

# Arizona Flycasters Club

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### President's Riffles

*Brian Mazoyer* Mazbrian@cox.net

As I am sure by now most of you are aware of **Dario Travaini** passing away this last month. He was a tremendous supporter of this club not only as board member but also as past president and representative to the FFF. His contributions and the guidance he has given to this club will be greatly missed. It has been because of Dario's contributions that the club sponsored scholarship at NAU will now be named: **The Chick Scott and Dario Travaini Memorial Scholarship.**

We have made some additions to your board of directors: **Karl Kish** has agreed to be our representative to the Federation of Fly Fishers, Karl is a very active member of the Federation and will be a great representative for our club. **Glen Knight** has agreed to take over the Scouting program from **Ron Rosenlof** as he prepares to take over as president next year. He will be coordinating the club's efforts to help Scouts earn their fly fishing merit badge. I want to welcome them both to the board. While I am on the subject of board members we are still looking for someone who is interested in heading up our **Project Healing Waters** program with the Veterans Administration. While I would like this position to be a board member and ideally a vet, it does not have to be, we are looking for someone who is well organized and able to continue his wonderful program started by Dario.

I hope you are making plans to attend one the great outings this month at **Cyclone Lake** over the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Your last opportunity to sign up for this great weekend of fishing and fun times is going to be the May meeting. Please **do not** show up at the lake expecting to fish, or to participate in the potluck and steak fry if you have not **paid** for the trip prior to the weekend as we are unable to secure permits for you at the lake.

*Next Meeting:*  
**What the FFF is Doing  
and Where the FFF  
is Going**  
*with Peter "Van"  
Gytenbeek, CEO &  
President of the  
Federation of Fly Fishers*  
Thursday,  
May 10, 2007

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** 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.

**Upcoming  
Three Month  
Calendar**

<b>May</b>	10	Thursday	General Meeting
	15	Tuesday	General Education
	22	Tuesday	Cyclone Lake Pre-Trip
	25-28	Fri - Mon	Cyclone Lake Outing
<b>June</b>	12	Tuesday	General Education Class 7-9 P.M.
	23-24	Sat-Sun	Big Lake
<b>July</b>	10	Tuesday	General Education Class
	12	Thursday	General Meeting
	21-22	Sat-Sun	Horseshoe Cienega/White Mtn. Lakes

**Education  
Schedule for  
2007**

*Ron Robinson*

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

<b>May:</b>	15	Tue	General Education class
	22	Tue	Cyclone Lake pre-trip
<b>June:</b>	12	Tuesday	General Education Class
<b>July:</b>	10	Tuesday	General Education Class
<b>August:</b>	21	Tuesday	General Education Class
<b>September:</b>	5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26		Basic Fly Tying
	29	Saturday	Casting Class (SteelePark, 9 AM)
<b>October:</b>	9	Tuesday	General Education Class
	27	Saturday	Casting Class (Steele Park, 9 AM)
<b>November:</b>	6	Tuesday	General Education Class (may conflict with San Juan trip)
<b>December:</b>	11	Tuesday	General Education Class

*"Ah done roped him an' now you want me to tie him, too?"*



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*The Adventures of  
Cowboy Caster*

*by L.A.*

**May 2007  
Outing**  
*Roger Cahoon*

Mark your calendars for May 25<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> and plan on attending one of the best outings of the year to Cyclone Lake. A.F.C. has reserved the use of Cyclone Lake for members and their immediate families exclusively.

Cyclone Lake is a pristine 37- acre lake at approximately 9000 ft. elevation on the White Mountain Apache Reservation. The Tribe provides all the essential amenities, such as porta-potties, trash dumpsters and potable water. The potluck will be on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. The club provides steaks, grilled to your liking, and potatoes. You provide one of the following: a side dish, salad or dessert. Also this year, Cliff DeVlieg will be hosting a pancake breakfast Sunday morning. If you have a breakfast dish (i.e. sausage, bacon, egg dish, fruit) that would complement the pancakes, please feel free to bring it down to the ramada.

Your last chance to sign up and pay for this priceless weekend will be May 10<sup>th</sup> at the general meeting. The price is \$65.00 for one person and \$85.00 for two, which includes lake rental, steak dinner and permits for the weekend.

Please be aware that there will be a parking committee to assist in arranging the camp spaces. This is necessary due to increased attendance and to alleviate congestion. Your patience and cooperation is appreciated.

To get to Cyclone Lake take Highway 87 out of Phoenix north to Payson. At the intersection of 87 and 260 turn right. Take 260 though Show Low/ Pinetop Lakeside to the Hawley Lake turnoff (473). Turn right on 473. Then follow the AFC signs.

Look forward to seeing everyone there!



**Cyclone Lake  
Area Map**



**Cyclone  
Lake Pre-trip  
Meeting**  
*Roger Cahoon*

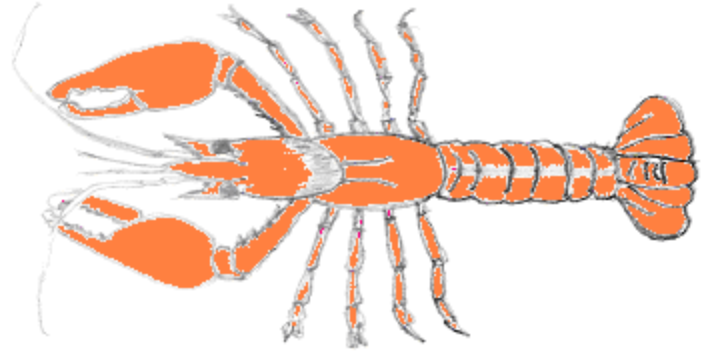
If you have never attended the outing at Cyclone Lake, this meeting is a **must**. It will be held on May 2nd at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 – 9 pm. We will cover everything you need to know to make your weekend enjoyable and safe. Topics will include directions to the lake and what to expect when you arrive. We will also delve into rod, line and fly selection, fishing techniques, float tube safety as well as fun things for your non- fishing family members to do. There will be time for a Q & A session as well. If you have attended previous Cyclone trips, please plan to attend and share your thoughts and experiences.

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**Jambalaya  
and a  
Crawfish Pie  
Anyone?**

*By Jerry Hobbs*

If you've been a member of AFC for some time you know that we have been waging a war with crayfish in Arizona waterways for several years.



Crayfish are not native to Arizona and are often destructive, feeding on vegetation, insects, frogs, snakes, and fish. They can be

devastating, especially in small streams, where after only a few years, they can leave the stream muddy, murky and lifeless.

AFC possesses a scientific collecting permit and at many of our outings we set traps to collect, kill, and sometimes eat (they are delicious!) crayfish, in an attempt to have a positive impact on our environment.

Because of the adverse impact of crayfish on indigenous populations, it becomes necessary for us to know about their habits, lifestyle, etc. And even if we didn't care about the conservation aspects, if we tie fly patterns that imitate crayfish, we can catch fish, and often, big fish. The following is paraphrased from an article by Dave Whitlock in the Trout Unlimited magazine "Trout", Winter, 2006, pages 53-55.

Crayfish are crustaceans, with an exoskeleton and 5 pairs of legs, including some prominent pinchers on their first legs. These pinchers are used for defense, for capturing prey, and for digging the burrows in which they live. They eat most anything, plant or animal, dead or alive. They will even cannibalize other crayfish at times." Crayfish in Arizona vary in color from maroon to olive green, and various shades of brown. They can reproduce when water temp's reach 45 degrees, the females producing 100's of eggs each. One to three times a season crayfish molt, shedding their exoskeleton to allow for growth. During this time they are lethargic and very vulnerable to predators, since they are soft-shelled. They also seem to have a distinct odor which attracts predators, which will move a long way to feed on them.

When foraging, crayfish move forward and use their claws for defense and food-getting. But, when threatened, they use their large flat tail flipper to move rapidly backward.

Whitlock suggests fishing with a crayfish pattern in late spring and all summer, especially in low-light periods, such as early morning and late evening, and after water runoff has clouded the water. He suggests patterns in sizes 8-12. Drift the pattern near the bottom with a slow, erratic retrieve.

Whitlock feels that many crayfish patterns are tied with pinchers that are far too large. Trout might feel that the pattern looks too fierce, and that patterns featuring smaller pinchers are more effective. He recommends that pinchers be no more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  the length of the fly. His recommended pattern is the "Near 'Nuff Crayfish". It should be tied weighted and with the point of the hook



Drawings by Jerry Hobbs

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**Educational  
Activities  
for Everyone**  
*By Ron Robinson*

Tying with Deer Hair: On May 15 we will have a class on working with deer hair at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. We will offer instruction on several levels of difficulty of tying with deer hair, including a very simple, yet quite effective, method of stacking deer hair. This will be illustrated by tying the Hank of Hair and a deer hair parachute. Next we will show those interested in how to spin deer hair. To illustrate a use of this technique we will tie a Muddler Minnow. For those wanting even more fun, Brian Mazoyer will demonstrate using deer hair to tie bass bugs. The club will supply the materials and equipment at no cost to those in need. If you have questions please call Ron Robinson at 602 867 8820.

**National  
Fly Fishing  
Week**  
*by Ron Robinson*

In support of FFF's National Fly Fishing week (June 2 - 10) our club will be conducting a seminar entitled "The Strategy and Tactics for Fly Fishing in Arizona". This class will be given at the Sunnyslope Community Center on June 7 from 7 - 9 PM. We will cover some very basic concepts as well as some more advanced methods. The seminar will be given by several different club members and is designed to be quite informal. You can ask questions at anytime during the discussion. In addition to tackle selection, we will spend time on where and when to go for different fish, and on how to catch your fish when you get there. Veteran flycasters will provide suggestions on flies to use, lines and leaders to give you a better chance at a successful trip. Make sure you bring some note taking supplies, since a lot of the topics that evening will help make you a better fly fisher.

**DOUBLE BONUS  
RAFFLE**

*by Bob Rudzinski*

When Jack Dennis was here last month he left us with 2 vests from the Jackson Hole One Fly Contest 2006. They are Columbia Titanium Red Mountain Down Vests with the One Fly logo. You will have double the chance to take one of these home with you from the May General Meeting. Tickets are \$5 and we will choose 2 winners. The vests will be on display at the Raffle Table. Take a look at them. I think you will be impressed.

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**Canyon Creek Creel Count**

As spring arrives, more and more of us will be visiting Canyon Creek. Remember we are going to keep track of fishing in the Canyon Creek Catch and Release area. Only the Catch and Release area below OW Bridge. If you fish it, please transmit the following information to Dick Kennedy, email to [greyhackle@att.net](mailto:greyhackle@att.net) . Need one form per person.

You can also print this off and turn it in at a meeting.

Person Fishing: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) Fished: \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

\*Preferable one form or line for each day.

Average hours fished each day: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of fish caught in each size range:

R\_\_\_ B\_\_\_ Under 8 inch    R\_\_\_ B\_\_\_ 8 to 10 inch    R\_\_\_ B\_\_\_ 10 to 12 inch

R\_\_\_ B\_\_\_ 12 to 14 inch    R\_\_\_ B\_\_\_ 14 to 16 inch    R\_\_\_ B\_\_\_ Over 16 inch

Turn forms in at meetings or email information to: [greyhackle@att.net](mailto:greyhackle@att.net)

\* R refers to Rainbow Trout B refers to Brown Trout

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**Protect Our  
Waters**  
*by Dick Kennedy*

If you have a boat or know boaters who use the Colorado River, make sure you clean your boat or water craft and remind others to do the same. This will be a critical issue: we must ensure our equipment is absolutely clean to protect waters from an infestation of mussels that could have a devastating impact on Arizona waters. The two mussels have been found in the Colorado waterways including Mohave and Havasu lakes. These two mussels, the zebra and quagga, are less than an inch long and are extremely prolific.

Make sure you or your friends do not allow these little critters an easy hitchhike to other waters in Arizona.

**Our Lanyards  
Have Class**  
*by Linda Alkove*

The lanyard class was a great success. We will definitely see a lot of folks wading the creeks and paddling the lakes with handy lanyards around their necks. For those of you who are new to the concept, a well-made lanyard can carry anything from new flies to floaters to weights and whistles. A good lanyard is also useful for carrying your work or school ID around, along with whatever keys your boss puts you in charge of. Keep your eye on the education schedule. There's sure to be another lanyard class in the future. Here, Leroy Donnelly threads nylon rope through surgical tubing in preparation for hanging swivels, beads, and other accoutrements of flycasting.



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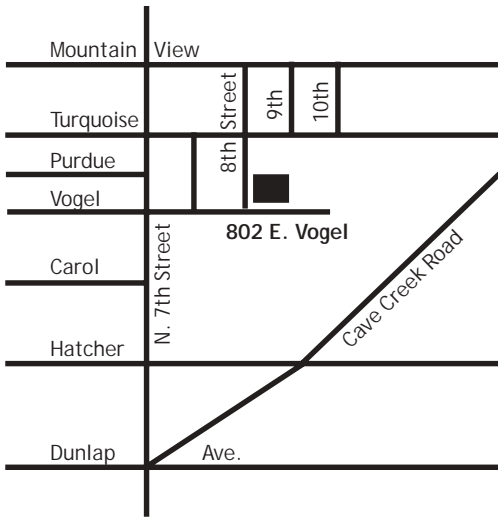
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