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**FEDERATION OF
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Next Meeting:

Canyon Creek

with

**The Dynamic Duo:
Dana and Jim
Warnecke**

Thursday,
November 9th
7:00 PM

President's Riffles

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It's hard to believe that summer fishing is over and fall is upon us. Whether it is the San Juan River trip this month or your favorite destination here in Arizona, I hope you are making plans for some great fall fishing and get out and catch some fish. While you are making plans you might want to consult with the "Fishing Buddies" web site at www.sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/afcfishingbuddies/ and meet with some new (or old) friends to fish with.

As the year winds down there is some club business we need to take care of. First off it is time to start thinking about awards for those who have made contributions to our club. We give an award to the Member of the Year for contributions above and beyond what the general member does. There is also the Silver Doctor: this award is given to an outstanding female member who has distinguished herself as being deserving of this award. Finally there is the Life Member award given to someone who has made outstanding contributions to our club over many years and has also received the Ed Adams patch for at least 5 years. If you can think of someone who you feel is deserving of one of these awards please give a written nomination of why you think so to me or any board member, or e-mail it to me at the above address.

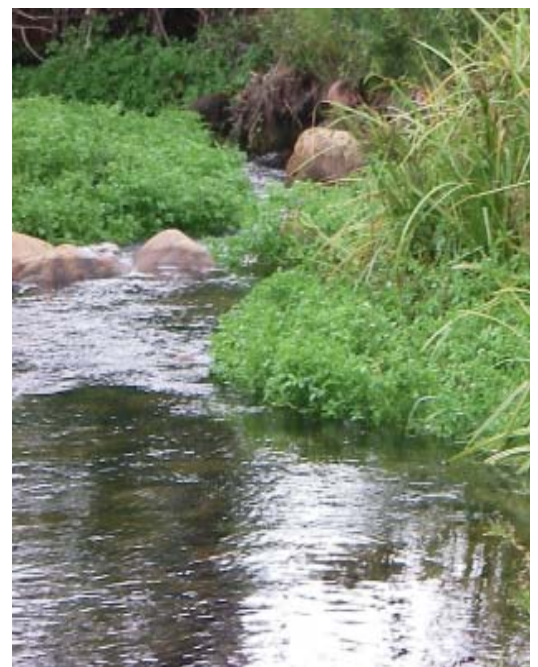
The second item is it's time for many of our current board members to be re-elected. We have many members who are returning to their current positions but we find that we have a position to fill, the editor of our club's newsletter. Donna and Marian have decided it is time to retire from their position as co-editors. If you have some creativity and computer skills this may be the position for you. If you are interested please see me at the next meeting or talk to any board member about the position.

As always, I hope to have the opportunity to fish with you.

Dana Warnecke, Habitat Specialist-Region VI, Arizona Game & Fish Department and her husband Jim, Region VI Fish Program Manager will present information on the recovering fish populations and future management strategies for Canyon Creek Riparian Area.

In 2005, the Canyon Creek Riparian Restoration project was funded by the Arizona Water Protection Fund. This project included the construction of a 17 acre elk/livestock enclosure to protect a 1/2 mile reach of the creek from the effects of grazing after the impacts of the Rodeo-Chediski Fire in 2002. Dana's presentation will include a progress report on how the the riparian habitat is improving, along with future plans.

Jim will bring us up-to-date on the current proposals for the fishery and what is planned for the coming months for this pristine Arizona mountain jewel.



Canyon Creek

-Nancy Vance

**Upcoming
Three Month
Calendar**

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| November | 4th | Saturday | Casting Class |
| | 6th | Monday | San Juan Pre-trip Meeting |
| | 9th | Thursday | General Meeting |
| | 11-15 | Sat - Wed | San Juan River |
| December | 2nd | Saturday | Fly Fishing Swap Meet |
| | 9th | Saturday | Local Outing TBD |
| | 12th | Tuesday | Intermediate Fly Tying |
| | 14th | Thursday | General Meeting |
| January | 11th | Thursday | General Meeting |

**Federation
News**

*Dario Travaini
FFF Representative*

Arizona Flycasters Club (AFC) is proud to support our veterans. Our first Healing Waters program will begin at the Arizona State Veterans Home on Wednesday, November 22, 2006. We will be working with 12 veterans - half of whom are in wheel chairs. AFC will present a DVD video covering Basic Fly Tying (Stackpole/Marvin Nolte tyer) on large screen. Two fly tying stations and an equipment display will be shown. Also a presentation of a typical club fishing outing will be given to generate future fishing interest.

The Veteran's Home is in close proximity to one of the Phoenix Urban Lakes located in the adjacent Steele Indian School park Our introductory class will be followed by monthly fishing outings in the park on the first Wednesday of each month, December through April, 0900 - 1200 hrs. The Arizona Game & Fish Department will provide a special trout stocking to enhance their experience. Healing Waters programs are planned for other veteran groups in Phoenix and will be reported on next month.

**A Warm
Welcome to our
Newest
Members:**

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| John Abbott Phoenix | Scott Burkett Waddell, AZ | Wayne Misheski Phoenix |
| Lonnie Alcock Surprise | Helen Corsonn Scottsdale | Rob Ramsay Tempe |
| Jack Ankrom Scottsdale | Doug Drake Gilbert | Larry Redmond Phoenix |
| Bruce Burkett Surprise | Bill Edwards Phoenix | |

Sage rods for sale:

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

Contact:

Dick Walton 602-943-7625 or
602-481-6592

35 and counting...

That's the number of AFC folks signed up on the Yahoo club board.

Want to know what's fishing well right now? Find other members interested in joining you for a weekend fishing trip? Meet with others to practice your casting skills at a local park?

You can do this and more on our club site on Yahoo!

To join in, type the following into your browser's address bar or just click on:

<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/afcfishingbuddies/>
or e-mail Doug Benford at: shscadman@yahoo.com

**Fly of the
Month:
Midge
Emerger**

John Van Derhoof

*From the September
2005 issue of*

*Target Talk,
the newsletter of
the Long Beach
Casting Club*

When the life of a fly fisher is tormented with the vagaries of fly selection then, often times, a generic approach should be made. When fish are being finicky something like the Looped-Wing Emerger is an appropriate choice. This pattern performs several functions very well but the two key ones are illusion and universality. It rides low in the water like any good emerger should and gives the illusion of an insect that is trapped in the surface film (meniscus). The materials used in the Looped-Wing Emerger are selected specifically to allow the fly to float with the wing and thorax in the film and with the tail and body below the surface. Even the tail offers the illusion of being either a tail or a shuck still attached to the insect struggling to pull itself free of it.

It is universal in its ability to represent several different types of insects that are available to a fish and not just another mayfly. Mayflies, caddis, midges and even terrestrials—all of these insects could be represented by the Looped-Wing Emerger.

The Looped-Wing Emerger is easy to tie, is durable and quite effective. Tie it in a wide variety of sizes—from 12 down to 20 or even 22's and 24's and in a variety of colors such as the olive one that is shown here, pale yellow, tan, gray and black. Leave off the hackle on the really small flies as it is not really needed in small sizes—unless you like a challenge.

Materials for tying the Looped-Wing Emerger:

Hook: Tiemco 2487 or 2488 or similar

Thread: Color to match the natural (olive)

Tail: Zelon fibers matching the body, sparse (olive)

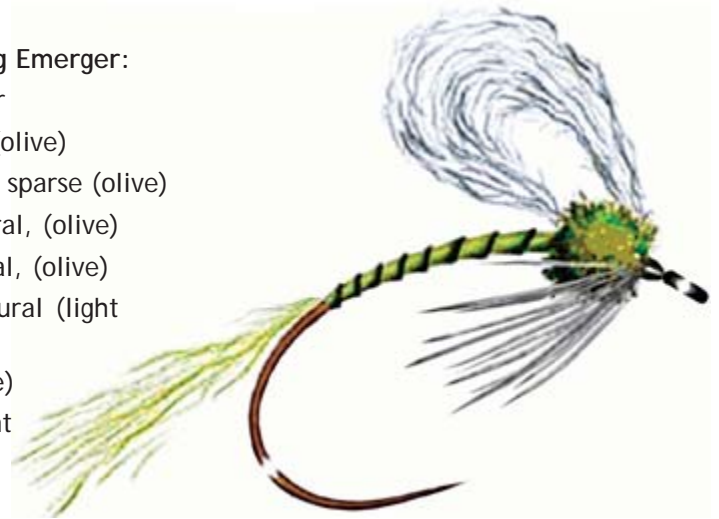
Body: Goose biot matching the natural, (olive)

Thorax: Dubbing to match the natural, (olive)

Wing: CDC plume to match the natural (light dun)

Throat: Dubbing to match (dark olive)

Hackle: Dry fly hackle to match (light dun)



Instructions for tying the Looped-Wing Emerger:

1. Place the hook in the jaws of your vise and attach the thread just behind the head space and wind smoothly and evenly down to the point of the barb. Remove 6 to 12 (depending on the hook size) Zelon fibers for the tail and tie them in. Their length should be the same as the body or a little shorter.

2. Select a long thin biot and tie it in by the tip on the far side of the hook. Advance the thread forward smoothly to where the starting point of the thorax will be or about 3/4 the length of the shank. Wind the biot with a very slight overlap over the body to the start of the thorax and tie it off.

3. Select a good quality CDC plume (2 on larger flies) and tie it in securely by the tip at the start of the thorax. Apply dubbing to the thread for the thorax and wind forward to a point just before the headspace.

4. Grab the butts of the CDC wing and fold them forward forming a loop and tie them down with only two or three turns of thread at the headspace. To make the process easier use a bodkin in your off hand. The bodkin acts as a support when folding the fibers over the needle. With just those couple of thread loops over the wing to hold it in place, grab the wing and the butts with both hands and slide the wing back and forth a few times. This helps to make the wing look fuller and more natural. Undo one of the wraps at the tie down and re-wrap a couple of turns of thread to secure the wing.

5. Select a good quality dry fly hackle from the butt of the neck. Strip off 12 to 18 fibers from near the tip of the hackle and tie them in as a beard. On larger flies I will fold the hackle, tie it in by the tip and wind 2 or 3 turns with the hackle flowing backwards. Bind them down and trim off the excess. Form a neat, small head, whip finish and apply some head cement and the Looped-Wing Emerger is complete. Now, just add water.

Got Pictures?



If you have photos from AFC classes, outings or other club functions please share them with us! You can e-mail them to Brian Mazoyer or club newsletter editors Marian Tallon / Donna Walkuski so they can be featured in the newsletter or monthly meetings.

Hawley Lake Outing Wrap-Up

Roger Cahoon

All 26 members who attended the Hawley Lake outing October 21st- 22nd had a very good time. It was especially nice to have 8 new members and their families in attendance.

We had great weather through out the weekend; the nights were very chilly (18 degrees) as expected, but warmed up nicely as soon as the sun came up with clear skies and calm winds. Fishing proved to be a bit harder than expected, although most everyone caught fish. The pot-luck was very good as always with more food than we could eat, but we gave it a good A.F.C. try. Start making plans now to join us at future outings.

Conservation News

Dick Kennedy

As Gary Stinson reported at the Meeting in October, the Gila Trout recovery project continues but is rather slow. Potentially, West Fork of Oak Creek might be ready in a year for chemical treatment. Meanwhile, there was no visible evidence of Gila Trout in Dude Creek but fish were observable in Raspberry Creek. Our Club was represented at the meeting in Flagstaff by Gary Stinson and John Jordan. A big thanks goes out to them for taking time out and participating in the meeting.

The other main issue our Club faced was the rule changes being proposed by Arizona Game and Fish that will take effect for the next two years. We were very interested in two proposals, the first regarding Becker Lake (proposed year round lure and fly single barbless hook, 2 fish take limit). The other consideration given to the Becker Lake proposal was to allow only Catch and Release with no harvest. Although this had some widespread support even from the White Mountain communities, the proposal was submitted for the limited harvest.

The second was to allow a two fish harvest in the current Catch and Release area of Canyon Creek. The area would remain lure and fly but change to allow harvest of fish.

Arizona Game and Fish received a great deal of negative comment regarding the Canyon Creek proposal and the Department "tabled" the proposal to allow study of the area and the prospect that the proposal will resurface later. Ron Robinson and I both attended the public comment meeting in North Phoenix. We both gave written and verbal opposition to the Canyon Creek proposal. No members of either Club (Desert or Arizona Flycasters) appeared at the East Valley meeting. This was probably unfortunate because AG&F brought several staff to discuss the issues involved. I would like to thank Ron for the support at the meeting I attended.

I also attended the Commission meeting on Saturday October 21st and although the proposal for Canyon Creek was recommended to be held for later review, I submitted written and verbal objection to the proposal and recommended full removal of the proposal. Although the Commission took the time to hear my objections, all recommendations given by AG&F passed.

It appears we might be in for a long struggle on Canyon Creek. The Commission showed interest in the "Blue Ribbon" waters but apparent lack of use at Canyon Creek has led Game and Fish to consider modifying the regulations to promote angling. You will hear more about this later. I have a proposal to submit to our Board at our next meeting. We will have to debate the merits of various courses of action. If you desire a Catch and Release Canyon Creek, your active response will be needed to preserve it. Simply standing by and watching will not be enough to save it.

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AFC Swap Meet

Tom Herman

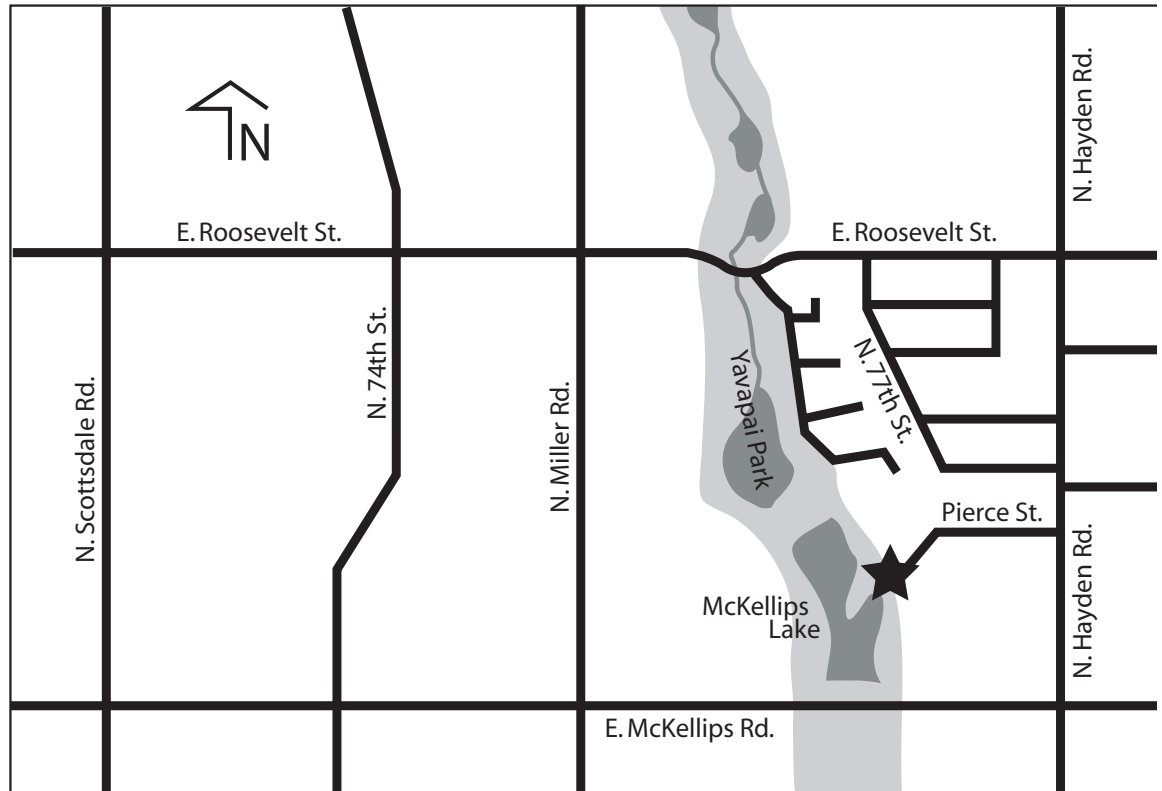
If you are like most of us, a swap meet/garage sale means getting rid of stuff, picking up stuff or upgrading what you already have.

Well, our 2nd Annual AFC Swap N Meet is just the place for you. Like last year, the AFC will be gathering at Scottsdale's McKellips Park, Ramada #3, Saturday, December 2, starting at 8:30 a.m.

The cost is \$5.00, and we will provide a lunch starting at about 12:00. You will also get 6 raffle tickets for some great prizes.

Last year, we had a ton of good stuff, and lots of it was swept up as soon as it hit the display tables, so come early.....

For more information, contact Tom Herman at 602 862 9653. Hope to see you there!



Casting Class: Saturday Nov. 4 th

As mentioned last month there will be a casting class on Nov. 4 at Granada park from 9 - 11 AM. The park is located at the northeast corner of 20th Street and Maryland. This is near the 51 Freeway and Lincoln. This class will focus on nymphing techniques used on moving water such as the San Juan river (November club trip). We will have examples of indicators, split shot, leader construction and fly setups. Basic instruction will also be provided for our new members. If you have any questions contact Ron Robinson at 602 867 8820.

Education Committee News

Ron Robinson

robinsonrs@cox.net

San Juan Pre-trip Meeting: Monday, Nov. 6 th

This pre-trip meeting is for the San Juan trip and will include a good deal of information of interest to those that want to fish this great river but will not be able to make the trip. It will be held at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. Be sure to bring questions as this adds a lot to these meetings.

Intermediate Fly Tying Class: Dec. 12 th

This is the last class of 2006! It will be held at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. As a change of pace we will show you how to make hat pins, coat pins, ear rings, etc. from your favorite patterns. The club will supply all the needed materials. We haven't done this for several years and it's time to revisit this fun class. If you have tying equipment please bring it, otherwise the club will have some available for you to use.

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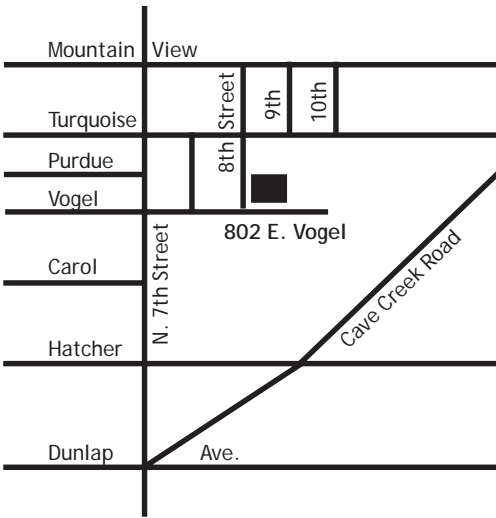
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