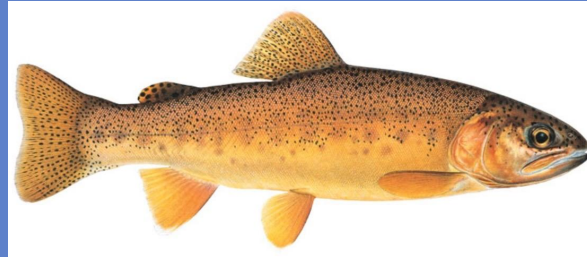




Arizona Flycasters Club January Newsletter



**From the AFC Family to You and Your Family,
Happy New Year!**



**From the desk of
Gene Hechler, President, Arizona Flycasters Club**

Dear AFC members,

We're late with our Newsletter but for good reason.

It appears that 2022 is presenting some of the same challenges as we had in 2021.



While we have been able to re engage with a full slate of education classes and Outings have been scheduled through the rest of the year. (see below), holding in person meetings for large groups has recently become more risky.

Based on the record number of Covid cases in Arizona and especially the Phoenix area, the board decided it would be best to hold a Zoom meeting in place of an in-person gathering for January .

But all is not lost as we have a terrific speaker to talk about the all the great fishing spots in the White Mountains. If you are new to Arizona, you don't want to miss this presentation.

On behalf of the Board of AFC we wish you all a Happy New Year.

Gene Hechler, president
AFC

Zoom Meeting
Tuesday January 11th
7:00 - 8:00

Guest Speaker:

Cinda Howard

AFC Members – this is your chance to hear from the premier fly fishing guide in Arizona's White Mountains.

Whether your interested in Luna Lake, the Black River, Big Lake, Becker Lake, Silver Creek or anything in between – Cinda knows them all.

She will give us an update on how the season progressed last year and what to expect in 2022.

She might even give us some insight into the special flies she ties for that area.

Zoom Meeting Link

Zoom Meeting Information

Meeting ID
974 6336 2145



Cinda Howard's Bio

Cinda Howard has been an Arizona fly fishing guide for 10 years.

She's spent her whole life fishing and picked up a fly rod in 1996.

She worked for the Orvis Company as a Fly Fishing Manager for eight years before branching off and starting her own business in 2012.

Cinda spends a considerable amount of time instructing people on the sport of fly fishing.

Cinda has been featured in several fly fishing articles and books ("Fly Fisher's Guide to Arizona" by Will Jordan, "Arizona's Official Fishing Guide" by Arizona Highways and Arizona Game and Fish Department) as an expert on fly fishing Arizona.

She is extremely passionate not only about fly fishing but also about teaching others.

She hosts trips all across the world and has taken customers fly fishing in Alaska, Belize, Oregon, Montana, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and The Bahamas.

Cinda loves to fish for trout, steelhead, pike, carp, bonefish, tarpon and anything else that will eat a fly.

She is a past President of Desert Fly Casters and Zane Grey Trout Unlimited board member.

Mark Your Calendars!

**AFC's 2022 Outings Schedule is packed
with great Fishing Events!**

- **January 15th & 29th - Salt River Saturdays.
(In conjunction with Trout Unlimited).**
- **February 18th - 20th - Dead Horse State Park.
(Camping spots are taken, there are plenty of hotels in town).**
- **March 5th - Hidden Lake Buckeye.**
- **March 25th - 27th - Lee's Ferry.**
- **April 23rd - 24th - Becker Lake - Springerville.**

- May 6th - 8th - Sharp Creek (Rim Country Group Campground).
- Christmas Tree Lake - Details to follow.
- June 4th - 8th - San Juan River.
- July 15 - 17th - Greer Lakes - Benny Creek Campground.
- August 12th - 14th - Kaibab Lake.
- September 23rd - 25th - Luna Lake.
- October 13th - 16th - Becker's Best.
- October 28th - 30th - San Juan River.
- November 5th - Lake Pleasant - Castle Hot Springs.
- December - Salt River Saturday TBD.

Stay tuned for the sign up announcements.

Upcoming Fishing Event Details

Salt River Saturdays

January 15th & January 29th

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Salt River, Blue Point Recreation Area

Let's go fishing!

A \$10 Tonto Pass, Discovery Pass, or federal pass is required.

Trout were stocked on Dec 20.

They will again be stocked on Jan 10th and 24th.

There is a resident population of sucker fish that also take properly presented flies.

Your new outings chair will have fresh batteries in his hearing aids and will be listening for the kind of outings that YOU would like to attend. And he will be taking names for outings hosts/committee members.

These are AFC and Trout Unlimited co-hosted events.

Dead Horse Ranch State Park

Dead Horse Ranch State Park is less that a two hour drive from central Phoenix, which makes is a nice day trip.

The town of Cottonwood adjoins the park with plenty of restaurants and motels. The Verde River flows next to the park and best of all the park contains three ponds that are well stocked with trout.

This outing has it all; float tubing, wading, shore fishing, still water, moving water, camping, happy hour, restaurants, coffee, doughnuts, and coaching from some of the best fly fishers in the country.

The park charges a \$7 entrance fee for day use.

Please join us Friday February 18th , Saturday February 19th and/or Sunday February 20th

Lee's Ferry

Lee's Ferry is an Arizona world class trout fishery.

It is located between Lake Powell and the Grand Canyon on the Colorado River. The scenery alone is worth the price.

It is a 4.5 hour, 275 mile drive from central Phoenix.

AFC has reserved seven rooms, double occupancy, on Friday night March 25 and Saturday night March 26, at Wendy and Terry Gunn's Vermilion Cliffs Lodge.

There are 4 guides and boats available that we have also reserved.

If you are undecided then let me help, SIGN-UP AND GO!

Dress very warm and dry, the early morning boat ride up river is cold.

There is a \$30 parking fee within the national park.

Education

The Arizona Flycasters Club continues to offer free educational classes taught by some of the industries' top instructors!

Our next Education Opportunity:

Knot Tying

Thursday January 13th

7:00 - 8:00

Arizona American Italian Club

**AFC Invites You and Your Family to our
Annual Banquet & Raffle
and to help us celebrate 60 years of Fly Fishing**

Mark Your Calendars!

When?

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

Where?

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

Since 1962, our non-profit Club has supported many community causes including Veterans, Trout Unlimited, Arizona Game & Fish, Department, and scholarship opportunities at Northern Arizona University.

However, we need your help!

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 bring 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.

Tickets are \$45 per adult and \$20 for kids under 12.

Purchase tickets now at our General Meetings.

You can also mail a check to:

Arizona Flycasters Club

P.O. Box 47357

Phoenix, AZ 85068-7357.

Online purchase will be available shortly.

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