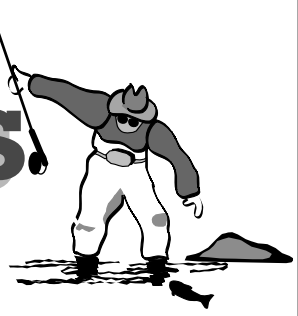


# Desert Fly Casters Forward Casts



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## President's Report- July 2001

**Bob Harrison**

**F**rom all of the reports, the annual White Mountain Extravaganza was a resounding success. The weather was great. Everyone caught fish. At least one 22" was landed. There was at least one rumor of snagging a log that later moved. Hopefully I can get my other distractions of work and school to join the next year trip.

As I write this there should be a group in the White Mountains again for a work outing. Hopefully the weather will be a little better and they can accomplish more of what is planned. The work trips are also a great time to get information about what is going on around the area as far as forests, game, and fishing goes. There is one fishing spot, I learned about on one of these trips that we fish and don't talk about. There is a trip to the Black River in July. Details should be provided somewhere later in the newsletter but I can say the last one of these we did had some tales to bring home as well. Something about a monster catfish on a 4 weight rod. Maybe a bear or two around the camp. If you can join us for that one, be sure to keep a clean camp and store food and garbage away from the tent.

I would like to remind everyone that we do have a good assortment of books and videos in the club library. You can take the books out at no charge but there is a \$20 deposit for videos. (You get the deposit back as soon as Jack gets the video back.) Jack and Allyn are feeling like the Maytag repairman with the limited interest shown recently. Help make them feel like toting all that around is worthwhile. It really is a treasure trove if information for all the beginners and new members that have joined us in the recent months.

*An Early Reminder - There is no August meeting as is usual for the time of year.* Too many people are out and about on vacation and trips. But! We will have a Lie and Tie for all those that can't get away and need a fix for the fishing bug. Don't expect dinner at the meeting but Jack was planning to go over the flies needed for Lee's Ferry and others will be there to show preferred patterns for favorite areas. It is also when the Final payment for Lee's Ferry is so stop by or mail in your payments. Looking further out. Remember the equipment swap meet in September. It is a good time to clear out some of the things you don't use anymore. It is also a good time to pick up some good equipment at bargain prices.

Hope you are all having a great fishing summer. Maybe we will cross paths and get a chance to compare notes on what is working and what is not. From what I hear, the north country has started getting summer rains already, so it should be a great year for us.

### Tightlines

## White Mountain Extravaganza 2001

**Ted Bounds**

**T**he 2001 edition of the Desert Fly Casters White Mountain Extravaganza has come and gone. To sum it up, I think it would be fair to say a good time was had by all. I have been fortunate enough to attend several of these outings, and this one was the best to date as near as I can tell. We had more people attend this year than any other year to date. We also had great interaction between more experienced members and those with less experience. Thanks to Dave Weaver and Jake Colmenero for all the help they provided for the beginners on lake fishing, and a special thanks to Ann Bounds, Wes Nakata, Ken Durning and Roy Baker for their help with the beginners on stream fishing. Thanks also to anyone else who took the time to show someone how to tie a knot or a moment to give advice on a technique or fly selection. This is really what the Desert Fly Casters is all about. To see somebody get their first strike or land their first fish on a fly rod is its own reward.

We were blessed with good weather this year and allowed to have campfires for the first time in a couple of years. I think everyone who wanted to caught a fish or two and some fortunate ones caught some rather large ones. I think the big fish winners were Ron Walker with a 22" Cutthroat from Big Lake, and Doc Nickels' grandson Jamie with a 19 1/2" Rainbow from Big Lake. Then we have the "big one that got away category." Dave Weaver hooked a big Rainbow at Sunrise Lake. He saw the fish jump and figured it was 24" or so. The fish took a lot of line, got in the weeds, and came unhooked. I think we sometimes remember these fish better than the ones that come to the net. This is a great story of the one that got away,

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**JULY MEETING:**  
 Wednesday, July 11, 2001  
 Dinner- 6:00 PM  
 Meeting- 7:00 PM  
 American Legion Post #2  
 2125 S. Industrial Park Ave.  
 in Tempe

**Guest Speaker:**

**John Slubowski**  
*Fly Fishing*  
 for  
*Bass in Mexico*

*It's hard for the modern generation to understand Thoreau, who lived beside a pond but didn't own a jet ski.*



## July Guest Speaker:

**John Slubowski**

*Fly Fishing for Bass in Mexico*

Our guest speaker for July will be John Slubowski of Finatic Adventures. His topic will be fly fishing for bass on Mexico's lake Huites and lake El Salto. John says that 50 fish days are common on lake Huites with fish running up to six or seven pounds. Lake El Salto doesn't give up as many fish as Huites, but ten pound bass aren't uncommon-on poppers no less. Come check out this great fishing destination at the July 11th meeting.

*Ted Bounds*

## The Black River Outing

July 14th, 15th, 2001

Blackriver Crossing and Tic Flat

*Hosts: Gary Walsh and Dave Weaver*

**Species:** Smallmouth bass and incredible catfish are the available species at the Black River Crossing. Elevation is only about 4500 feet. Expect that the afternoons can get very warm 90-100 degrees with cool evenings and mornings so dress accordingly. Wet wading is definitely in order and quite comfortable. There are no accommodations so water, food, and toilets if necessary must be brought in. All I can guarantee is fine fishing, weather permitting and an opportunity to dry fly fish to smallmouth.

**Equipment:** Apache special use permit, 5 or 6 weight fly rods with floating line, 7-1/2 to 9 ft leaders to 3x, 4x for dries.

**Flies:** Clousers, Foxy minnows, Bunny leach patterns in black or chartreuse and my favorite, size 10 or 12 Adams, Royal Wulfs and Hopper patterns.

**Precautions:** It is monsoon season and water can rise quickly even if it is not raining in the local vicinity, please be careful. Food, trash or sweet drinks cannot be left out due to the heavy population of bears in the area. They are not a problem unless we create the situation. It is Apache land so don't think that guns will take care of sloppy housekeeping. You might give up your gun, car and all your equipment if the tribe thinks you were at fault. For those with 4 wheel drive or high profile trucks take the time to visit Tic Flats, approximately 5 miles upstream for some Trout fishing.

**Directions:** Take highway 60 through Globe and into the Slat River Canyon. Plan on getting your permit in the Canyon along with analyst minute supplies. Proceed to Carrizo and then head southeast on highway 73 through Cedar Creek and on to R9, which is a fairly well maintained dirt road that will take you south to The Crossing. Dave and I will be there either Friday night or early Saturday morning. The club will be providing instruction only, no meals or drink. It is a beautiful area as usual pack out what you bring in and whatever you can that is left from those less respectful from previous visits. *We will have a map and sign up sheet at the July 11th meeting.*

## HOT, HOT, HOT!!

*by Vince Deadmond*

June in Phoenix is Hot! Most fly fishermen I know consider this enough reason to head to the White Mountains, about 4 hours driving time, and at least 20 degrees cooler than the Valley of the Sun. Many camping, and fishing opportunities exist with over 40 lakes and more than 25 streams available. While I like to camp, my wife and daughters would prefer to camp at the Greer Lodge, or other fine accommodations. I thought I was being extravagant staying at the Hoyer camp ground in Greer. They have hot showers and flush toilets and cost a few dollars more than campgrounds without these amenities.

Debi, my wife, two of our daughters Stefani, and Suzi, and two of their friends, Kelly, and Teanna made the trip up in two vehicles. I drove up early with the Coleman pop-up camper in tow, along with my youngest daughter Suzi and her friend Tea. We got an early start, but we made a few stops along the way. The Beeline Cafe in Payson is a great breakfast place. We stopped at my brothers place to pick up my 23 year old Grumman canoe. It still looks good and I might get a chance to get some of the girls onto some fish. My oldest daughter Sarah had to work and baby sit the wiener dog Fritz. So without Fritz along, I am the only one who really likes to fish in the group, and the others only moderately will tolerate camping. Did I mention that I had high expectations for this outing? I was not even mentioned in the balloting for father of the year.

One thing that will help any family outing, let the kids bring one friend, this seems to smooth out the trip, and everyone gets along better. Suzi, Tea and I got to our campsite and quickly set up camp. We made a quick lunch and then made a dash for Tunnel Reservoir, one of the three lakes right across the street from our campground. I set up the girls with 5 weight rods, 9 foot long, loaded with sinking lines. I paddled the canoe while the girls caught and released 12 inch stocker rainbows. They must have just stocked the lake and we were on our way to a good fishing trip. Tunnel is as close to a sure thing for the kids as you can get. You can't always plan it right, but you really need to put your kids in a place where their is a good chance of them catching fish if you want them to get excited about fishing. The canoe worked well for this because the girls did not need great casting skills. The girls were all smiles and quite the authorities when people asked them, "How did you do?" They left some adults thinking that they should be using a fly rod and some brown woolly buggers.

Back at camp the rest of the girls had arrived and soon it was time for cooking duties. After a steak, fried potatoes, corn on the cob, and three berry pie everyone gazed into the campfire contentedly until bed time. The following days I fished by myself while the girls did some horseback riding,



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shopping, reading, and loafing. My wife, Stefani and Kelly had to leave early. So Suzi, Tea and I planned to go to the West Fork. I made no attempt to sell them on the idea of fishing. They were going to hike, rock hop, and splash in the river. They were doing just that when I happened to find a plunge pool that held several large Apache Trout. Large for this water is a 12 inch fish. I had been catching lots of 4 to 6 inch fish up until I found this spot. I asked the girls to join me just down stream from where they were playing. Again this was a good spot for a kid, or anyone with limited casting skills to begin to catch fish. I had a number 8 Stimulator pattern on for the top fly and a size 18 bead head pheasant tail nymph for the dropper. I had the girls cast basically the leader and tippet into the foam of the plunge pool. With in a short time both of the girls hooked fish.

"Eeeeeeeeee I got two on!" Exclaimed Suzi, as she raised the rod tip. The fish went different directions and one escaped, but the one on the end of the line was a nice 13 inch Apache. A real trophy for this river. The girls took turns and caught several nice fish until the fish got tired of playing. The girls took a break with a cookie, and replayed the catches they had made so far. We rested the pool and sure enough when we went back the fish were eager to play again. The girls were done with rock hopping for now, the fishing was too good. We found another plunge pool and again had some fun. The girls were wanting to stay longer and fish more, but it was time to head back to camp. Tomorrow we fish the X-Diamond Ranch and the girls are actually looking forward to it.

The X-Diamond Ranch has been around since 1879, and they have changed with the times, and currently have cabins for rent, a day spa, a museum, horses, cows, and of course private fishing. The fishing because it is controlled is some of the best in the state. The water was higher and faster than it was last year, and it took some changing around before I got dialed in on catching fish. Once I got deep enough, I got a days worth of fishing in the half a day that I had paid for. I caught over 20 fish, all of them fat, and healthy looking. Six of them were at least 14 inch fish, two were pushing 16 inches, and the best fish I landed was a good 17 inch beauty. I reached for my camera for that one. Somehow something didn't seem right. After taking two pictures to make sure I got a good picture, I checked, yep, sure enough the girls had used up all of the film on horse pictures. I have 14 horse pictures! My wife said it was a refreshing change from the usual fish pictures I bring home. Well, the kids had a good time, I caught some fish, and my dog Fritz was glad to see me when I got home, and sure enough it was still hot in Phoenix when I got home.

## HELLO & HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

First, let me welcome Tim Korsmo & Elwyn Moore, two new members who joined in June! Don't forget, if you see a new member or guest wearing a blue and white name tag at a meeting, please make a special effort to speak with them and make them feel at home!

Next order of business...we're getting tough! We feel like we've given everyone more than enough slack time this year, so if membership dues for 2001 are not paid, there will be no further notice given and names will be dropped from the database which will, unfortunately, stop receipt of any additional newsletters. In order to be reinstated as a member, dues will need to be paid for the full year and a completely new & updated application form will need to be completed. (For economic reasons the Club should not have to pay for newsletters and postage for people who are not current.)

Let's have some fun!!! The CONTEST begins: For the next 5 months, beginning as of July 1st, 2001, the DFC'er who is responsible for bringing the most new members (with a minimum of 3) into the Club between now and the end of November will be awarded a \$50 gift certificate to the fly shop of their choice at the December Christmas Banquet. Make sure that the new member puts you down as the responsible party on their membership application, or you can call or e-mail me and I will keep an updated contest list. So, get on the horn and contact all your fishing pals and encourage them to join the Desert FlyCasters prior to November 30, 2001!

And lastly, remember that if you bring a guest to a meeting, or speak to a guest/potential new member at any given meeting, please encourage them to join at THAT particular meeting, as they will be given a \$5.00 discount coupon towards a merchandise purchase. These coupons will only be awarded if it is their very first visit to the Desert FlyCasters, as an enticement for joining that first evening.

*Have a great month!*

**Georganne Jannenga**  
2001 Membership Chairman



## Here's a joke for July:

A man was stopped by a Fish & Game warden in Northern AZ recently, when he was seen leaving a well-known lake with buckets of fish. The warden asked the man, "Do you have a fishing license for catching those fish?" To which the man replied, "No, sir, these are my pet fish." "Pet fish?" the warden asked. "Yes, sir" said the man; "Every night I take these here fish down to the water and let them loose so that they can swim around for a while. Then I whistle and they jump back in the bucket and I take 'em home." "That's a bunch of hooley!" said the Fish & Game warden, "Fish can't be trained to do that!" The man looked at the warden for a minute and then said, "Okay, I'll show you. It really works." The warden was curious now. "OK, I've got to see this," he said. So the man proceeded to pour the fish into the lake and let them swim around. After several minutes the Fish & Game warden turned back to the man and said, "Well?" "Well, what?" said the man. "When are you going to call the fish back?" the warden prompted. "Call who back?" the man asked. "The fish?" the Fish & Game warden asked. "The fish? What fish?" the man asked!

*(...many thanks to our friend Georganne for this- Editor)*

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*...Extravaganza 2001*

and will provide Dave with good memories for years to come, but the clear winner in the one that got away category is Jack Yamagata. Jack was having a great afternoon float tubing at Lee Valley Reservoir, catching lots of 8" to 12" stocked Apache Trout. Jack hung his fly up on something on the bottom of the lake that he couldn't move, and try and pull as he might he couldn't get the fly to come lose. Jack turned his tube around and headed for the spot where his fly was hung to the bottom of the lake to see if he could retrieve it. When he got close to the spot, the "snag" that he was hung up on swam away with all of his fly line and most of his backing before breaking him off.

The mountains were unusually beautiful this year after the wet winter. Lots of water in the streams and lakes and plenty of green grass. The deer, elk and antelope are fat and we saw more turkeys than in recent years. I think the high point for the trip for me was hearing the howl of a wild wolf for the first time at the campfire on Friday night. If you couldn't make

this outing this year do it for sure next year. There is something good here for everyone. This was the third year that Ann and I have hosted this trip and it was also the last year that we will be hosts. We have enjoyed being hosts and thank everyone who has helped us over the last three years. Jeff Fox will be taking over the hosting duties for next year, and is already planning a better extravaganza. *Hope to see you all there in 2002.*

**OUTINGS & PROGRAMS- 2001**

JULY 14TH, MONTHLY OUTING • BLACK RIVER CROSSING

AUGUST 4TH, 3RD WORK OUTING  
 LITTLE COLORADO RIVER, WHITE MOUNTAINS

AUGUST 16TH, FLOAT TUBE EVENING  
 AT THE RESEARCH PARK

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