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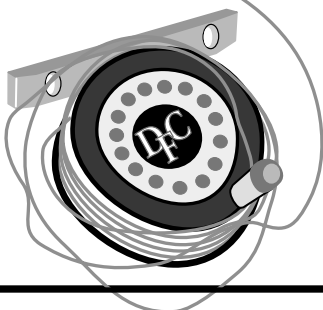
DESERT FLY CASTERS A BARBLESS CLUB



NOVEMBER MEETING:
 Wednesday, November 13, 2002
 Dinner- 6:00 PM
 Meeting- 7:00 PM
 American Legion Post #2
 2125 S. Industrial Park Ave.
 in Tempe

"He learned to cast with a fly rod, feeling that, cast by cast, he might work his way into terrain of his father's affection and esteem, but his father had never found time to admire him."

John Cheever- 1978



President's Report-November 2002

Bob Harrison

Welcome to the last regular meeting for the year. Ted has another great presentation lined up for the meeting. Steve Beck will provide information on fishing Yosemite and the surrounding area. It should be a great presentation. We will also wrap up nominations and elect the panel for the board of directors for 2003. The new officers and the rest of the board will be announced during the Christmas banquet in December. If everything goes as planned, this issue should contain more information on getting to Rocky Point, contact information on the accommodations and another fly pattern the usually works well.

We have had offers for trips to plan for next summer. One for Alaska is expected to cost only \$800 for the week including 3 days of guided fishing. Airfare is expected to be around \$400. Add in extra baggage charges and car rental or jumper flight and the total trip could be less than \$1400. Drop me a line through the president@desertflycasters.com email address or leave a message on the club hotline if you are interested. We need to get 12 people to make the rates work out and have weeks blocked for June (Kings/ Steelhead) or August (Silvers/ Steelhead). There are 4 people interested already. We plan to do a little more checking into the package and other options before we finalize the plans. Another offer is for a trip to Argentina. I can forward the information if you are interested.

One topic discussed in the last board meeting is sending mailing list of members in exchange for donations for the banquet. You should have had a call by now to express if it is OK or not to include you address in the list. Contact Dave Weaver or Georganne if you haven't been called. I hope everyone is getting their fall opportunity for some great fishing. I can say the trail to Chevelon seems to have become much longer than I last made it but the fish are plentiful and provide an exceptional fight.

Tight Lines
Bob Harrison

November Guest Speaker: Steve Beck *Fly Fishing Yosemite National Park*

Steve Beck's first book is Yosemite Trout Fishing Guide. He's fly-fished the Sierra for twenty years from his nearby home in Merced (the "Gateway to Yosemite") CA, where he lives with his wife and two young children. As a freelance writer he has also written articles for national fishing magazines. He spent five years doing extensive field work gathering the fishing information for this book. During that time he estimates he hiked over 1000 miles exploring Yosemite's scenic waters while catching and releasing thousands of colorful wild trout.

Steve Beck's most recent book is Trout Fishing the John Muir Trail, published Feb. 2000. After devoting many years to becoming intimately acquainted with Yosemite and its trout, he turned his attention to the spectacular high country of the southern Sierra. During the past few years, his summers have been pleasurably spent hiking the John Muir Trail, with fly rod in hand, exploring its sparkling waters. Of his work on both books he says, "Fishing for the most beautiful fish I know, in the most beautiful place I know, has been a labor of love".

Steve's program for DFC will be on fly fishing Yosemite National Park. He will have copies of both of his books available for sale at the meeting. *Hope to see everyone there.*

Working with the Natives

By Chris Herbert

Like George W., I recently took a bit of a working vacation, my destination being our own White Mountains.

On September 27, I drove to the beautiful Sipe White Mountain Wildlife Area outside Springerville to attend a meeting of the Golden Natives Outreach committee. This group helps the Arizona Game & Fish Department in spreading the word about our two native trout species, the threatened Apache Trout and the endangered Gila Trout. Dick Brown of the FFF, Fred Fillmore of OPTU, and I joined a variety of AGFD and Forest Service representatives to hear about outreach efforts that have occurred and those that are planned. As you probably know, an Apache Trout graces the cover of this year's Arizona fishing regulations, and the same painting has been made into a poster that has been widely distributed. Soon, two fish-shaped bookmarks will be available depicting both of our Golden Natives in full color and telling a bit about each on the reverse.

New signage has been developed to inform the public about Apache Trout and the conservation and recovery efforts that are bringing this species back from the brink of extinction. A set of these new signs has been posted at the pullout area at the West Fork of the Black River. (By the way, someone — who knows why — decided that they would try to destroy the "Friends" plague that was placed there some years ago by a number of groups, including DFC. They succeeded only in putting some good scratches and dents into it. Sad nonetheless.)

AGFD produced a show on Apache trout that has been run on PBS and is now being provided to public access stations around the state.

We also discussed some ways of continuing to spread the word to people who might take an interest in native trout. One option is a marketing relationship with the Diamondbacks, in which articles on Apache trout would appear in the Diamondbacks magazine and a public service announcement would be produced featuring one of the Diamondbacks players. Another idea was to continue work with teachers so that children would learn about our Golden Natives.

The next day, I participated in the Apache Trout workday organized by OPTU on the West Fork of the Black River. Three crews spent a good part of the day working on repairing a barrier, electroshocking to check fish health and look for any invading Browns, and getting rid of the @?SX%&*! crayfish. I spent the day with the latter crew, setting out my own two crawfish traps along with 16 supplied by the Arizona Fly Casters. As the traps and their cat food bait worked, another participant and I used dip nets to capture as many of the critters not making their way to the traps as we could. All told, we pulled probably 600-800 crayfish from a stretch of Burro Creek just above the confluence with the West Fork.

I'd also hoped to participate in some of the stream renovation work that had been planned by the Forest Service for the first week in October on Stinky Creek. Unfortunately, all such work had been called off when spawning trout were found in the affected streams. The piscicide used in these renovation efforts work only on live fish, not on eggs; so the efforts will have to wait until next spring to begin anew.

Thanks to the generosity of Wink Crigler and some luck during the raffle at last December's DFC banquet, my wife and I spent Thursday, October 3 at XDiamond Ranch. The water was low, as the flow had been shut off at Greer on September 15. Still, there were trout aplenty (and plenty spooky, too). Some little browns and rainbows were eager to play, taking both attractors from the surface and nymphs below. But the big guys eluded me, even though I could see some of them lurking about. Spending the night in one of Wink's cabins was delightful. If you've not taken the opportunity, make plans to do so! The cabins are comfortable and well-equipped; and it was great to walk back from the river at last light, slip off the hip boots, pop a libation, and throw a couple steaks on the grill. With a fall chill in the air (it dropped below freezing during the night), the gas fireplace kept us cozy as we sipped red wine and I fantasized how much fun it might have been to have hooked into one of the big guys that afternoon.

Saturday, October 5 saw a meeting of the Native Trout Task Force of the Eastern Rocky Mountain Council of the FFF. Gary Hall and I are the two official DFC representatives to this group this year. We discussed a number of issues and heard several interesting presentations on work already being done (or that potentially could be supported) with FFF funds. I found the presentation by two fish biologists from the Mora Fish Technology Center in New Mexico to be most enlightening. Mora, located about 40 miles east of Taos, is one of a handful of such research facilities around the country. Work is currently underway to test a new method of rearing Gila trout, a species that is difficult to raise in captivity, but whose return from endangered status requires such breeding. Mora will be raising the fish in more naturalistic environments (colored tanks, natural substrate, and cover), feeding them live foods rather than pellets, and controlling water temperature and light to induce spawning without the need for hormone injections that are typically employed. Some preliminary trials of this naturalistic environment are already underway with Gila trout rescued earlier this year from Whiskey Creek when fires swept through that area this spring. To date, the rescued population has suffered no mortality.

Regarding Gila trout, FFF Eastern Rocky Mountain Council Conservation Vice President Dick Brown indicated that AZ Game & Fish is engaged in an internal assessment as to whether the West Fork of Oak Creek might be a Gila trout re-introduction site. If designated as one, Northern Arizona Fly Casters would take the lead on this project (potentially with national support from FFF), similar to what OPTU has done with its Apache trout efforts.

Jerry Hobbs of Arizona Fly Casters updated the group on the joint AFC/Nature Conservancy efforts to fight the crayfish problem in White Mountains waters. The group has been generating funding and has one staff member developing a database on the extent of the problem. Jerry felt strongly that this group has as good a chance as he's seen in being able to really get a handle on the problem and begin doing something about it.

As an FFF club, Desert Fly Casters' support of these efforts — both with people to work and with money — is something I think we need to strongly consider.

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Striper Fly Fishing

By Vince Deadmond

The first day of the fly fishing trip, the guys looked like the cover of GQ Magazine. OK let me qualify that . . . the Fly Fishing Edition of GQ. The assembled group in front of Jerry Meyer's house consisted of Gordon McHardy, Jake Colomanaro, and Vince Deadmond. We made good time to the Ferry and checked out all of the fly shops for information, and a few supplies. We had a bite to eat, checked into our apartment at Marble Canyon Lodge, and decided to fish later in the afternoon. The main purpose of this trip was the Striper fishing in Lake Powell. We made the short drive into Page, and located Stix, a convenience store with the Utah stamp we needed for our Arizona Fishing License. The stamp was \$8.00 and good for the rest of the year. I found a New Mexico, Wisconsin, and a White Mountain Apache Permit all folded neatly in my billfold. All of them looked as if they had gotten, just a little wet, maybe just once.

Even this experienced group of fishermen found the walk-in fishing tough. We all caught some fish, but no one was doing the happy dance, or hooked up to a fish frequently. We met back at the truck after it was too dark to see a strike indicator, we figured it was a good time to go eat. After dinner I put together two 8 weights for tomorrow's activities. After talking to the fly shops, I set up a rod with a fast sink, and one intermediate sink line with a sink tip. I had another reel in the boat bag with a floating line. I would use all of them the next day.

Saturday morning, a few clouds and it is warm enough that I was taking my jacket off as soon as the sun was on me. We are pulling away from the dock around 7:00 AM, another early start. The fishing resumes in this group are quite impressive. Our guide Bill McBurney, owner of Ambassador Guide Service, is not aware of how easy his day is going to be. There are many good reasons to get a guide when you check out a new fishing destination. Many times I have learned a new technique, or picked up an idea that I have used in fishing for another fish or in a different location. Guides make your day easier, tie on your fly, advise you on fly patterns, depth, history of the fishery, in general they should know more than you do about their backyard. Bill knew his backyard very well, even though the lake was 80 feet lower than it usually is. The low water has uncovered areas that have not been out of water for a number of years.

Our first stop was a cove not too far out from the Wahweap Boat Dock. Some Shad were making disturbances in the water, but after several casts we moved on, looking for more productive water. Striper fishing reminds me of saltwater fishing,

you need to locate the fish that you can cast to with your fly equipment. We passed a cove where there were lots of boats and lots of activity. Someone was landing a Striper as we pulled up to watch. Bill asked one of the members in the group, Wayne, what was happening? They had been on a Striper boil for 2 hours and everyone in the group had caught fish. The fish boil was just playing out as we arrived. We made a few casts, and then went to look for our own honey hole. Bill's boat is one of the large jet boats, the same kind as many of the guides use on Lee's Ferry. The next thing we knew we were 30 miles from the boat dock.

One reason to hire a guide is to have them put you on fish. Bill found some fish and then positioned the boat where the four of us could make casts. The boat had a casting platform where 2 casters could stand at the stern of the boat, another caster could stand in the middle, and a fourth caster could stand in the bow. After Bill located the fish he used some chum. Yes, this is like saltwater fishing! After enough chum was in the water we were casting, and casting, and casting, and I believe Gordon had the first hook up. It was a Small Mouth Bass, ok we've got the skunk out of the boat. Shortly thereafter, I caught the first Striper. Then Jake caught a Striper, I caught a Striper, Gordon had a hit, then it was gone, Jake had another Striper, Gordon had a hit, then it was gone, I caught another Striper. This went on for a while, then Jerry caught a Striper, Gordon had another miss, and I thought I heard him say, "Dumb Bass", or something very close to that. The wind changed, the fish were still there, but they were tighter than a new slot machine. Bill repositioned the boat, gave them more chum, but they were just not in the mood.

While we were catching fish we changed flies several times, I caught Stripers on a small bead head Woolly Bugger, a small Deceiver, and a small Clouser, none of my bigger patterns seemed to work even though a Striper has a large enough mouth that it could have inhaled any fly I could have tossed at it.

Not only did the wind change, it picked up, and we were getting rain. The temperature must have dropped 15-20 degrees. We are still far from the boat dock, luckily the canopy on the boat is keeping us dry. Bill finds a more protected cove out of the wind, absolutely beautiful on Lake Powell. This group was prepared, not only did everyone have more than one fly rod, and floating, intermediate, and deep sinking lines, we all had rain gear, and polar fleece for under the rain gear. We were ready to weather the storm. We made an effort to find some fish, but they were not in the mood to play, so we ran out of time and headed back to the boat dock.

Everyone had caught Stripers for the first time, and seemed to have a good time. Bill has agreed to speak at an upcoming Desert Fly Casters meeting, and offer the club a chance to fish for Stripers this spring. If you take him up on it I think you will have a grand time. Spring fishing is usually more dependable, and Bill will take 6 anglers with float tubes out, and put them in the middle of a feeding frenzy. Sounds like fun to me!

Just for fun, key in Lake Powell on the internet, you will find a lot of information about this fishery. Also, the Wayne that Bill was talking to is a fish biologist for the state of Utah. There is an interesting story on how Small Mouth got started in Lake Powell. Check out the Wayne's Words section.



CLASSIFIED...

The club has been requested to assist Joan Timberlake in selling the lifetime accumulation of tying material of the late Tom Timberlake, a past member.

Tom's interests ranged far and wide in relation to fishing and tying. He introduced several of us to the opportunity of Pike in Stoneman Lake. I have a summary of the material.

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Bob Harrison

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...see insert for details...

DFC San Juan Trip

"A good time was had by all"

By Ted Bounds

The Desert Fly Casters made the migration to Northwestern New Mexico October 3rd thru the 6th this year. This was a first time thing for us as a club, but I suspect it will become an annual event. Twenty-one Desert Dwellers made the eight-hour drive to the San Juan River for a few days of fishing and camaraderie. Both were top notch.

Thursday found most of us arriving and wondering if it was going to snow. The weather was cold and windy, spitting rain that felt like it wanted to be ice. Some anglers braved the weather and hit the water to try some of the big browns and rainbows that have made the San Juan famous. Some others who were more faint of heart (i.e. me and my group of travelers, and a few others) thought that getting a few flies, our licenses and maybe a cocktail after the long drive sounded like a better idea.

Friday was the guided day for all the anglers, and found everyone up and making contact with their guides in front of Chuck Rizuto's Fly Shop and Lodge early in the morning. The weather was clear and crisp and not a cloud in the sky. Chuck was our host for the trip and made arrangements for all the guides and shared his hospitality and knowledge of the river with us all. Introductions were made, schemes for big fish were planned and everyone was off to the river to try their luck. Between the eleven drift boats for our group and the other boats from the other fly shops that were on the river that day, there was quite a flotilla at the launch area at the Texas Hole. Our guide suggested that we start our float trip at the take out area where most of the other trips would end and float down through the "bait water" in the morning, take out by Rainbow Lodge, and go up to the Texas hole in the afternoon and fish behind the crowd. Sounded like a reasonable plan to Ann and I.

The float through the bait water was great. Let me explain about the term "bait water". For about four miles downstream of Navajo Dam, the river is referred to as the "quality water", where special regulations are in place. There is a short area closest to the dam which is artificial lures and flies only, strictly catch and release. The area below this is flies and lures only, you can keep one fish 20" or larger per day

to the end of the quality water. Downstream of this is called the "bait water" where you can fish with bait and keep a limit of fish each day. The bait water doesn't hold as big a percentage of big fish, but has good numbers of wild browns and holds some really large fish. We took out at Rainbow Lodge at about 2:00 p.m. loaded the boats on the trailers and headed for the Texas Hole.

When we arrived at Texas Hole, there were hardly any boats on the water and a few anglers wading and fishing. We nymph fished for an hour or so with baetis nymphs and midges and had good success. Then we started to see fish rolling on the surface all over the slow water below the riffles that empty into Texas Hole. A closer look at the water showed thousands of tiny blue winged olives hatching that looked like tiny sail boats on the smooth surface. Chow time for the trout. We switched from nymphs to dry flies and began the visual game of putting your fly over a feeding fish and trying to mend to make your presentation look as natural as possible. With some good coaching from our guide, Ann and I caught several nice fish each. When you can see an 18" or 20" fish slowly cruising up under your fly to inspect and maybe eat it, that's some of the sweetest anticipation imaginable. It's hard to remember to just lift your rod (and not yank like you were setting the hook on a tarpon) when one of these big fish eats your fly. 6x tippet doesn't handle tarpon hook sets very well. My last fish of the day was my largest of the trip. When I hooked the fish it jumped and we saw that it was a very large fish. The fish made a hard run at the boat. I stripped line as fast as I could, trying to keep the line tight between the fish and me. The next jump the fish made was into the boat. It sounded like some one threw a side of bacon into the bottom of

the boat. I like to think that this fish saw who had him hooked the first time he jumped, had heard what a skillful angler I was and jumped into the boat in surrender because he knew he didn't have much of a

chance of escape. I proposed this theory to our guide Josh and Ann and they seemed to think that it was more likely that the fish saw who had him hooked, felt sorry for me because of all the big fish I had broken off that day through my ineptitude, and just jumped into the boat before I could break him off so I wouldn't feel bad for losing so many fish. At any rate, it seemed like a good ending to a great day.

Friday night was our banquet night at Sportsman's Inn. We had a great meal,

swapped a few fish stories and went back to Rizuto's to hand out the awards for big fish, little fish, most fish, and the highly coveted Sacajawea award for the person who catches no fish. I'm happy to report that no one got the Sacajawea award this year because we all caught some fish.

Saturday found everyone fishing on their own at spots on the river which they wanted to explore further after Friday's float trip. We got to catch some big fish, lose some other big fish, visit with each other and in general have a great time. One of the high points of my day Saturday was watching Ron Dungan fight a really big fish at the Texas Hole for at least 30 minutes. The fish won in the end when the small hook pulled out, but its fun to watch a really good angler matched up with a really good fish any day, no matter who comes out the winner. I'm sure that Ron, like many other anglers, and me remember the ones that got away as fondly as the ones we catch, and maybe more so. Kudos to Cinda Howard for doing a great job coordinating one of the best DFC trips ever.

Sunday found me driving home thinking about how I can improve my mending techniques, not break off as many fish, and improve some of my fly patterns. I can't wait to go back

Round Table Meeting with Game & Fish

By Cinda Howard

There was a Round Table meeting with Arizona Game & Fish on Thursday, October 17th. A Round Table meeting is where anglers have an opportunity to sit down and discuss local issues with the Game & Fish Department. It is a mix of flyfishermen, bass anglers, walleye anglers, etc. Here are the items that were discussed that pertained to flyfishing:

1. There was an update from Larry Rieley about the "disposal" of brown trout at the West Fork of the Black River. This was carried over from the August meeting. He counseled the staff involved and from this point on they will transport the trout alive, when possible, or euthanize them immediately.

2. AZGF had a proposal out to close the West Fork of the Black River for approximately 1 mile past the lower fish barrier. Due to heavy angler pressure, they have changed their recommendation to closing it only 100 yards past the lower barrier. Thanks to all of those that had a hand in getting the Game & Fish department to reconsider their position on this issue.

3. Canyon Creek info- the road is now open to the hatchery but you are not allowed to stop and walk around the stream. The latest information was that 99% of the fish were killed but they have seen a few speckled dace and a few trout. After the rains took place, the silt and sediment settled on the bottom



of the stream and smothered the vertebrates, sunk the rocks, and depleted the stream of oxygen. One of the areas that look the best is above and below OW Ranch. There are no definite plans but they are considering the following: The elk are eating the recently planted willows so they are considering fencing them. The problem is if there is a flood from the snow run-off, it could damage the fences. They are also going to re-evaluate in the spring and possibly stock rainbows and observe the browns below OW Ranch.

4. Black Canyon Lake- It is a total loss due to the fires. Everything is dead except the crayfish. The crayfish actually are surviving and there is no oxygen in the lake.

5. They are expecting a winter fish kill in Crescent Lake and Lee Valley Res. due to low water levels.

The next Round Table meeting between anglers and AZ Game & Fish is scheduled for Monday, January 13th. Please mark your calendars. We can all make a difference and your opinion on what happens with our fisheries matters.

Thanksgiving

Notes from Jeff Fox

Every year fall comes. And every year it signifies a change. Nature lets us know with a crisp breeze that rustles an artist's palette of leaves. Brown trout migrate up tiny creeks to spawn while the sounds of Canadian geese reward you overhead. But fall also tends to change us as well.

For me that recently meant moving my family across country from Arizona to Ohio. Quite a change. More importantly the fall season seems to bring out the best in everyone. We all become a little more patient and perhaps little more understanding towards each other. We begin to reflect on all that we have to be thankful for. For myself one of the things I took for granted these past four years was the knowledge and friendships I acquired through the DFC.

A fly fishing club is a great way to learn about an activity you love. Sure you have to work at it and give back, but as in anything, you get out what you give. I learned a great deal in a short amount of time. Many times I picked up a nugget here and there not necessarily directly related to fly-

fishing. Example: Tony Bruno showed me the trick of stuffing newspaper in my wading shoes before bed so they'd be nice and dry in the morning when I awoke. Although it's not much, I figure its time to try to give back one last time. I have listed my top five tips learned these past four years and hope one of them works for you.

1. *Trust your instincts* - After a period of time you get pretty good at reading water. If you think a cut bank, pocket, or shaded area, however small looks fishy, then cast to it. You will be surprised how often a quality fish takes your fly in the skinniest of waters.

2. *Roll Cast to get out of trouble* - I learned this one watching Gordon fish a brushy section of Big Bonito Creek. Many of my casts unfortunately do not land exactly as planned but are instead nabbed by that lone blackberry or willow limb hanging out over the creek. Instead of sloshing upstream to unhook your fly and thereby scaring all the fish simultaneously, try a roll cast. Simply flick out a roll cast and 8 out of 10 times your fly becomes untangled and any fish remain undisturbed.

3. *Bring a change of clothes* - I admit it. I am clumsy. Ken can attest to that during my last Horton Creek outing. Moving water, slippery rocks, thorny branches, loose gravel all spell you're going to get wet at least once a season. Have a change of dry clothes in your car or truck.

4. *Use 2 Flies at once* - If I don't see any bug activity or fish rising I'll start off with a two fly set-up. A big dry like a stimulator or royal wolf attached to my leader on top. Next, tie on an 18-inch piece of tippet to the hook bend of your dry fly. Tie on your favorite bead head nymph (hares ear, prince, pheasant tail) a size smaller to the tippet. Keep changing the nymph until you find what the fish like. I also utilize 2 dry fly rigs (again a big one to let me track say a size 20 griffiths gnat or a beetle). And of course 2 nymph set-ups are common at Lees Ferry and the San Juan but you would be surprised how well they work on the White River as well.

5. *Get involved* - Attend the outings, help out in fly-casting 101, etc. You don't have to be an expert. The more you are involved, the more we learn, and the more you share with others.

Editor's Note: Jeff is now living in Columbus, Ohio and was a very active DFC board member here in

Chris Herbert/Working with the Natives

It's always fun to be in Arizona's high country. But as my week working on some native trout issues also proved, one can give a bit back to our finned friends and have just as much fun as one can have catching them... well, almost just as much!

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Hey, just a little "informal" note to remind everyone about the salt water extravaganza...November 8, 9 and 10...that's Friday evening Saturday and Sunday.

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Sincerely, Your Hostess and Host,
 Wink and Gerald

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2002 DFC Christmas Banquet

The 2002 DFC Christmas Banquet is on December 11th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 644 E. Chandler Blvd., Chandler, AZ.

See the attached map. Chandler Boulevard is 4_ miles south of the Superstition Freeway (U.S. 60). The Knights of Columbus Hall is located east of Arizona Avenue / Country Club Drive, and west of McQueen Road / Mesa Drive, in Chandler.

This is DFC's annual fundraising banquet. It is a "Pot Luck" dinner. Ham, turkey & gravy will be provided. This is just a reminder to please bring a side dish or desert to share. Those of you whose last name starts with A - M please bring a side dish. Those with a last name starting with N - Z please bring a desert.

Volunteers for clean up afterwards would be greatly appreciated.

So far we have a float tube, a few fly rods, and many smaller prizes that have been donated. For those of you wishing to donate something to the raffle, please contact Roy at (480) 917-7630, or bring the donation to the November meeting. Those donating \$150 or more in cash or wholesale cost of merchandise will get free printing of their business card in the DFC Newsletter for a year

For newcomers, and those who have forgotten how the raffle works, here's the scoop:

1. Most prizes are valued at \$25 or more, and are raffled as "Bucket Prizes". There are containers located next to the prizes. Place your ticket or as many tickets as you wish into the "Bucket" for the prize you'd like to win. The winner for that prize will be drawn from those tickets in that corresponding "Bucket".
2. Bonus Prizes are of equal or higher value and are also raffled in this manner. (see explanation below for Bonus Prizes)
3. Deck of Cards Raffle utilizing playing cards. A maximum of 52 (+ maybe jokers) chances will be sold for this prize. Purchasers will receive one playing card for each chance purchased. Winner will be drawn from a corresponding deck. Ticket cost: 5\$ - \$10 each (depending on the value of the prize).
4. Multi-Prize Table. These are prizes of lesser value. Drawings are made from one "Bucket". Choose your prize as your number or name is called. Ticket cost: \$1 each.
5. Silent Auction items are of substantial but undetermined value. Write your name and the amount you bid on the pad provided. Highest bidder by the end of the bidding period gets the prize for the amount bid.
6. Live Auction. Usual vocal auction.

Tickets are sold as follows: Bucket Prize tickets are sold for \$1 each. For every \$25 in \$1 tickets purchased, a \$25 Bonus Prize ticket is issued. For every \$50 in \$1 tickets purchased, one \$50 Bonus Prize ticket and two \$25 Bonus Prize tickets are issued. For \$100 in \$1 tickets purchased, one \$100 Bonus Prize ticket, two \$50 Bonus Prize tickets and four \$25 Bonus Prize tickets are issued. You can use address labels, a return address stamp, or write your name on the back of the ticket to help identify the ticket stubs you deposit in the "Buckets".

Bent or otherwise mutilated tickets deposited in the buckets will be disqualified!!!

Thank You,
Roy Baker 2002 Banquet Chairman



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