



Arizona Flycasters Club December Newsletter



AFC Invites You and Your Family to our Annual Banquet & Raffle!

Mark Your Calendars!

When?

Saturday March 12, 2022 - 4:00 -9:00

Where?

American Italian Club
7509 N. 12th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85020

AFC's Annual Banquet is our biggest fundraising event of the year.

In order to support these organizations and continue to fund our educational programs, and club expenses, we need donations from you for our Banquet Raffle.

By donating gently used fishing items, gift cards from restaurants, golf courses and other like items, you will make our raffle a resounding success!

Also, the Club is asking each member to donate a bottle of wine or liquor to the Banquet for our popular **Special Wine and Liquor Surprise** event.

Donate a bottle worth \$20 to \$40.

During the Banquet, members can purchase a "mystery" bag for \$20, knowing they may get something more valuable.

Please bring raffle donations and liquor\wine bottles to our General Meeting on December 14th.

Banquet tickets will be on sale at the General Meeting for \$45 per person and \$20 for children 12 and under.

Online ticket sales will begin later in December.

Finally, the Club is making a request for Banquet volunteers.

**An event of this magnitude
Does not happen without a
dedicated team of volunteers.**

**It only requires a few hours
between now and the banquet.**

If you can help, please contact:

Don Mickus

602-920-2350

treasurer@azflycasters.org

AFC's Monthly Meeting

Where can I fish within 2 hours of Phoenix?

OR

"Day Trippin"

Did you know there are places to fly fish in lakes, ponds, rivers, and canals and still be home for dinner?

After a 30 year association with Arizona Game & Fish Dept. , our very own Bill Larson has been to them all.

Come to December's meeting and learn his secrets.

Tuesday December 14, 2021

6:00 P.M. Social Hour

7:00 P.M. Club update and Program presentation

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Bill Larson's Bio



Bill Larson grew up fishing for bass, bluegill and crappie in Minnesota.

He served in the United States Air Force for 22 years and has been a professional and volunteer for Arizona Game & Fish Dept for 30 years.

Bill has been fly fishing for trout since 1963.

His travels have taken him from Norway to New Zealand, Alaska to Arizona, Maine to California and lots of places in-between.

Currently, Bill teaches Fishing and Fly Fishing for Arizona Game & Fish Dept.

He has traveled throughout Arizona providing hundreds of classes and clinics for Schools, Camps, Public events and Special needs groups.

He also helps with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Scouting programs, and the Becoming Outdoor Woman program.

Finally, he is a full time Grandpa!

Message from the President: Board of Directors Update

My apologies for being late on some of these announcements . We have had several Club members volunteer to fill the open board positions. In order of tenure they are:

- **Phillip Bianco** joined the Board earlier this year and was appointed the Director of Communications. In that role he has primary responsibility for the email communications with members as well as coordinating the posting with our web developer. Phillip recently became an "empty nester" and is excited to get back into fly fishing. He is a long time Suns fan so don't get him started.
- **Steve Nemecek** - Board Secretary - we were very fortunate to have Steve agree to rejoin the board as Secretary. In January he will have been with AFC for 9 years and has served the Club in several capacities. I am very thankful to have his advice and counsel.
- **Tom Knight** was recently approved to fill the open position of Outings Chairmen. He has been a member of the Club for 10 years and will tell you that AFC has helped him improve his skills tremendously. As he has fished many of Arizona's waters, he will be a great asset to the Club.



Board Members with Terms due for renewal

Don Mickus and Steve Nemecek

These Board members names will be submitted to the members for a vote at the December 14th monthly meeting.



Tom Knight
Outings Director



Phillip Bianco
Communications Director

AFC's Outings Schedule is now packed with great Fishing Events!

- **Salt River Saturdays - December 4th, January 15th and 29th.
(In conjunction with Trout Unlimited).**
- **Dead Horse State Park - February 18th - 20th.**
- **Hidden Lake Buckeye - March 5.**
- **Lee's Ferry - March 25th - 27th.**
- **Becker Lake in Springerville - April 23-24th**
- **Sharp Creek (Rim Country Group Campground - May 6th - 8th.**
- **Christmas Tree Lake - May - Details to follow.**
- **San Juan River - June 4th - 8th.**

Stay tuned for the sign up announcements.



AFC at the San Juan River



Pre-Outing Fishing at Hidden Lake

December Education Schedule

Intermediate Fly Casting

Where?

**Roadrunner Park
3502 E. Cactus Road
Phoenix, AZ 85032**

When?

**Saturday December 4, 2021
Saturday December 11, 2021
Saturday December 18, 2021**

All Classes Start at 9:30

Class Topics:

- 1st Class - Basic casting stroke and roll cast.
- 2nd Class - Airborne mends, double haul, and increasing line speed and accuracy.
- 3rd Class - Review and practice previous lessons.

Classes will be led by Dito Ladd a FFI certified fly casting instructor.

**Please Pre-Register to:
education@azflycasters.org**

Remember, better flycasting = more caught fish!

Fly Tying

Where?

Arizona American Italian Club

When?

7:00 - Thursday December 9, 2021

Erick Teas will demonstrate how to tie bass flies. Erick will be tying at least two flies and then we will have an opportunity to tie them. All are welcome and we will be discussing how to fish the flies.
