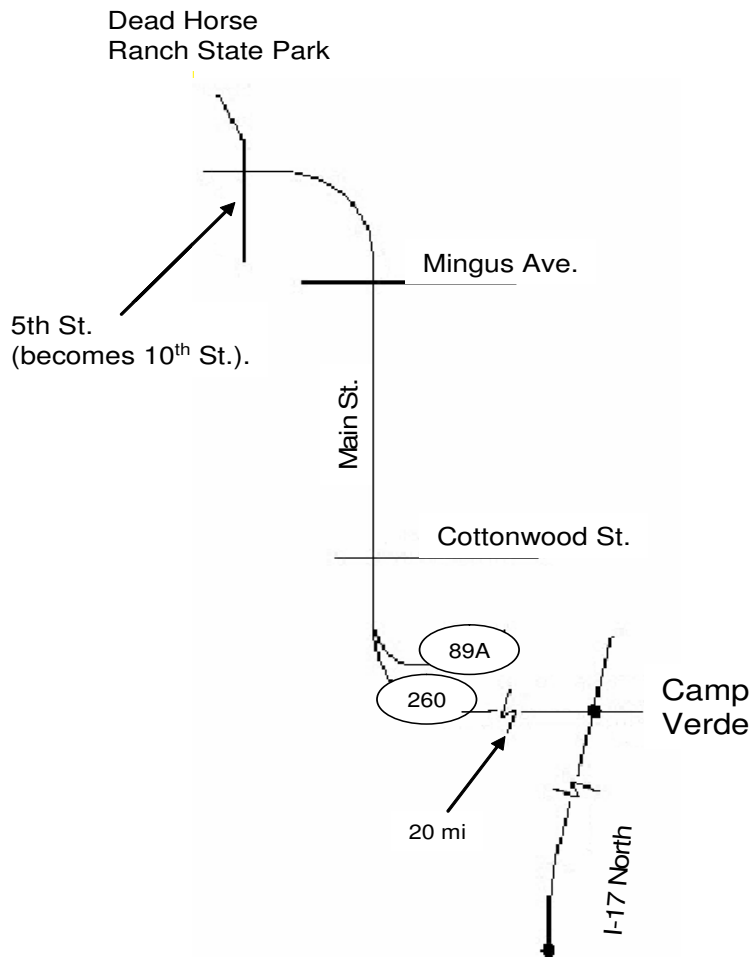
One lucky participant will be drawn at random to win a Scientific Anglers flybox. All participants will win fame, or at least the promise of good fortune fishing with a full flybox.

Photo caption: Barney Rouse won the flybox last year with his Dragonfly Nymph



**Dead Horse
Lake Outing:
Fun for the
Whole Family**
Roger Cahoon

On March 17 - 18th A.F.C. will be returning to Dead Horse State Park located adjacent to Cottonwood Arizona. Dead Horse is one of the few places this time of year that isn't caught in a deep freeze, but still affords you the opportunity to experience some good fishing. Dead Horse ponds are stocked with trout, bass and bluegill. Adjacent to the park, the Verde River provides some excellent fishing. If you are fishing from shore, recommend you use a sink tip line. Also don't forget that they now allow float tubes in the lower pond. Dead Horse is a good staging location for fishing Oak Creek Canyon that is only a 25-miles away. If you were unable to attend last month's outing don't miss this opportunity. The Cahoons will be Camp Hosts. Look forward to seeing every one there.



In April, mark your calendars for the 21st and 22nd for the outing to Canyon Creek located on top of the rim. It is important that we utilize this creek or we could lose the catch and release regulations we now have.

Our May 25th- 28th outing will be held at Cyclone Lake over the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Cyclone is located on the White Mountain Apache Reservation at about 8000 ft elevation. The club has rented Cyclone Lake exclusively for our use. You will have to sign up for this outing, which we will start taking in March. This is one fantastic weekend that you don't want to miss.

On June 23rd- 24th, the outing will be held at Big Lake also located in the White Mountains. We will be camping at the Rainbow Campground at the lake. You do need to make reservations for this campground. That can be done by going on line to www.recreation.gov or by calling **1-877-444-6777**. It is very important that you do this soon, as the campground fills up fast. The camp host (Cahoons) will be in Site # 47.

The following is the rest of the year Outings Schedule:

July 21/22	Horseshoe Cienega/Wht Mtn Lakes
August 18/19	Crawfish Festival
September 22/23	Hawley Lake
October 20/21	Woods Canyon Lake
November 3/7	San Juan River
December	To Be Determined

As you can see we have a lot going on through out the year. If you would like to be Camp Hosts at any of these outings, please contact me. It is an easy responsibility and great way to meet your fellow club members.

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Editors' Notes

New members - Please take advantage of our outings. The club has numerous education activities such as fly tying, rod building, knot tying, maintenance of rods, reels and fly lines. Our outings are also truly part of the education program. Our more experienced members will gladly work with our new members to help you learn how to fish the waters. I personally normally bring an extra float tube, fins, life vest and waders to many of the outings. I would gladly let a new member use this equipment. Thus allowing the new member to link up on the water with one of the "old" guys to learn the finer points of still water fishing, many of which I am still learning. Being a former infantryman, I am a somewhat slow learner. This months program Fishing Tandem Flys is a must, done correctly it is a killer technique. I find it most frustrating and really look forward to some expert guidance.

**Special Events
Upcoming**

Bob Day

The International Sportsman Exposition will be held at the University of Phoenix Stadium on March 9-11, 2007. The show hours are Friday 12pm-8pm, Saturday 10am-8pm and Sunday 10am - 5pm.

The Arizona Game and Fish Outdoor Expo will be held at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility on March 31 and April 1. The show hours are Saturday 8am-5pm and Sunday 8am-4pm.

Additional Club members are needed to participate in the Arizona Game and Fish Outdoor Expo (greeting and fly tying). We have enough Club members signed up for the ISE activity. Sign up sheets will be available at the March general meeting

**Welcome
New
Members**

Doug & Kari Clark Scottsdale, AZ
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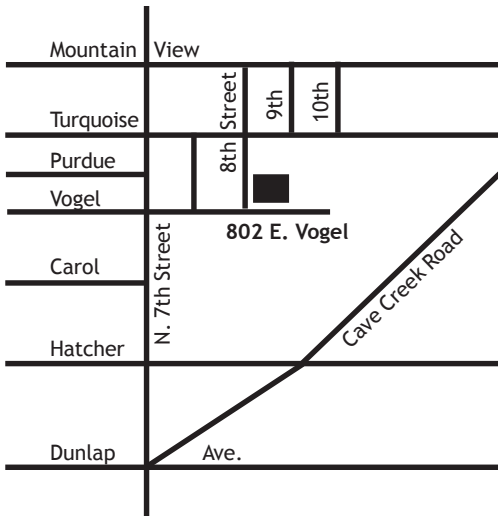
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Pay your 2007 dues today!