

# Arizona Flycasters Club June 2022 Newsletter



**AFC Invites You to our  
In-Person Monthly Meeting!**

**When?**

**Tuesday, June 14, 2022**

**Pizza will be provided!**

**6:00 Social Hour / New Member Orientation.**

**7:00 - 8:30 General Meeting**

**Where?**

**Arizona American Italian Club  
7509 N 12th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020**

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**Our Topic:**

**Fishing in Montana**

**featuring**

**Mike Masciangelo**

## **Owner, M&M Trout Adventures**

### My Background

I was invited on a trip to Montana 10 years ago and fell in love with the people, the landscape and the fishing. I want everyone to experience what I have.

### How I Got Started

I have the true explorer spirit; I am always wondering what is around the next corner. What is on the next stretch of river. Montana has endless opportunities. So when I introduced my family to it, and I took some friends on a trip that I did all the planning, M&M Trout Adventures was born. I want all people to experience what I experienced on my first trip, and all subsequent trips to Montana

### Top Destinations

I have fished in some of the Western United States best destinations: The Green River, The San Juan, Lee's Ferry, The Madison, Yellowstone National Park, The Gallatin, Henry's Fork of the Snake. and the Flathead. However, I just can't help it, Missoula holds my heart.



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**Congratulations to  
Craig Mernitz  
2022 AFC Member of the Year!**



## **Craig Mernitz**

Craig's outstanding service and commitment to our club includes:

- Being an active Club member since approximately 2004.
- Outstanding attendance and participation at AFC general meetings, education classes, outings and the annual banquet.
- Simultaneously serving as Programs Chairperson and Fundraising Chairperson.
- As Programs Chairperson, initiating and scheduling our monthly general meeting speakers and programs.
- Running our popular and financially successful Fundraising Raffle Board where members buy "squares" in hopes of winning a flyrod or other fishing gear.
- Instituting a financially successful online fundraising "Rally Up" raffle.
- Building a great rapport with vendors such as Orvis and the AZ Flyshop.
- Being an active member of the annual banquet committee since 2018. In that regard, he has taken over the large task of organizing and operating the Silent Auction. Under his leadership, the Silent Auction has raised as much money as the general bucket ticket raffle. A significant contribution.
- Craig exhibits the character of a great club member and is always looking for ways to improve the club.

**From the Desk of  
Tom Knight,  
AFC Outings Chairperson**

Greetings,

Valley temperatures are now 100 degrees plus.

It's time to travel to the Arizona high country, take in some cool mountain air, and catch some fish!

We have scheduled three nice lake outings. All three of these offer great shore fishing as well as boating or float tubing. And as always experienced fly fishers are available to coach those new to the sport.

- **Benny Creek Group** campground, near Greer, has been reserved for July 8 thru July 10. There are 6 spots available at \$30 each for both nights. Please register on the AFC website. If you act immediately there may be rooms for rent in Greer or nearby Springerville/Eager. This is a great opportunity to fish the Greer Lakes, the Little Colorado River, and surrounding area either from shore, float tube or boat.
- **Whitehorse Lake**, south of Williams, AZ., has been scheduled for August 12 thru 14. You are on your own for reservations. Go to "Recreation.gov". Your favorite AFC Outings Chairperson has reserved site 061, and they are going fast. This area is known for it's easy access to the boat ramp and close proximity to the dam where the crappie likes to hang out. This is a great spot for the family. Also, J D Dam is close by in the event you seek a more challenging environment and the occasional brown trout. And it is within commuting distance of Williams, but you had better make your reservations quickly.
- **Luna Lake** group campsite "C" has been reserved for September 9 thru 11. Located just north of Alpine, AZ., there are 20 spots available at \$30 each for both nights. Please register on the AFC website. A very knowledgeable local trout fly fisher is being recruited to provide excellent inside information about how to catch fish on Luna Lake. It's worth the trip just to attend the lecture.

**Rally Up!**

**Everything But the Net!**



**\*TFO Rod & Reel 8/9 wt 4pc 9' Complete Line Kit with Case.  
Value: \$300**

**\*Simms Hip Pack Loaded with 5 Dozen Flies - 3 Fly Boxes.  
Value - Pack: \$150.  
Value - Flies: \$200.**

**\*Dr. Slick Tool Necklace  
Value \$100.**

**Total Package Value: \$750.00**

**Click Below to Buy Your Entries!**

**You Could Be the Next Winner!**

**Rally Up**

**The  
Chick Scott & Dario Travaini  
Memorial Scholarship  
Northern Arizona University  
2022 Awards**

**MEGAN MOILANEN**

This past summer, Megan had a Fisheries Internship in the White Mountains with the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

During this internship, she worked on conservation efforts for the Apache Trout. Her efforts were related to protecting the Apache Trout from invasive species such as Brown Trout and Brook Trout.

She also spent time on efforts to improve angling conditions in lakes and streams in the area.

She intends to take as many relevant courses as possible to pursue a Wildlife Management degree.

With this scholarship, she feels more secure in finishing her last year at NAU, allowing her to be well prepared to enter the world of conservation biology and fisheries.

**ALYSSA HAZELIP**

Alyssa will be graduating from NAU in 2023 and plans to enter the field of veterinary medicine.

She has a passion for all animals which range from small aquatic organisms and large ocean life species with a goal of healthy and clean habitats.

Her studies have focused on zoology, wildlife conservation, and environmental methods for remediation.

She has also studied proteins that impact the health of aquatic plants which supply the food chain, the quality of water, and overall available resources.

She hopes her research will aid the university in its approach of aquatic management.

## AZ Flyshop

### 1st Anniversary Event

AFC held a booth and raffled off a Cabela's 6wt rod with reel and fly line.

Our successful winner was Drew Brockhuff.



And Finally,  
**AFC Wants You!**





**To Attend:**

**\*Outings.**

**\*Monthly Meetings.**

**\*Education Opportunities.**

**Remember,**

**Your AFC Member Benefits Include:**

- **Free Fly Casting Classes. (Taught by professional instructors).**
- **Free Fly Tying Lessons.**
- **Free Knot Tying Classes.**
- **Organized Fishing Outings to places like the San Juan River, Lee's Ferry, the White Mountains, and many more!**
- **Invitation to our Annual Banquet.**
- **Monthly meetings with industry renowned speakers.**
- **Great camaraderie with the friendly women and men of AFC!**