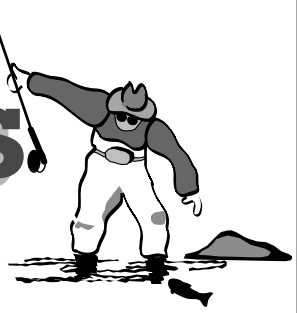


NOVEMBER 2001

Desert Fly Casters Forward Casts



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NOVEMBER MEETING:

Wednesday • November 14, 2001
Dinner- 6:00 PM
Meeting- 7:00 PM
American Legion Post #2
2125 S. Industrial Park Ave.
in Tempe

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The Compleat Angler, 1653



President's Report-November 2001

Bob Harrison

Welcome again as we start closing out the year. Those of you that made the October meeting already know that nominations for the 2002 Board have started. Most of those that were nominated at the September meeting were existing board members. There have been several that noted interest in becoming active with the board on the membership renewal. We are having a bit of trouble getting that information tracked down so if you still have interest drop me an email or give me a call (480-632-2409). It isn't really a lot of work. The board meets the Wednesday following the regular membership meeting to discuss programs, outings and other activities that are coming up. It is a volunteer organization so you can help as much or little as you want. We would really like to get some fresh input from new members to keep our activities fresh.

Lee's Ferry 2001 outing is in the record books now. I haven't heard how it went but as nice as the weather was, it should have been a pleasant day of fishing. I had to make do with three almost windless at South Padre. I now have a personal best of a 27 inch Red Fish. After talking with the guide, now I need to figure out how to go for the tarpon that are off of the jetties.

Rocky Point is next on our must do activities. Reports are that the border crossing is not any more difficult that previously. The Friday night social gathering will be a little farther down the beach than previous years. Saturday night dinner will be the same place as the last two years. A new situation is that they also have rooms and are giving a discount for those that wish to stay there. The details should be elsewhere in the newsletter, if not get in touch with Doc Nickel. Maps and other contact info should be here as well.

As I noted at the meeting in September, we are helping Rio Salado and Arizona Game and Fish with the first stocking of game fish (trout) on Tuesday, November 13 from 3:30 to 5:30. They are expecting several classrooms of school children and will need help teaching them to cast and catch the trout. I have about 6 people signed up to help and could use that many more. Give me a call if you can give us a hand.

☛ A final note for this month. The September newsletter had an article about helping with the preservation of the Animas River. The Desert Fly Casters does lend its support to these types of activities where we can but we don't necessarily agree with all of the agendas of the other supporting groups. One of the primary backers of the protecting Animas is Living Rivers. This group has an ongoing activity to drain Lake Powell and return it to a wild river. The DFC does not support Living Rivers in this activity. I have to admit that my personal opinions on conservation activities across the US differ from several members of the club and we can get into some very vocal discussions. As a club, we will be very selective about which programs and project we want to have our name associated with. If you have interest in more details of the projects or other conservation activities feel free to get in touch with someone on the board. If you feel really strong about it, let us know so we can invite you to join the board for next year.

Tightlines
Bob Harrison

NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Mike Kaul
Fly Fishing Western Wyoming

Mike Kaul has spent 45 years fly fishing and guiding in the Bridger Wilderness Area in western Wyoming. Mike makes his home in Pinedale, Wyoming and is a certified FFF casting instructor.

The Bridger Wilderness Area encompasses 400,000 acres and contains 1300 lakes, hundreds of miles of connecting streams, and about 600 miles of trails. If you like uncrowdedness and pristine places, this would be a great destination for you. The Wind River Mountains are in the Bridger Wilderness area and are the largest continuous mountain chain in the lower 48 states. Species available in these waters include Rainbow, Brown, Brook, Cutthroat, Golden, and Lake trout, as well as Grayling. Come on out to the November 14th meeting and take in the great slide show and presentation and think about planning a trip. *Hope to see you all there!*

LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS BEHIND WHEN WALKING THE PATHWAYS OF OUR ARIZONA ENVIRONMENT

DFC Holiday Banquet 2001

It is coming soon. Another knock your socks off banquet. For those that are new members, We have a potluck dinner for our December meeting to celebrate the year end and have a little time to socialize. We are holding it at the Knights of Columbus hall in Chandler (Chandler Boulevard, north side of the road, * mile east of Arizona Avenue) again this year. We will announce the new board at the meeting. The club will provide the meat for the meal in the form of turkey, ham and maybe roast beef. If your last name starts with a letter between A and K we would like you to bring a salad or side dish. If it starts with a letter between L and Z, we would like you to bring a dessert.

The real draw to the banquet is a raffle. This year will be another banner year for prizes. Gloria Mack is still working on the list of items. As a matter of fact, several of us are meeting tomorrow to help finalize the list. You can be sure that there will be a rod or two, a reel or two, maybe a float tube. There could be a fishing buddy fish finder, coupons for waders and a variety of other prizes. In fact because of the popularity in past years there will even be some non fishing related prizes for those spouses that just don't see the excitement in those finny creatures. We have had some excellent artwork in past years and expect more of the same this year.

For the banquet, the raffle works a little different. Tickets are \$1 each. There are bonus tickets for increments of \$25, \$50 and \$100 worth of tickets. The big ticket items will have a bucket beside them for you to place tickets on prizes of your preference. There will also be a multi-prize table with smaller prizes. The multi prize table works similar to the monthly raffle. You can also expect a deck of cards raffle and a silent auction. As noted earlier, we don't have the prize list worked out so can't say yet what items may be on these raffles. Non fishing spouses should be very wary of this event. Members have been known to get just a little excited. Don't worry it won't cause any real harm but you do stand a chance of taking care of Christmas early.

A final note. The Christmas raffle is our main fund raiser for the year. This is where we get the money that is spent on projects like the West Fork of the Black River and other conservation projects. While we do like to spend a lot of our free time fishing. We need to help maintain the fisheries to have them to enjoy in the future. Please join us for a fun and exciting time. Bring a little money to help the cause. On the other hand, bring a lot of money. You don't want Dave and Eddie to go home with all of the prizes.



SWAP MEET FUNDRAISER FOR FISH! COME TRY OUT, TRADE, BUY AND FISH!

The 1st Annual Gilbert Fly-Fishing Swap-Meet will be held on Saturday, December 1st from 8:00 AM to Noon on the lawn just north of the Gilbert TownHall at 1025 South Gilbert Road in Gilbert, AZ (That's on the east side of Gilbert Rd. south of Warner) This event is co-sponsored by the Arizona Game & Fish Department. Admission is free to the public. Merchants and individuals will have items for sale and all proceeds go to stock Gilbert's Catch & Release Pond. Various fly fishing groups will be represented. There will be a casting area to try out rods, food & drinks, a raffle and fly fishing on the pond there on site. (state fishing license required.)

If you are interested in reserving a space for your or your business contact Judge David Phares at the Town of Gilbert Court 480-503-6681. Commercial spaces are available for \$25, individuals may reserve a space for \$10. All items offered for sale or trade must be fly fishing related.

LEE'S FERRY 2001

Well, as usual, our annual trek to Lee's Ferry was a blast! The weather was perfect; not too cold in the early mornings with a nice breeze to offset the sun mid-afternoons. The trees are changing color and the play of sunlight off the canyon walls gave the river almost a magical glow! People started dribbling in to the lodges from about 10 a.m. Friday on. Some fished the walk-in Friday, but I didn't hear any reports of any substantial fish caught. Friday night we all gathered at the Cliff Dwellers Lodge, where half of the group was staying, and enjoyed some appetizers before heading over to the outdoor patio seating area for a wonderful prime rib dinner. Wendy & Terry Gunn were our gracious hosts, and some of us were fortunate enough to hold their adorable little boy, Troy. He's like the perfect Gerber baby and did not want to have his arms restrained; he's already building up that future casting arm!

Sat. a.m. it was the mad dash to get down to the boat dock, meet our guides and race down the river for "the spot". It was still dark when we took off, but by the time my boat got to "14 Mile" the sun was sneaking down the canyon walls. Our guide was Rocky; Chris Herbert and Jerry Myers were my fishing buddies. Rocky was a great guide, although quiet and shy. He gave us some wonderful hints, but didn't overwhelm us with too much input all at once. Turns out his 16-year-old son is already a pro bass fisherman! We stayed at 14 Mile all day and experienced some decent fishing, with Chris and I each

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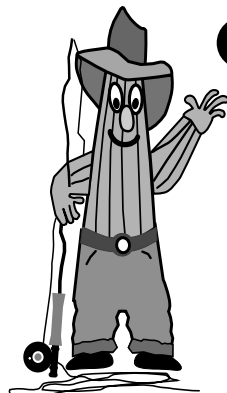
landing about 4 or 5 nice fat sizeable rainbows and losing several more...you know, the famous "the big ones that got away"! Jerry Myers, as usual, did much better and landed about 10 fish with fewer "misses". It was Chris' first real fly fishing trip since he was a teen & it was a pleasure to see him enjoying it so much, all decked out in his new gear, assuming the "pose" and fishing with zeal! Rocky provided us with a great lunch of sandwiches, pasta salad and delicious homemade apple pie, which we all totally scarfed down! The highlight of my day was a double hook-up on a dropper. I had a nice size bow on, we were just about to net it after playing him for 15 minutes or so (Rocky said it was at least 18") and lo and behold a second, of course...smaller, fish came by and grabbed the fly on the dropper, knocked the first fish off and, much to my surprise, I then instead caught the SMALLER fish! Ah, the joys! We fished until about 2:30 p.m. and then headed back in.

After a little R & R cleanup and nap, the group migrated down to Barb & Dave Foster's charming home on the edge of the cliff where we enjoyed a beautiful sunset & a great BBQ dinner of chicken, ribs and homemade peach cobbler. Our normal banquet hall was booked out that night for a wedding, so Barb & Dave instead opened up their home to us, which was a delight to see, as Dave spent over 5 years personally collecting all the natural rock & canyon stone from which it was built. The Fosters also have an adorable little boy, and twins on the way, so I hear! After dinner we had our usual rousing round of fish stories told and then the customary "awards ceremony" with prizes & certificates being given out for biggest, smallest, most, & least fish. Jerry Myers won a very nice rainbow painted large coffee mug for the largest catch, Jack Stuhler won a stringer of fish (Christmas tree garland) since he caught the "least amount" of fish; Richard Meenk was awarded a huge fish (pillow) as consolation for catching the smallest critter, and George Geoghegan won a new set of waders (Christmas tree ornament) for catching the most fish! Fish reports ranged anywhere from one to about 15 for the day, and due to the fact that no one got skunked, and due to the fact that the feared Sagacewea award HAS to be recycled every year, I awarded the now non-discriminatory "Sak" award to Gary Walsh. He, being the good sport that he is, promptly turned around and awarded his prize (the traditional can of sardines) to Jack Yamagata for doing such an excellent job of planning and organizing this trip.

Sunday morning a few of the guys went out with a guide for a second round, some fished the walk-in, while some folks just lounged around, had breakfast and hit the road. I think all in all everyone had a great time, even though the fishing wasn't as phenomenal as it has been in past years. I, for one, am already looking forward to next year's Ferry trip...need to stock up on some more of those orange scuds before then.

See you next month in Rocky Pointe!

Georganne Jannenga
2001 Membership Director



SAGUARO SAM SAYS...

Adding metal beads to your Anymphs and streamers can make good flies even more productive. Sometimes buying the right beads can be a confusing thing. So here's some tips from Sam.

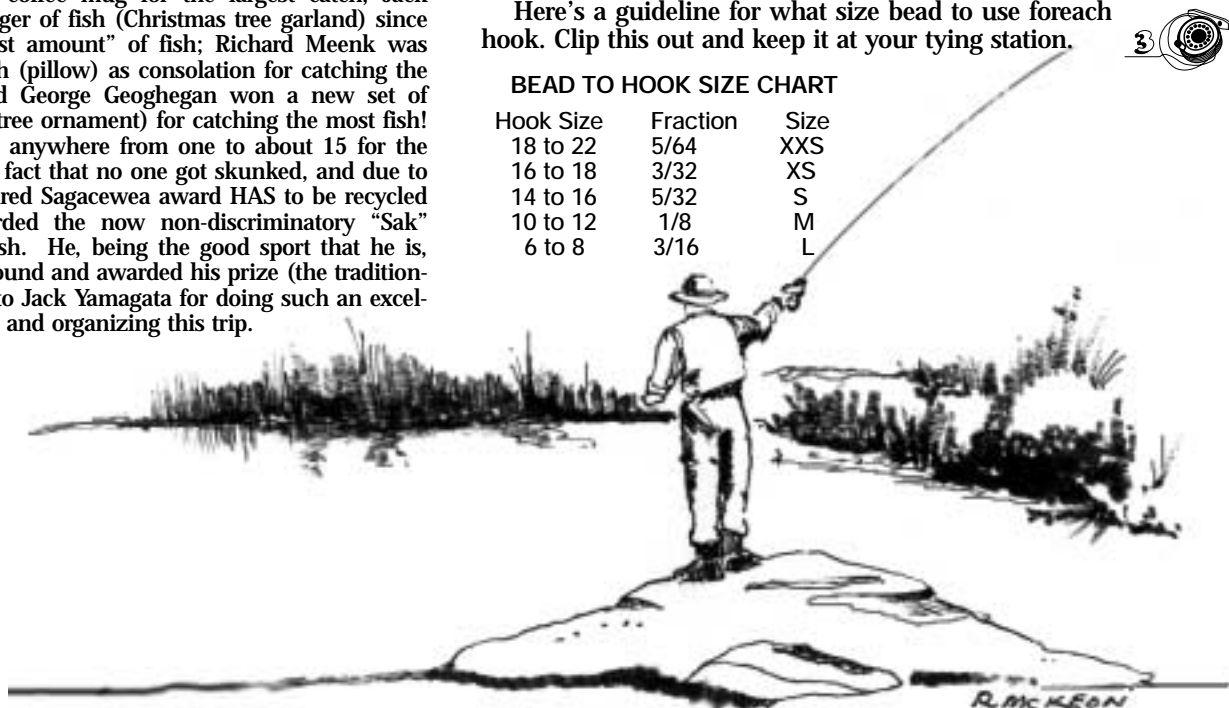
Be sure to place them on the hook before starting the fly - small hole first. Common colors: gold, silver, copper, black. Typical sizes: 5/64, 3/32, 5/32, 1/8 & 3/16.

Don't buy cheap metalbeads. You'll find they don't fit onto the hooks well.

Here's a guideline for what size bead to use for each hook. Clip this out and keep it at your tying station.

BEAD TO HOOK SIZE CHART

Hook Size	Fraction	Size
18 to 22	5/64	XXS
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14 to 16	5/32	S
10 to 12	1/8	M
6 to 8	3/16	L



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