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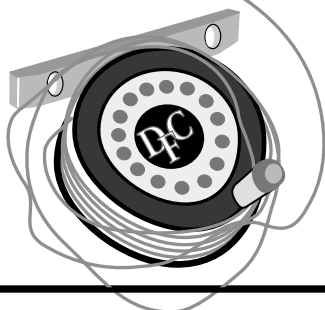


FEBRUARY MEETING:

Wednesday, February 12, 2003
Dinner- 6:00 PM
Meeting- 7:00 PM
American Legion Post #2
2125 S. Industrial Park Ave.
in Tempe

"I never lost a little fish- yes, I am free to say. It always was the biggest fish I caught that got away."

Eugene Field (1889)



President's Report-February 2003

Cinda Howard

As President of this club, one of my duties is to write something for the newsletter every month. This is new to me and something that I am trying to get used to. As I sit here thinking about what I should write about, the one thing that keeps going through my mind is the reflection of the past year as a DFC member.

Almost a year ago I decided that I was going to take my flyfishing seriously and that became my goal for 2002.

It all started in March when I was asked to be a fill in host for an Apache Lake outing. At the time, I had very little experience fishing for bass with a fly rod. It was a learning experience and the main thing I learned is that I really wasn't very good at getting small mouth bass to take a fly. I was skunked on that outing but made one of the best friends I have ever had.

In April, I went with DFC to Lake Seneca. I had plenty of experience prior to this in fishing for trout in lakes so I was somewhat prepared. I did ok and I think I caught somewhere around 10-15 fish. More importantly, I spent quality time with some quality people and I got to know some of the members on a deeper level.

In May, I decided to really do something crazy and went with the club to Chevelon Lake. As most of you know, this is not a trip for the weak at heart. I was not properly prepared and didn't have the right sinking line to be productive. I learned this very quickly when I saw Ann and Georganne catching fat rainbows. I caught a sucker and a small brown trout. On the following day, I was more prepared having borrowed Georganne's sink tip line. I caught a couple of nice browns and it was a good day.

In June, I made the drive up North to the White Mountain Extravaganza. This was a great trip and one of the more memorable ones. I have caught some big fish over this past year but the one I put above all the rest is the 19" brown I caught at the X Diamond. I have heard this part of the stream called an "aquarium" because Winkie stocks it pretty well but I suspect that the wild browns here are as tough to fool as the wild browns anywhere else. We also fished the Lower Log and Ditch Camp plus joined in the festivities at the famous DFC chili cookout at Winn Campground.

In July, it was off to the San Juan. It wasn't an official DFC outing but it was with four other DFC members. This was an incredible trip and I am still in awe as I think back to it and think about the big fish that were caught. I had heard stories about this Blue Ribbon fishery but it is something I had to see for myself to really understand.

In August, I made that drive back up North and helped in a work outing on the West Fork of the Black River. Old Pueblo Trout Unlimited and AZ Game & Fish Department organized it and I was there as a representative of DFC and DJA. After we worked half a day, there was lot's of fishing done but only a few fish caught. The water was really skinny, the lakes were low and the fish just didn't cooperate as much as I would have liked. But it was fishing and I couldn't think of anything I would rather be doing.

In September, DFC had a class on the Salt River to prepare everyone for the upcoming San Juan trip. Bob Willard was our instructor and even though I am not new to the sport, I still learned several useful techniques from him. He is a great instructor and makes casting look easy.

That brings me to the October DFC outing. I was the host and we made an eight-hour trek to the San Juan River. There were 21 of us up there and it was a blast! I have heard rumors that it was the best trip that the club has had. I don't know about all that but I do know that it was fun fishing and socializing with a wonderful group of people.

I missed the November trip to Rocky Point and I regret it because I heard that everyone caught fish and had a great time. I did get to do some bass fishing with a professional bass angler but that is a different story and you can ask me if you want to hear about it.

I have developed some very solid friendships with people in this club and I have grown because of it. Had it not been for DFC, I would not have had these opportunities and I would not be where I am today in this sport. I am rich in friends and rich in knowledge and I hope that you get the same benefit from this group that I have.

I am taking full advantage of what this club has to offer. I appreciate the opportunity that I have been given to share my experiences with you.

Cinda Howard
DFC President

FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER

Fly Fishing the Kenai Peninsula *Presented by Will Maloney*

Our guest speaker for February 12th will be Will Maloney, owner and operator of AA Alaska Charters & Travel Vacations, Kenai Peninsula Charters & Creekside Inn. Creekside Inn is located in the wonderful little Russian village of Ninilchik on the shore of the Cook Inlet in the heart of the famous Kenai Peninsula - Alaska's fishing capital of the world. The program will consist of slides and a discussion of Deep Creek, the Ninilchik River, the Anchor River and other fisheries that are easily accessible from Creekside Inn.

Roy Baker, Program Chairman

Conservation Notes

By Ted Bounds

There are a few interesting items on the conservation front this month. Cinda Howard and I attended the Anglers Round Table held on Jan. 13th at the Arizona Game and Fish building at the Arizona State Fairgrounds. There really wasn't very much on the agenda at this meeting that pertained to fly fisherman. The topics covered were bass fishing with conventional gear in the central Arizona lakes by Ken Levy. This presentation was informative and held some information that could be used by fly fisherman, but was geared more to conventional bass fisherman who have a bass boat and enough electronics to put a man on the moon. Boating safety was also addressed. The one topic that was addressed in this meeting that was of concern to all people who enjoy the outdoors in Arizona was law enforcement by Game and Fish employees. We learned that the law enforcement branch of Game and Fish has three primary issues to address. They are (1) wildlife and fisheries issues, the enforcement of our hunting and fishing regulations (2) Watercraft enforcement, ensuring that people who own or operate boats on Arizona waterways do so in a safe and lawful manner, (3) off highway vehicle (ohv) issues, enforcing laws that govern how and where ohv's are operated in our state. This all sounds like a pretty tall order for any agency to take care of and indeed it is. Add to this that there are six regions in our state and throughout the whole state there are only 150 officers assigned to law enforcement, and of these only 104 who are required to have a law enforcement commission (i.e. an actual cop) and you will see that they are spread pretty thin. So, if you are like me and wonder why there is never a game and fish official around when you see someone blatantly

breaking the law consider how many of them that there are and you will probably agree that they do a damn good job with the resources that they have. They have about as many officers to cover the entire state as the number of people we have at the DFC Christmas banquet every year. Another thing that you might consider doing is writing a letter to your elected officials and telling them, not asking them, to keep their money grubbing hands off of the heritage fund money that is supposed to go to game and fish every year. Our elected officials seem to think that this money, which has been directed to Game and Fish by voters like you and me, is theirs to do with as they want, and it's not.

The other conservation meeting that I got to attend in January was held in Flagstaff on January 16th and was concerned with the efforts to reintroduce Gila Trout to the West Fork of Oak Creek. This meeting was attended by Dick Brown, FFF council Vice President and Conservation Chairman for the Northern Arizona Flycasters club, Dario Travaini, FFF Council national Representative and member of Arizona Flycasters club, several other members of the Northern Arizona Flycasters club, as well as representatives from Arizona Game and Fish and the USFS. This project is in the preliminary stages, and has a long and formidable list of obstacles to overcome before it can bear fruit. The first thing that has to be overcome is the lack of manpower and budget available to AZG&F and the Forest Service, as well as other agencies that will need to be involved in this project. Simply put, they don't have the personnel or the money to dedicate solely to this project that would expedite many of the items that will have to be done for the reintroduction to move forward. The stream survey is not complete due to these problems, and other concerns were brought forth at this meeting. One of the things that has made the West Fork of Oak Creek

attractive as a reintroduction site is that it is accessible to anglers. This is true to a degree. The WFOC already gets heavy use as a day hiking and backpacking/camping destination. There is very limited parking near the confluence of the main stem of Oak Creek and WFOC. The Forest Service has considered making this area require a permit for recreational use. The additional traffic that would come from anglers would have to be considered. Other things to be considered would be water rights, public support, and the building of fish barriers. The construction of a fish barrier at the conflux of WFOC and the main stem of Oak Creek would be a major undertaking. The barrier would span a large distance and also have to be quite high to keep the main stem from breaching the barrier during high water runoff-i.e. Very expensive.

The next meeting is scheduled for mid September 2003. I will keep you posted of progress and developments.

One item of interest to those of you who have an interest in Gila Trout. As you know, the Gila trout that have been reintroduced to date in Arizona in Dude Creek and Raspberry Creek have not spawned as of yet. The population in Dude Creek is not doing well. The fish in Raspberry Creek are doing fine, and the Biologists say that this year the fish should be mature enough to spawn, so this year will tell the tale if these fish will reproduce in their new home, DFC recently donated \$500.00 to the Mora fish hatchery in New Mexico to be used to try and development more natural spawning under hatchery conditions. I wasn't sure what this meant until Dick Brown gave us an explanation. He recently toured the hatchery at Mora and was impressed with the ideas that are being implemented there. He reports that the runs that the fish are in at the hatchery are natural colors and have cobblestones incorporated into the bottoms of them as well as some big boulders built into the "stream" to provide a natural setting. Also, the edges of the runs are covered to simulate undercut banks, and no artificial stimulants or hormones will be used to prompt the fish to spawn. The fish are also being fed natural food instead of pellets. Hopefully, the \$500.00 that DFC spent on this project will pay dividends in streams in Arizona and New Mexico in the future. That's about it for now, and don't forget to write your elected officials and remind them what our heritage fund money is for and to leave it where it belongs. Take some time to attend a meeting, workday, or some other function to show your support for good conservation practices in our state, and make your opinion known.



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Casting for Recovery

By Cinda Howard

Desert Fly Casters recently received a letter from Casting for Recovery asking for a donation to help with a retreat that will be held in Pinetop in May.

Casting for Recovery is a national non-profit support and educational program for women who have or have had breast cancer. The retreats provide these women with the opportunity to gather in a natural setting and learn flyfishing. They focus on wellness and combine counseling, educational services, and the sport of flyfishing to support mental and physical healing.

Physically, the sport of flyfishing and the casting techniques used provide gentle exercise for joint and soft tissue mobility. The physical experience of flyfishing provides a healing connection to the natural environment, relieving everyday stresses and promoting a sense of calm. Psychosocially, the retreats provide an avenue for social support and group interactions, reducing the sense of isolation that many breast cancer survivors might feel. The retreats offer a forum for women with similar experiences to bond with each other, learn a new skill and gain a respite from their everyday concerns.

The Board of Director's felt that this is a worthy cause since it focuses on community and education. Desert Fly Casters has donated \$250 to help with this event. This money will go towards financially enabling a breast cancer survivor be able to attend the retreat.

Breast cancer survivors (at any stage), that are interested in participating in this event, can go to the Casting for Recovery website and sign up. The deadline for submitting an application is February 28th and the selection is by a random drawing of applicants. www.castingforrecovery.org

If you are interested in giving an individual donation to CFR, you can also go to the website and click on "helping CFR" and print and fill out the donation form to send with your contribution. Be sure and mark on the form "Arizona Retreat" so that the funds will be routed to help with the event that will be here in May.

Special Presentation by Jack Dennis

Wednesday, February 26th

On February 26th Jack Dennis will be doing not one but two special presentations for DFC and our guests at the La Casita recreation center in Mesa. For directions go to www.desertflycasters.com and click meetings. You will find directions and a map. The evening will start with a meal that will be available starting at 5pm. Jack will do two one-hour video presentations followed by a question and answer session; book and video sale and

signing, and we will wrap the evening up with a great raffle. The center piece of the raffle will be a nine foot nine-weight Thomas & Thomas horizon series rod donated by Jack Dennis, along with fly lines, books and videos, and lots of other fly fishing goodies. All this for the amazingly low price of \$20.00 for pre purchased tickets or \$25.00 at the door.

The programs that Jack will be doing for us are: Twenty places you should fish before you die, and The underwater world of the trout. Both of these are excellent and informative programs that are a pleasure to watch. The underwater world of a trout is a must see for any serious trout angler. The photography is done with an underwater camera with a lens that is similar to the lens on a trout eye. This will give you a whole new perception on how to present and tie flies, and what things look like to a trout. I will have tickets available at the February 12th DFC meeting or you can contact Ted Bounds @ 480-821-5290 for tickets. Tickets are also available at Arizona Fly Fishing. This is a rare chance to spend an evening with one of the legends in our sport at a very affordable price as well as supporting DFC. Get your tickets soon.

Fishing Tempe Town Lake

By Arizona Peacock Lady

Float tubes and belly boats are not permitted on Tempe Town Lake. But you can use a boat, OR, a 7-foot pontoon boat on Tempe Town Lake now. If you are a Tempe resident, a Tempe Boat Permit will cost you \$5, good for a year from the date of purchase. If you are not a resident of Tempe, the Boat Permit will cost you \$25, good for a year from the date of purchase. Place your Permit on the back upper left side of your seat. When you go to purchase your Permit, inflate your pontoon

boat and have the oars on your pontoon boats. Drive to the Ranger Station located at the under side of the 202 Freeway under the Mill Avenue Bridge and make your purchase. If the Ranger goes to measure your pontoon to qualify "the 7-foot requirement", be sure that the Ranger measures "from the stretched out D-ring and small tab", which are located on the ends of each pontoon, "to the stretched out end of the opposite D-ring". You should make 7-foot requirement easily. You'll need an Arizona fishing license with a trout stamp, and your personal floatation device-life vest.

Fishing was found to be better on the North end of the lake, particularly around the bridge's columns, and toward the west end of the lake. You can launch your boat along the sandy beach which is located on the north end of the lake, then go park back under the bridge in the parking lot area. This is a very busy area, so you'll need to get in quickly and get out quickly as there are many Skulls, kayaks, canoes, outrigger canoes, and boats launching from here. There is quite a bit of traffic on the lake too, so you'll need to be alert.

We found the fishing somewhat slow in the late morning, but they seem to be hitting on the Hairs Ear nymph, size 16; Canadian Brown Semi Seal leach; and the Arizona Peacock Lady.



Anyone interested in a DFC Club trip this summer to Alaska, and if so please contact me as soon as possible at:
480-346-5346
Georganne Jennenga

Thanks to all who purchased the new DFC Pins at the January Meeting. They are as follows: Chris Herbert, Peter Klemens, Jim Frajto, Charlie Rosser (New Member), David Gordon, Jim Harris, Clair Engle, Sue/Bob Davis, Bob Harrison, Ted Miskinnis, Norm Savin, Rocky Minster, John Clausen, D. Marsden, Rita Schatz, Bill McBurney (Gift).

DFC pins on sale at February meeting- profits from these pins will help support our commitment as a club for research studies in reproduction for the Gila trout.



February's Meeting Dinner Menu

DFC pays for the rent of the meeting hall by selling the dinners. By buying a dinner at the meeting, you help the club pay for the hall. Dinner price is \$8.00 each, which includes gratuity. Cindy and John of the American Legion Hall plan this month's menu to be a 5oz. Rib Eye Steak, French fries, baked beans, salad, and maybe a Cherry Cobbler desert. Come early and enjoy dinner with your DFC friends! Dinner is served from 6pm to 7pm.

Fish Finders on Float Tubes

By Foxy Minnow

I use a fish finder on my float tube and pontoon boat and have found it to be beneficial in locating fish. I seem to have a more successful fishing trip when I use one, as oppose to not using one.

So far, I have found 2 kinds of fish finders that are compatible with using on float tubes and pontoon boats.

1) Fishing Buddys are made by Bottom Line. These are mounted in a "side holder" and stored in a fish finder keeper. Prices range from \$70 to \$550 depending upon differences in models, features and pixel displays. A Fishing Buddy radiates sound waves on the side view finder, as well as, what's underneath you. It shows depth and bottom structures, large fish, small fish, and water temperatures. They run on three size C batteries. I'm pretty sure that the Service Charge is a minimum of \$99.00 to fix it if they break...even if there's a loose wire. And you have to ship it back to Bottom Line in a box when it needs repair.

2) Hummingbird Fish Finders are made by Hummingbird. These can be mounted on a VERY HEAVY THICK piece of rubber (found at shoe stores). Mount the Hummingbird to a long rubber piece with screws, leaving a long side piece in order to stick the rubber under your frame (on pontoon boats); AND, tie the rubber piece down with a strap on your float tube and pontoon boat. So it should be very secure. These fish finders run on a one-12 volt battery. The battery can be stored in a side pocket....or in the back of your float tube. The finder structure can then hang down in the water between the tube and the seat. The price ranges between \$130 to \$500 depending on different models and features and pixel displays. It sends a 2-beam, or 3-beam sound wave down. It shows more of what's beneath you, depth, and bottom structures, large fish, small fish, water temperature and some, if not all, come with 'speed of the boat' so you can depict migration of fish, and water temperatures. You might be able to purchase a Hummingbird from a local bass shop. The Hummingbird can be stored in a hard plastic 6-pack ice cooler in order to keep it from getting banged around while traveling. I also believe that both models can be found in a Cabelas catalogue.

Also, just a note on something that has recently been brought to my attention, is that these fish finders can go to depths in fresh water to 240' , with a side distance of 120'. But if you happen to be fishing in 20' to 40' of water, you should "manually change" the depth range to maybe 60'. That way you can pick up more "contrasts" and the small blimps or images will become larger and clearer and more pronounced.

This should help in finding those fish!



Recent Outings . .

by Vince Deadmond

Last month I was on my out the door when I fired off a report to the newsletter about going to Mexico. Well, several of us went and had a wonderful time. Everyone caught fish, and enjoyed the laid back atmosphere in Puerto Penasco. We chartered a 36' boat and made the 25 mile run out to Bird Island. That is something that others may want to do in the future. The fishing was good, and the scenery was outstanding. Peter Klemens got a close look at some of the local seals that are on the island.

The January outing was to Silver Creek. A small stream with oversized fish. I had to check out the fishery so I made two trips during the month. Several DFC'ers went up at different times. The stream is so small that a group of 6 would be too many fishermen for the amount of fishable water. I can recommend that if you like to see large fish that are hard to hook, you will love Silver Creek.

Federation of Fly Fishers Code of Angling Ethics

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The mission of the Federation of Fly Fishers is to lead activities that enhance and support the fly fishing experience for all anglers who fish with the artificial fly. As part of our efforts to educate through fly fishing, we believe that ethical behavior is a key component of the angling experience. While the need to preserve for all anglers the natural beauty and quality of fisheries for future generations is paramount, consideration for fellow anglers cannot be overlooked.

FFF believes it essential that fly anglers in all waters embrace an ethic that embodies consideration for the environment and for others whether they are fishing or not. This Code of Angling Ethics complements the Catch and Release philosophy that is the hallmark of the Federation of Fly Fishers and reflects the importance of ethical behavior for all anglers. Moreover, it provides a framework for improving the angling experience by combining consideration of the fishery with respectful conduct towards fellow anglers. Overall, the policy denotes a journey in ethical behavior for fly anglers and not a destination.

Person-to-person and person-to-resource ethics go hand-in-hand. Fly anglers strive to understand and practice the land ethic of Aldo Leopold, which extends ethical consideration to the land, plants, animals, fish, and water that comprise the entire ecosystem. An important part of this land ethic is that fly anglers support those programs that sustain high species diversity, and do not support policies that could cause the premature extinction of another species. The Native Fish Policy of the Federation of Fly Fishers is based on this ethic of preventing fish species extinction.

The following nine behaviors comprise the Federation of Fly Fishers' Code of Angling Ethics:

- Angling ethics begin with understanding and obeying laws and regulations associated with the fishery. Fly anglers understand that their conduct relative to laws and regulations reflects on all anglers. Angling ethics begin with and transcend laws and regulations governing angling and the resources that sustain the sport.
- The opportunity to participate in the sport of fly fishing is a privilege and a responsibility. Fly anglers respect private property and always ask permission before entering or fishing private property. They seek to understand and follow the local customs and practices associated with the fishery. They share the waters equally with others whether they are fishing or engaging in other outdoor activities.
- Fly fishers minimize their impact on the environment and fishery by adopting practices that do not degrade the quality of the banks, waters, and the overall watersheds upon which fisheries depend. These practices include avoiding the introduction of species not native to an ecosystem, and cleaning and drying fishing gear to prevent the inadvertent transport of invasive exotics that may threaten the integrity of an aquatic ecosystem. In simplest terms, fly anglers always leave the fishery better than when they found it.
- Fly anglers endeavor to conserve fisheries by understanding the importance of limiting their catch. "Catch and release" is an important component of sustaining premium fisheries that are being over-harvested. Fly anglers release fish properly and with minimal harm. They promote the use of barbless hooks and angling practices that are more challenging but which help to sustain healthy fish populations.
- Fly anglers do not judge the methods of fellow anglers. Fly fishers share their knowledge of skills and techniques. They help others to understand that fly-fishing contributes to sound fisheries conservation practices.
- Fly anglers treat fellow anglers as they would expect to be treated. They do not impose themselves on or otherwise interfere with other anglers. They wait a polite time, and then, if necessary, request permission to fish through. They may invite other anglers to fish through their positions. Fly fishers when entering an occupied run or area always move in behind other anglers, not in front of them whether in a boat or wading.

- Fly anglers when sharing the water allow fellow anglers ample room so as not to disturb anyone's fishing experience. They always fish in a manner that causes as little disturbance as practical to the water and fish. They take precautions to keep their shadow from falling across the water (walking a high bank).
- When fishing from watercraft fly anglers do not crowd other anglers or craft. They do not block entrances to bays or otherwise impede others. Fly anglers do not unnecessarily disturb the water by improperly lowering anchors or slapping the water with paddles or oars.
- Fly anglers always compliment other anglers and promote this Code of Angling Ethics to them whether they fish with a fly or not.

Come to the meeting early for dinner and to meet the President.

Dinner will be served from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Cinda Howard will be selling tickets and tying flies. She would love to have the opportunity to meet and talk with every member.

GRAPHITE ROD CONSTRUCTION

(FFF ClubWire: From Jim Abbs-8/96).

Are you an expert on graphite fly rods? Most of us have too much experience - we buy enough of them. So, what do mandrels, prepreg, tow, resin, scrim, or snake belly have to do with fly rod construction?

Well, a mandrel is a carefully manufactured steel stick or rod that is shaped to determine the cross-sectional shape or the taper of your rod. Simply put, the mandrel serves as a form or mold for the rod. Most rod manufacturers have many mandrels - some say thousands. To start with, a fabric made of graphite and resin (a prepreg - probably for graphite pre-pregnated with resin) is wrapped around the mandrel, covered with a heat shrink tape and baked in an oven. After baking, the tape and mandrel are removed and you have your basic rod blank. If the blank is not sanded (to make it smooth) it will have the spiral rough finish like some Orvis or Scott rods called "snake belly".

Some fly rods are coated with an epoxy or other plastic covering. The graphite in the pre-preg fabric is dry graphic fibers combed from spools (like yarn) and called "tow." Scrim is a thin layer of fiberglass or

graphite fibers that holds the fibers in the prepreg in place - it reinforces the strength of the rod. The ferrule is sometimes part of the wrapping process, or sometimes it is added later.

So how does all of this influence the performance of your fly rod? Well it should be clear that the stiffness of the rod is not only influenced by the stiffness of the graphite but also by the amount of resin. Indeed, two rods with the same IM6 graphite may differ significantly in stiffness. Other factors that influence the action of your rod are the number of wraps of the prepreg, the diameter of the mandrel, and the kind of resin in the pre-preg, in addition to the graphite. Just like there are different kinds of graphite, there also are different kinds of resin, which also vary in their properties. So as you consider purchasing that next fly rod, don't focus only on the stiffness modulus of the graphite, or the kind of graphite... there are many other variables that will influence performance of the rod.

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 23rd • ANNUAL DFC PICNIC

11:00 to 5:00 pm. • Food service will begin about 2:00 pm.

DFC PICNIC

We will be at the Acacia Pavilion near the lake of Desert Breeze Park. The park is located behind the Fry's shopping center on the southwest corner of Rural Road and Ray Road in Chandler.

The best entrance to the park is on N. Desert Breeze Blvd., east at the first stoplight on Rural Road and south of Ray Road. Continue past the apartment complex on the left, and past the first park entrance with a wrought iron entrance. The Acacia Pavilion entrance is next to area surrounded by a fence made of ocotillo stems, and next to the lake.

DFC will provide meat and fish to cook. We ask that people with last names beginning with A to R to bring a side dish (such as pasta salad), and those R to Z, to bring a dessert. Please bring your own beverages. Plates, cups, plasticware will be provided.

Activities available at Desert Breeze Park include a miniature train, kid's playground, tennis, volleyball, checkers, softball, horseshoes, and croquet.

The lake is currently being overstocked with trout. The next stocking is scheduled for mid-February. Various fishing clinics and contests will be organized.

More details will be announced at the February 12th DFC meeting.

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Outings In The Near Future

Sunday Feb. 23 -

Picnic at Desert Breeze Park - Chandler

Wednesday Feb. 26 - Evening With Jack Dennis

Feb. 27 & 29 / March 1 & 2 International Sportsmans Expo
at State Fair Grounds

March 14-16 Puerto Penasco, Mexico

April 4-6 Green River, UT

April 18-20 Seneca Lake

May 2-3 Lake Powell Striper Fishing

June 20-23 White Mountain Spectacular

Keep your ears open and you may find other un-official fishing trips that pop up at the last minute.

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Wednesday, February 26, 2003

La Casita Recreation Center • 5:00-9:30 PM

\$20.00 Advanced Tickets • \$25.00 Tickets at door.

Ticket price includes dinner

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For tickets call Ted at: 480-821-5290

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