

# Arizona Flycasters Club

# R E E L L I N E S

Established 1963

We Support Catch and Release

September 2005



**Doug Benford**  
Club President  
602.938.2145

**Brian Mazoyer**  
Vice President  
623.566.7946

**Tom Herman**  
Secretary  
602.862.9653

**Darlene Benford**  
Treasurer  
602.938.2145

Member of the



Next Meeting:  
**Arizona Bass  
Fishing**  
with  
**Manny Chee**  
Thursday,  
September 8th

## Pres Sez

*Doug Benford* shscadman@yahoo.com

## THIS AND THAT...

### *The Value of the AFC Education Program*

Recently Ron Robinson, our education committee chairman, asked me to help teach a class on how to fish moving water. I agreed to help, but immediately began to worry about my knowledge of the subject. However, after I began preparing for the class, I quickly realized that everything I know about fly fishing I learned in the Club... from talking to members, attending meetings, participating in outings and enjoying the San Juan trip. Maybe I really did have something constructive to share after all! The class was well attended by old and new members alike. That's how the cycle of education works... in a few years we will have other members teaching who realize that they too gained their knowledge in the club. Thanks Ron for your leadership in our education program.

### *September...A Month for Fly Tying*

When fly fishing I'm not sure it gets any better than catching a fish on a fly that you tied, on a rod that you built and landing it in a net that you made. Wow! "Oh, what a feeling." Beginning fly tying starts September 7th. Bill Vance has a great program planned for both beginners and advanced tiers, including new patterns. Do not miss this series of classes. Our AFC classes are for members only (anyone interested in taking a class can join at anytime). The club provides all necessary equipment AND materials.

### *Woods Canyon Lake – September 23-25*

The September outing should be a great weekend at Woods Canyon Lake. The club has reserved the group campground once again this year. The beautiful fall weather will be great for fishing and camping—pleasantly warm during the day and chilly at night. The lake water will also be cooling which should make for great fishing. Do not forget to bring your crayfish traps; this lake has really big ones in it! Woods Canyon is only a couple hours north of Phoenix, and is a great day trip for those who do not wish to camp. Plan to drive up Saturday morning, fish (or just hang out), and stay for the potluck in the afternoon before heading for home. Hope to see you there!

### *Board of Directors and Committee Positions*

Now is the time to consider how active you want to be in the leadership of this club. We are looking for members who would like to serve on the board, beginning next year. If you think this might interest you, talk to any board member. If you do not want to commit to a board position, perhaps you will consider serving on one of the many committees. If you desire to volunteer, we'll find a place for YOU!

Manny Chee, local guide for The Hook-up Outfitters, will talk to us about Bass fishing on the fly. He will be covering techniques for catching Striped Bass, White Bass, Largemouths and Smallmouths in our local lakes. He will also be sharing some "guide flies" he has created for these local waters. He has spent many years fly fishing lakes and has accumulated knowledge to successfully target these species.

If you are interested in adding another dimension to our sport, come and learn the ins and outs of "warm water" fly fishing from an expert! Fall is fast approaching and it will be a great time to try some of our waters closer to home.

-Nancy Vance

---

<b>Upcoming Three Month Calendar</b>	<b>September</b>	7th	Wednesday	Beginning Fly Tying
		8th	Thursday	General Meeting
		12th	Monday	Beginning Fly Tying
		14th	Wednesday	Beginning Fly Tying
		19th	Monday	Beginning Fly Tying
		21st	Wednesday	Beginning Fly Tying
		24-25	Sat-Sun	Woods Canyon Lake
		26th	Monday	Beginning Fly Tying
		28th	Wednesday	Beginning Fly Tying
	<b>October</b>	1st	Saturday	Casting Class
		1st	Saturday	Apache Trout Workday
		13th	Thursday	General Meeting
		15-16	Sat-Sun	Hawley Lake
	<b>November</b>	5th-9th	Sat-Wed	San Juan Trip
		17th	Thursday	General Meeting
	19th	Sat	Swap Meet	

---

**Thank You**

*Bob Rudzinski*

Bob Hougham kept the club in mind when he was given four large boxes of fly tying material. Also included is a 60 drawer box full of hooks (a couple thousand by my count). The donation is being used for the Monthly Raffles and Fly Tying Classes. Following is the letter that came with the gift:

*The donation of fly-tying materials is from Anna Fiala of Exeter, CA., daughter of Paul C. Hougham. Our uncle Paul was a true craftsman having owned and operated, among other things, a golf club refinishing shop, an archery shop and a tackle shop primarily for the sale of hand tied flies.*

*Mr. Hougham was born in 1914 and died in 2003 and spent most of his life living in Visalia, CA and fishing in the Sierras and northern CA with family and friends.*

*Anna gave this material to my brothers and me to use as we wish and after taking a few items for the tying of specific steelhead flies, we decided that the AZ Flycaster Club could put the rest to good use.*

*Tom Hougham - Plano, TX      Dick Hougham - Bolivar, MO      Bob Hougham - Phoenix, AZ*

---

Thanks also to Dick Walton for the fly boxes donated to the AFC Raffle. Some lucky winner will appreciate the Wheatley boxes and, especially the TACK-IT fly box complete with 2 dozen flies. Look for these items at the raffle table.

---

**San Juan River  
Trip**

*Ken Steele*

Signups for the San Juan River Trip will be taken at the September meeting. The cost is \$310/person and includes lodging, 4 breakfasts, a dutch oven dinner, banquet dinner of prime rib, fishing license, and transportation. It is one hell of a deal and there are only 40 seats on the bus. Please bring a check or cash to reserve your spot. Those of you who wish to drive your own vehicle may do so and the cost will be \$240. No IOU's will be accepted.

---

**Beginning  
Fly Tying**

*Bill Vance*

Fall Fly Tying Classes

Just a reminder that the fall beginning fly tying classes start on Sept 7th and will continue through the month, concluding on Sept 28th. The flies we will be teaching are the fuzzy wuzzy, casual dress, bead head pheasant tail soft hackle, elk hair caddis, Arizona peacock lady and the stillwater nymph. AFC will furnish all the equipment as well as materials. Our spring classes were some of the largest ever and we want to top those this fall, so plan now to attend. Any questions, phone Bill Vance at (602) 992-1434.

---

**This Month's  
Outing:  
Woods Canyon  
Lake**

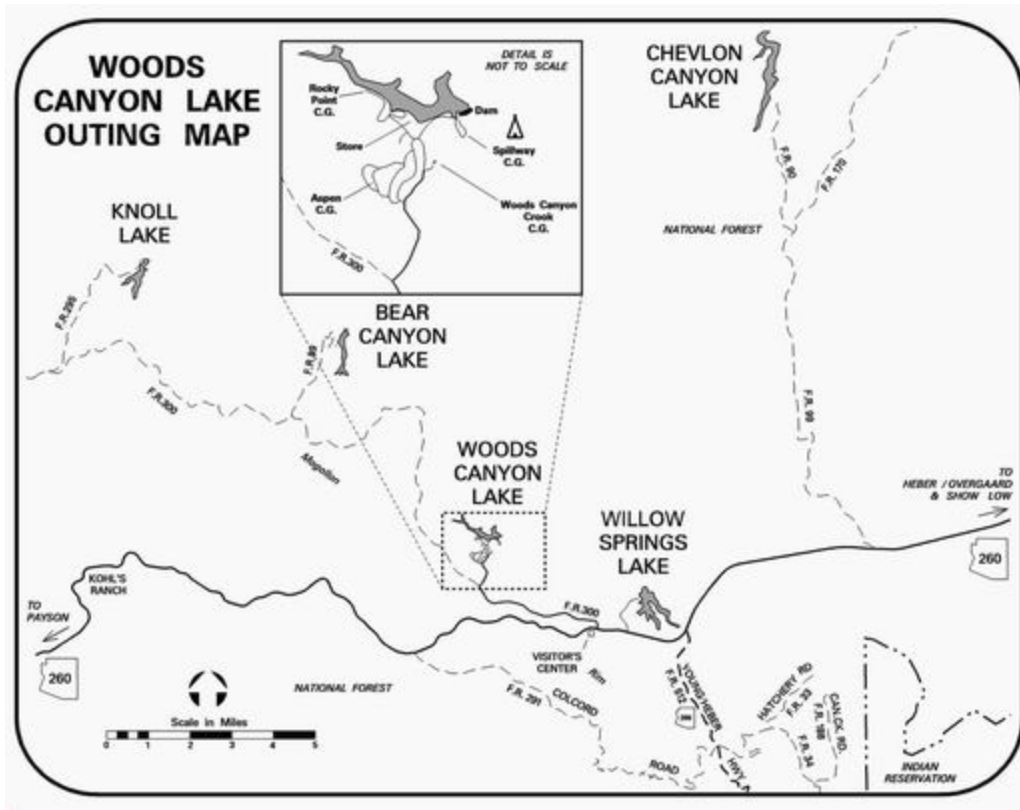
September 24-25

*Bill Vance*

What better time to be in the mountains than September? Fall colors from the aspens and oaks, the mystical calls of the bull elk and the only thing not cool is the fishing that will be heating up by September 24th and 25th. Plan now to attend the Woods Canyon Lake outing.

AFC has reserved the "Spillway" group campground for the weekend. As usual, the potluck will be at 3 pm Saturday. Bring a main dish, side dish, salad or desert. Do plan on bringing any crayfish traps you may have and enjoy the bounty, and at the same time, improve the environment for the trout.

Woods Canyon Lake is located a short distance north of Highway 260 at the top of the rim on forest road 300, (Rim Road). If you have questions, phone or e-mail Bill Vance at (602) 992-1434 or bnv37@cox.net.



**SEPTEMBER BONUS RAFFLE**

Bonus Raffle items for the September meeting are a Columbia shirt, adorned with the club logo, and a club hat. Winner will have their choice of color and size. Tickets are \$5 per ticket and will be available at the raffle table.

**MONTHLY RAFFLE**

The majority of items on the table for the Monthly Raffle are donated by members. Some items are new, some slightly used. I will accept whatever you bring to the table for the raffle. Especially popular with members are books and flies. Donating is a good way to get rid of those items you never seem to get to use. Don't forget, anything is appropriate, even if it is not directly fly fishing related. Also, donors earn Ed Adams points. Instead of throwing it away or letting it clutter and collect dust, bring it to the raffle table!

-Bob Rudzinski



**A Caddis Arizona model float tube will be raffled during the break at this month's meeting to benefit Casting for Recovery.**

**Be sure to get there early and get a raffle ticket!**

---

## Federation News

Dario Travaini  
FFF Representative

The threats to the sport of Fly-Fishing are as great today as they have ever been and the Federation is asking our help to teach others about our sport and to keep our waters clean, filled with fish and open to all anglers. Fly fishers are recognized as the anglers that are the best educated, most observant, best mannered and most concerned for fish and their habitats. FFF is a leader in promoting fly fishing excellence and each year thousands benefit from the classes, clinics and programs that FFF provides in all 50 states.

Unfortunately, there is a much greater demand for instruction than FFF can meet. Boy Scouts trying to pursue the Fly-Fishing Merit Badge are unable to find a qualified teacher. Other groups of children are not able to learn because of a lack of equipment and instructors. AFC has been fully involved with all aspects of this program to include materials and equipment.

Across North America invasive species threaten the integrity of aquatic environments. From Zebra snails, whirling disease, crayfish and Bull Thistles found along Canyon Creek, our waters face serious threats from these unwelcome pests. FFF and AFC are leaders in the effort to help prevent the spread of these invaders.

Hundreds of our finest young Americans are returning from war with permanent disabilities. Through the "Wounded Warriors" program the FFF will be working in military hospitals to make fly-fishing an important part of their rehabilitation program. The program is currently being piloted at Walter Reed hospital and is going nicely. It involves working with wounded that need help with manual dexterity utilizing fly tying and fly fishing for those who have upper body needs. This is much like the Casting for Recovery program that AFC participates in for breast cancer survivors. The Wounded Warrior program should be ready for export across the country by late fall or early winter.

AFC cannot address these problems alone. FFF is at a critical point. Requests for assistance outstrip their ability to meet the need. The Federation needs your support if they are to continue to fight for all that is right about our sport. Please consider becoming a member, and don't hesitate to contact me for an application, either now or at the next club meeting.

---

## Opportunity Knocks

I have heard many members wonder how they can repay the club for all they have gained.

***Now is your chance.***

You can volunteer to be one of our Account Executives for the Annual Raffle.

All those fine items we ogle, drool over, and hope to win at the Annual Banquet don't just magically appear. Most are the result of contacts made by members like you. If involved, you would contact 3-6 (or more if you feel up to it) businesses across the country pontificating the virtues of the AFC and asking for a donation. Names, phone numbers and scripts are provided.

If interested, call or e-mail Bob Rudzinski 602-980-3538 or brud1@mindspring.com.

---

## ... and Knocks Again

While the Annual Raffle depends on donations from businesses, contributions by our talented members are always some of our most sought after prizes. Do you build rods, nets, tie flies, have access to special waters or fishing accommodations? It's not too soon to start thinking about how you too can contribute. Just ask Jim Rubin.

Jim has already been hard at work handcrafting one of his custom fly tying desks for the event, and he'd like to open his project up to others. As he explains, "The idea is to jointly create a great fly tying workstation for the banquet auction. I'll build my latest incarnation of the 'perfect' workstation and everyone or anyone will donate materials, new, used, found, extra, whatever, such as thread, bobbins, hooks, feathers, fur etc. Should be interesting and fun." Great idea, Jim! If you want in, Jim can be contacted at njrubin@cox.net or 480-991-4057.

---

## Willow Springs Trip Report

Bill Vance

The reports and photos are in and the August crayfish outing at Willow Springs Lake was a huge success. The sheer number of crayfish caught was amazing. If you love to dine on crayfish you were at the right place at the right time.

A special thank you and recognition goes to Rich and Jan Girard who volunteered to host the August outing. AFC simply cannot exist without the generous help from its members. Also, thanks to Gena Hall for her assistance in trap setting.

For those of you that have considered hosting one of the outings, please consider the Sept outing to Woods Canyon Lake. The group campground has been reserved and the hosting duties are really minimal. So if available, phone Bill Vance at (602) 992-1434.

---

## Education Committee News

Ron Robinson

robinsonrs@webtv.net

We will have a “Back to Basics” casting class on Oct. 1 at Granada Park from 9 - 11 AM. The park is located at 20th Street and Maryland (near the 51 Freeway and Lincoln Blvd). The upper pond will be used for this class. We will review the basics of a good casting stroke and supply suggested practice lessons to reinforce good mechanics. If you don’t have equipment the club can supply some for this practice session.

Basic Fly Tying begins Sept. 7. All classes are given at the Sunnyslope Community Center and go from 7 - 9 PM. You can attend any or all the classes. The club supplies all the equipment and materials along with club member instructors. This year we are tying some new flies that are good producers here in Arizona. If you have any questions give Bill Vance, Fly Tying Chairman, or Ron Robinson, Education Chairman a call. (see page 2)

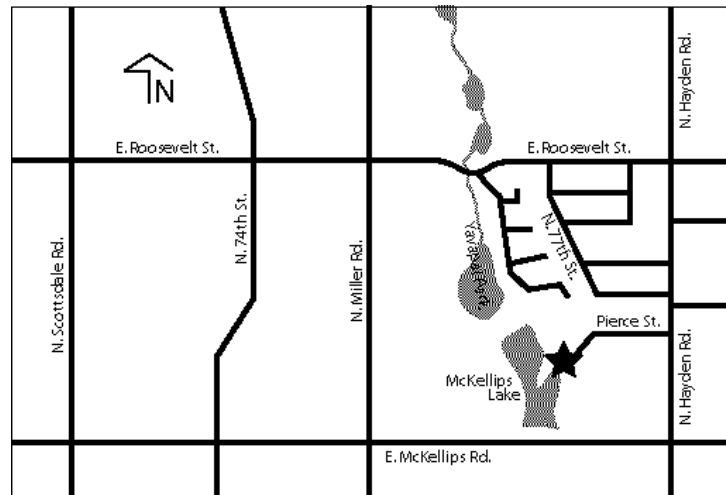
---

## AFC Swap Meet

Do you have fly fishing equipment you no longer want, use, or need? Are you looking to add to your fly-fishing arsenal or looking for hidden treasures? Then the AFC Fly-Fishing Swap Meet and Hamburger fry is for you! This is a great chance for you to clean out your closet, and gives you a chance to add to your equipment.

Here is what you need to do, sign up with a \$5.00 deposit (you will be given raffle tickets for some great prizes) and bring whatever you have to sell along with a table to display it on with you to the park. The swap meet will take place at Mckellips Park in Scottsdale at Ramada #3 from 10:00 - 3:00 pm on Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you need more information contact Tom Herman at 602-862-9653 or Brian Mazoyer at 623-566-7946. Hope to see you there!!



---

## Conservation News

Dick Kennedy

The Apache Trout workday on the West Fork of the Black river that was previously scheduled for September 24 has been moved to October 1. If you would like to attend this work day, please contact Dick Kennedy (phone number and email address are on the next page and on the website) so I can pass the information on to the organizers.

Are you interested in organizing a “Bull Thistle Party”? The Tonto forest staff would love to have some of us do some collecting of the seed pods for the bull thistles in the Canyon Creek area. Unfortunately, I will not be able to organize a weekend outing over the next few months and if the Club is to be more deeply involved in this activity, we need a volunteer to step forward. Camping would be available in the Colcord Ridge area and access to Canyon Creek would probably have to be by the lower road. The creek would also be open to fishing for the volunteers. Let Dick Kennedy know if you are interested.

The newly signed highway bill allotted a limited amount of funds to the forest service for the control of noxious weeds. Tonto National Forest officials will be watching for this item. Another part of the bill allowed funds for roadways to protect wildlife, especially deer and elk. Enclosures and wildlife passages are encouraged to reduce accidents, loss of human life and wildlife.

**2005  
AFC  
Board  
of Directors**

Doug Benford .....	<i>President</i> .....	602.938.2145 .....	shscadman@yahoo.com
Brian Mazoyer .....	<i>Vice President</i> .....	623.566.7946 .....	mazbrian@cox.net
Tom Herman .....	<i>Secretary</i> .....	602.862.9653 .....	hem85023@yahoo.com
Darlene Benford .....	<i>Treasurer</i> .....	602.938.2145 .....	dgbenford@yahoo.com
Bill Vance .....	<i>Outings Chair</i> .....	602.866.2317 .....	bnv37@cox.net
Bob Day .....	<i>Membership Chair</i> .....	602.274.6983 .....	fishandgab@cox.net
Paul Finell .....	<i>Membership Badges/Flybook</i> .....	480.998.7024 .....	pfinell@cox.net
Charley Greene .....	<i>Sunshine / Welcome Table</i> .....	602.263.5084 .....	charleygreene@yahoo.com
Dick Kennedy .....	<i>Conservation Chair</i> .....	623.486.1571 .....	greyhackle@att.net
Chuck Howey .....	<i>WCC Rep</i> .....	602.866.9495 .....	chuck@howey-consultants.com
Brad Norgaard .....	<i>Library</i> .....	602.997.8047 .....	stream2699@cox.net
Nancy Vance .....	<i>Program Chair</i> .....	602.866.2317 .....	nmv26@cox.net
Ron Robinson .....	<i>Education Chair</i> .....	602.867.8820 .....	robinsonrs@webtv.net
Ron Rosenlof .....	<i>Youth Activities</i> .....	623.979.2002 .....	rtosenlof@msn.com
Bob Rudzinski .....	<i>Raffle Chair</i> .....	602.938.8951 .....	brud1@mindspring.com
Ken Steele .....	<i>Merchandise/Outings</i> .....	602.993.7941 .....	ksteele911@aol.com
Dario Travaini .....	<i>FFF Rep</i> .....	602.861.1686 .....	dtravaini@cox.net
Marian Tallon .....	<i>Newsletter</i> .....	602.956.4345 .....	matallon@deru.com
Donna Walkuski .....	<i>Newsletter</i> .....	602.956.4878 .....	dtw@deru.com

**Fishing  
Report:  
Kodiak, Alaska**

*Ever since Saltery Lake Lodge began supporting our annual raffle, it's fame as a go-to destination for our members has grown. Here's a report of this year's 'unofficial' club trip.*

Six members and one friend spent 5 days fishing at the Saltery Lodge on Kodiak Island for salmon. Everyone caught an outrageous amount of fish. In fact, most caught over 100 lbs of fish each day. We were fortunate to arrive during a run of larger size pink salmon (4 - 7 lbs). In addition, there were significant numbers of chum salmon (12 - 18 lbs) present. We also caught rainbows, Char and Dolly Varden.

The lodge served three delicious meals each day and we all returned a little bigger around the middle. Elsie Ferguson and Bob Segelbaum were a deadly duo. Most of the time they were involved with double hookups on Pinks and Chum salmon. Bob Rudzinski and Rich Glonek were usually the last to get out of the water and as a result their fish counts were very high. Harry Abair was always pounding the Chum and Ron Robinson was taking pleasure in watching the others land their fish. The "hot" fly was a variation of the Simi Seal Leech in pink.

Here's what Elsie had to say about her first trip: "Ladies ... I have to say that the men have this 'get up and go away for a week' down to an art. What an experience to live and the memories with all the new friendships is priceless".

We plan to return next year. Hope you can join us.

*Do you have a fishing report you'd like to share? [Reel Lines](#) welcomes your submissions!*

**Welcome New  
Members!**

Thomas Adkins  
Anthem

Robert Hougham  
Phoenix

Ross Cooper  
Scottsdale

Frank L. Parker  
Scottsdale

Randy England  
Glendale

Cliff Worsham  
Phoenix

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS**

*...they support us!*



# ORVIS

SPORTING TRADITIONS  
SINCE 1856

**Cinda Howard**  
Fishing Manager

The **ORVIS** Company  
7012 E. Greenway Parkway  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85254  
Tel. 480 905 1400 FAX. 480 905 3898

## Your Flyfishing Specialists

Serving Arizona since 1981



**John Rohmer & Bob Willard**

Guide Service • Schools • Lessons

[www.azflyfishing.com](http://www.azflyfishing.com)

email: [flyfish12@mindspring.com](mailto:flyfish12@mindspring.com)

**480.730.6808**

31 W. Baseline, Tempe, AZ 85283

# SPORTSMAN'S WAREHOUSE

**LOW EVERYDAY PRICES**

Hunting • Fishing • Camping  
Reloading • Outerwear • Footwear

**Rick Godley**  
Fishing Manager

**623.516.1400**

19205 N. 27th Avenue, Phoenix  
[www.sportsmanswarehouse.com](http://www.sportsmanswarehouse.com)

## FLIES BY BRIAN

HAND CRAFTED  
FLIES  
BY  
BRIAN MAZOYER



623.566.7946  
[Mazbrian@cox.net](mailto:Mazbrian@cox.net)

## Neal's Fishing Products



We carry a wide selection of fishing tackle, rod building supplies and outdoor clothing.

We also offer guide service and special orders.

480.945.6122

Neal Cissel

FAX:

480.829.6122

[www.nealsfishingtackle.com](http://www.nealsfishingtackle.com)  
email: [killrrod@ix.netcom.com](mailto:killrrod@ix.netcom.com)

910 S. Hohokam, Suite 120, Tempe, AZ 85281



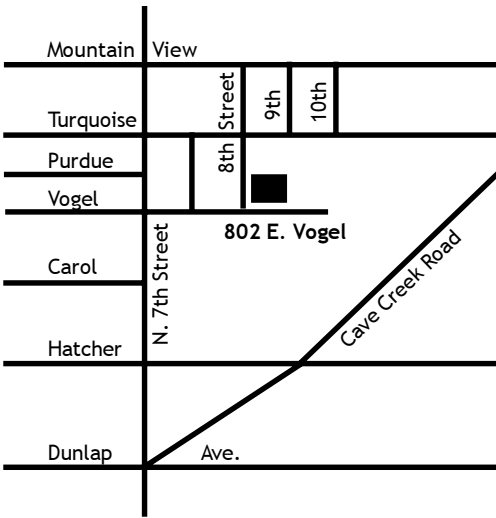
A Celebration of the Sporting Life

Specializing in  
Flyfishing & Wingshooting

10050 N Scottsdale Rd Suite 101 Scottsdale, AZ 85253

480-368-9280 Fax 480-368-8915

[www.desertsportsman.com](http://www.desertsportsman.com)



Arizona Flycasters Club meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at the Sunnyslope Community Center. The Annual Banquet is held in the month of February. Watch for further details.

The Arizona Flycasters Club newsletter is published by the Arizona Flycasters Club and is distributed to its members and advertisers. Opinions expressed in the newsletter are not necessarily those of the club. Advertisements are placed as a means of conveying the message of the advertisers. The AFC does not necessarily endorse the advertisers' products or services.

## Application for Annual Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Annual family membership = \$30

Send check or money order to:



### Arizona Flycasters Club

P.O. Box 47357

Phoenix, AZ 85068-7357

Be an active member and volunteer for a committee.

Please indicate which committee interests you:

- |                                           |                                       |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership       | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outings          | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications |



### Arizona Flycasters Club

P.O. Box 47357

Phoenix, AZ 85068-7357

<http://www.azflycasters.org>

Next Meeting:  
**Arizona Bass Fishing**  
 with  
**Manny Chee**  
 Thursday,  
 September 8th