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Next Meeting:
Fly Fishing
Kodiak Island
with
a panel
of AFC friends

Thursday,
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7:00 PM

President's Lines

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As I write this October President's Line, today is the last day of summer for 2008. In most fishing locations in our country, that would mean a significant change in the weather. In the northern part of Arizona that might be true, but in the central part of Arizona, summer is still here. If you fish the local or the urban lakes, the weather should still be warm for the next month, so take advantage of the great weather that still lies ahead and go fishing.

Coming up in October, the club will be making a trip to Colcord Campground and fishing the rim lakes, especially Woods Canyon Lake. The weather and the fishing should be great at that location in October. The Rim Lakes are close to Phoenix and are suitable for a day trip. Colcord is a wonderful place to go camping for the weekend and the fishing choices are awesome. Those of you who are unable to make the San Juan trip can take advantage of this shorter, less expensive trip.

As I mentioned in my last President's Line, the San Juan trip in November is one of the best trips that our club has scheduled. The trip runs from November 1 thru November 5 and the last chance to sign up for this trip is at our October general meeting. Don't miss out on a great opportunity to go fishing with some friends and possibly meet some new friends on the river. Please see Phil Wagner, our outings chairman, if interested.

The October general meeting will probably be the last meeting held at the Devonshire Community Center. We hope to move back to our original location at the newly remodeled Sunnyslope Community Center for our November general meeting. The original plan was only to be relocated for three months. However, budget and construction delays did not make that possible. Fourteen months later, we are finally going home! Our club had been at the Sunnyslope facility for over 20 years. It will be nice to return to our home facility and to see all the new renovations. Also, if you paid your \$5.00 City of Phoenix annual membership fee at the Devonshire Center, it will be honored at the Sunnyslope facility.

In closing, volunteer to help someone. Bring a friend to our next club meeting and make a point to introduce yourself to other members at the meeting.

Hope to see you on the water!

Ron



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**October
Program
With
AFC Panel**

by Craig Mernitz

"Fly Fishing Kodiak Island, Alaska with your Friends" - Join AFC Members in a visual presentation of the memorable trip to Kodiak Island fly fishing. The panel of members can share information on the adventures, costs, equipment, experiences and planning necessary to make this trip one you will never forget.

Program Meeting - Thursday Night, October 9th, 7-9 PM, Devonshire Community Center, One Block North on 28th St from Indian School. Visit web site at: azflycasters.org or call Program Chairman, Craig Mernitz at 602-739-2385.

**Education:
Casting Class**

Ron Robinson

Casting Class - On Oct. 18 we will have a casting class from 9 - 11 AM at Steele Indian School Park. We will be on the west side of the park near the kids play area. As we did last month we will separate into two groups. The first will concentrate on the "basics" of fly casting while the second will practice techniques for increasing distance. The club has equipment to cast for those new to our sport or for those that would like to try something different from what they have been using. Ron Robinson will have some of his own equipment that has been "tuned" for increased distance that you can cast and get ideas on what you can do to your equipment to help you achieve that extra distance you sometimes need.

If you have any questions give Ron Robinson a call at 602 867 8820.



**AFC Wants
YOU to be
the Next
Program
Chair!**

Linda Alkove

Now is the time to voice your interest in becoming an active board member. Make your contribution to the Arizona Fly Casters Club by exploring the Program Chairman Board position for 2009. Develop programs of tips and techniques, schedule fascinating speakers, and explore issues that affect the fly fishing industry. These are just a few of the options available to a creative program chairman. Contact Craig Mernitz, current AFC Program Chairman, 602-739-2385 for more help and information.

Please note: Until further notice, all General Meetings will be at the Devonshire Senior Center, we will continue to wait for word when Sunny Slope Community Center will re-open. Unless otherwise Noted all Week Day Classes are at 7PM, All Fly Casting Classes are at Steele Park Central and Indian School Road (Park at Central Ave Entrance) 9 AM - 11 AM



Combined Calendar for 2008	October	9	Thursday	General Meeting
		14	Tuesday	General Education Class
		16	Thursday	Board Meeting
		18	Saturday	Fly Casting @Steele Indian School Park
		21	Tuesday	San Juan Pre-Trip Meeting Sunnyslope CC 8th St & Vogel 7 PM
		25, 26	Sat., Sun.	Outing @ Colcord Campground
	November	1-5	Sat. – Wed.	San Juan Trip (Vote Early)
		13	Thursday	General Meeting
		18	Tuesday	General Education Class
		29	Saturday	Fly Casting @Steele Indian School Park
	December	11	Thursday	General Meeting
		6	Saturday	Dutch Oven Cooking Demo & Breakfast
		18	Thursday	Board Meeting



**Fly Tying with
Lon Ellington
on
Oct. 14**
Ron Robinson

On Oct. 14 we have Lon Ellington as our guest tier at which time he will demonstrate the tying of some of his own creations. The class will be at the Devonshire Senior Center from 7 - 9 PM.

We were lucky to have Lon as our guest speaker at last month's general meeting and he has agreed to show us how to tie some the flies he discussed as well as share some of his tying techniques. As you know, Lon is a past-president of our club and has been tying flies commercially for decades.

Even if you don't tie flies this is a great opportunity to get to know Lon and all the talents he brings to our sport. If you have any questions give Ron Robinson a call at 602 867 8820.

New Members Frank Clark
Larry Kamins Milton & Kelly Carlson
Bradley Cleaves

**Fly Tying:
It's a Wrap**
Marian Tallon

Wow, we've concluded another great session of fly tying. Because of all of you, who plunged right in, I feel inspired. Classroom demonstrations included a number of challenging patterns and the ambitious adventure – the 3-fly night on size 22 hooks! If we could see 'em, we could tie 'em and we plan to fish 'em. There was no anxious gnashing of teeth, thanks to the steady helpers who, along with many tips, encouraged a sense of confidence and good fun among fellow tiers. If you missed any of our fly tying evenings, AFC's webmaster, Darlene Benford, has all of our fall patterns, and then some, posted on the website. Thanks, Darlene, we can tie in the comfort of our own homes!

Naturally, our education chairman, Ron Robinson lent his immeasurable expertise throughout and we'd have been up a creek without a recipe were it not for Brian Mazoyer, who did a photo shoot of each pattern. Our premier instructors deserve thunderous applause, Bill Vance, Tim O'Brien, Roger Cahoon, Jon Wallace, Sam Chapman, Brian Mazoyer and Elsie Ferguson. Special thanks to Paulette Roth, Roger Cahoon and Donna Walkuski who sweated it out in Ron Robinson's garage, generously putting material kits together for each class. In August! Most especially, congratulations to all the participants, who successfully tried their hand at something new, experienced tying satisfaction and the pleasure of meeting new people. Your eager involvement is what makes club events great!

If you're looking forward to upcoming education events, watch for announcements in the newsletter and on the website. If you'd like to be involved in club educational activities, contact Ron Robinson.



**Clean Gear
Means
Clear
Fishing**
Dick Kennedy

Much has been said about the need to clean your felt bottom wading shoes when leaving streams or rivers infested with whirling disease. Bright Water is a product you can purchase but one must go to the right store or online to acquire the item. Some have suggested a 5 percent bleach solution but many see this as a very harmful solution especially for breathable waders. If you pay that much for waders, you don't want to ruin them up with bleach.

Now here is something that shows great promise and can be purchased at your local grocery or hardware store. 409 Antibacterial (All Purpose or Kitchen—the Kitchen blend contains a lemon scent and is probably not desirable due to this agent) has the a chemical that has been shown effective in killing the whirling disease spores but in a lower concentration than some suggest and is generally sold and used by consumers. The chemical is dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride. 409 Antibacterial has a 0.3% concentration of this chemical. Fantastic has the same chemical at a concentration of 0.11%. Regardless whether you make the choice to use any of these products, you should follow manufactures directions. You need to be extremely careful to avoid eye contact and never take it internally. You should also fully rinse your boots after using a chemical such as this. These products are designed to be an antibacterial and will kill organisms.

So here's your order of business no matter what product you choose to disinfect your gear. First, clean off all the mud, old water, algae, etc. Next, disinfect using the product you selected, leave on for several minutes. Finally, rinse your equipment thoroughly with clear water after disinfecting so that you are not introducing a toxic chemical to your favorite fishing stream or lake.

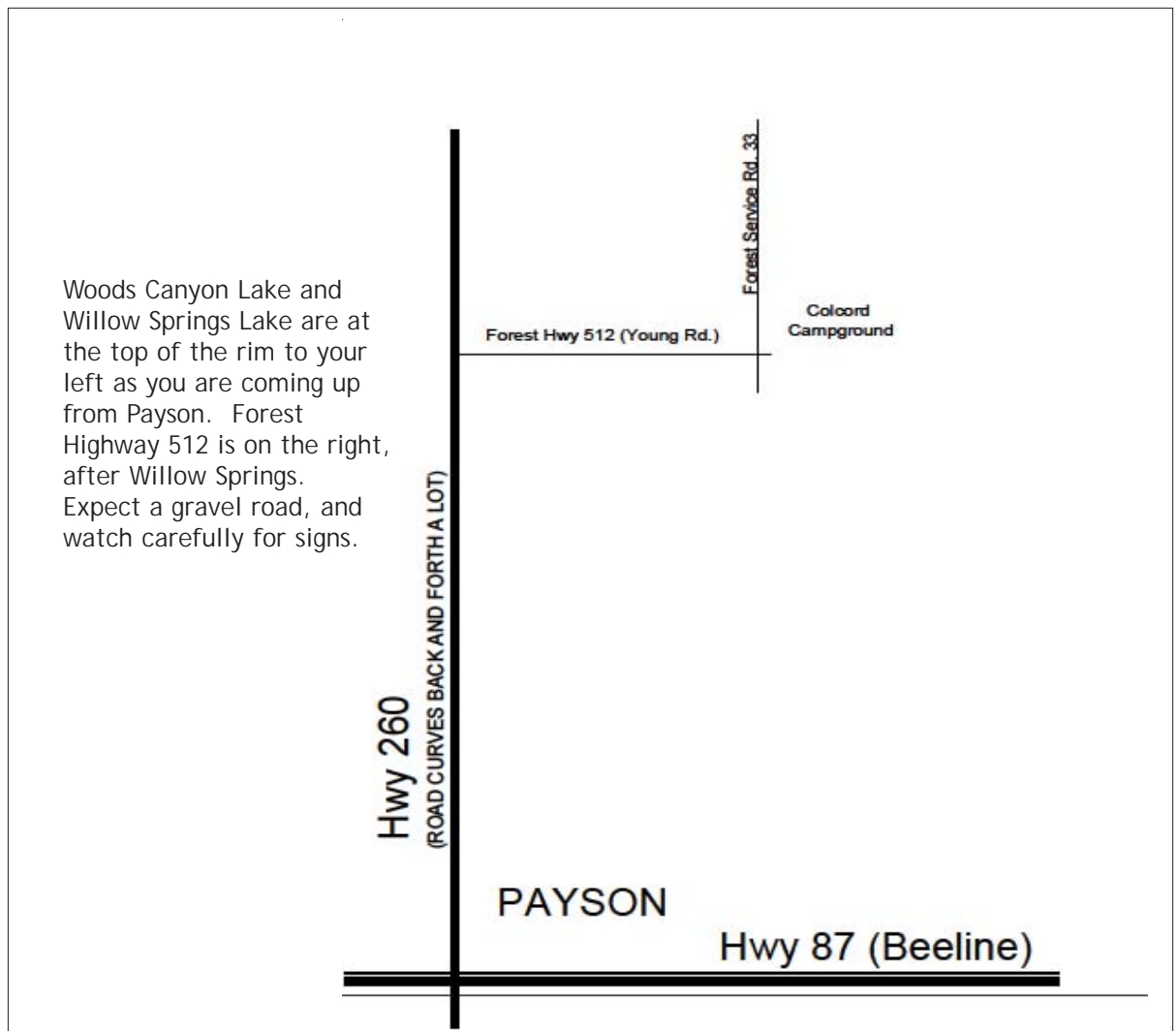
Rim Lakes and Canyon Creek Outing

Phil Wagner

The location of the October outing has been changed from Woods Canyon Lake to the Colcord Campground on the Young road. The Colcord Campground is located on the edge of the Mogollon Rim about 3 miles from Hwy 260. The dates for the outing are from October 24th through October 26th. The Colcord Campground allows for easy access to several rim lakes (Woods Canyon, Willow Springs & Black Canyon Lakes) and to Canyon Creek. With the cooler fall temperature, the fishing on the rim lakes should be improving. The trout fishing should be good on the rim lakes along with bass and crappie at Willow Springs and Black Canyon Lakes. If you are interested in stream fishing, try your luck at Canyon Creek.

If you can't spend the weekend, plan on coming up for the day. This is an easy drive from the valley and we would enjoy your company at the outing. There will be a pot luck on Saturday afternoon at approximately 3PM, so bring your favorite main dish, side dish or desert.

To get to Colcord Campground take Highway 260 east out of Payson and travel about 32 miles to the Young Road (Forest Road 512). Turn right on FR 512 and travel 3 miles to the campground located at the junction of FR 512 and 33. Watch for the AFC signs.



**But Ron,
What if I
Can't Make
It to Casting
Class**

Ron Robinson

Hints for getting extra distance: For those that can't make to casting class here are a few things you can do that will add to your distance.

1. Clean your line and dress it if it isn't one of the newer internally lubricated lines. Check article on new fly lines in January 2008 newsletter.
2. Make sure the line is balanced for your rod and your casting stroke. Test this by trying lines one weight above and below what you are using.
3. Make sure your leader and tippet are not too long and light weight for the fly being cast. Review the articles in the February and June 2008 newsletters on some basics.
4. Practice often and use a specific sequence in those sessions. If you need a coach contact Ron Robinson at 602 867 8820 for help.
5. A sequence that may help you is as follows:
 - a. Practice on grass so that you can measure the distance you are actually casting (often casters under-estimate distance out to about 60' and over-estimate beyond this).
 - b. Start your sessions with the lightest outfit you will be using (5 wt. before 6 wt. and 8 wt. before 9 wt. etc.).
 - c. Warm-up on a target about 40' away and make sure you are casting tight loops. Tight or small loops are key to achieving distance.
 - d. Next extend your casting to about 50' and concentrate on achieving VERY tight loops on your back-cast (without hauling).
 - e. Start your double hauling with about 40' - 50' of line beyond the rod tip and deliver your final cast with the same power application you use of the false casts (have about 20' of line off the reel that is available for the "shoot" on this final cast). You should be able to shoot the 20' if you have 50' of line beyond the rod tip and have a tight loop.
 - f. Find the maximum distance you can handle in the air on your back- cast while still achieving a tight loop. This maximum distance is often only achievable for one or possibly two false casts.
 - g. At this maximum back-cast distance work on your forward haul technique so that you still deliver the tight loop you were working on earlier. Without a tight loop on this forward-cast you will not achieve much distance.
 - h. Remember, tight loops with high line speed (good hauling) are required to achieve maximum distance.

Keep in mind that there is distance casting for tournament competition and distance casting for fishing conditions. Don't mix the two!



**Raffle
Raffles**

Connie Sullivan

We are now accepting donations from our members and local businesses for the Annual Raffle. The Raffle Committee is in the process of contacting businesses country wide . Let's keep up the tradition of having an outstanding banquet and raffle. Please consider donating a hand made or purchased item. See Connie for suggestions on items.

Note to Raffle Players: we are not allowed to call the names on any bent tickets in any of the club's raffles. Please give everyone a fair chance to be a winner at the raffles by not bending the tickets. Thank you."

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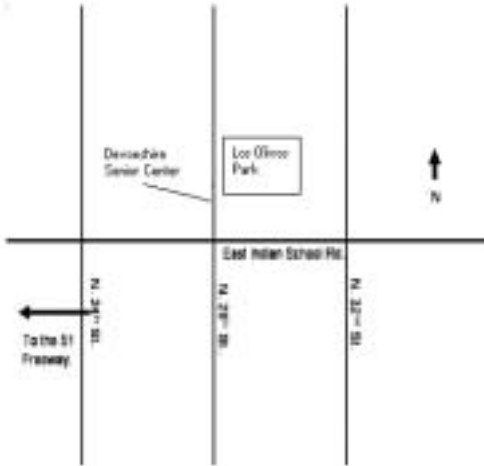
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