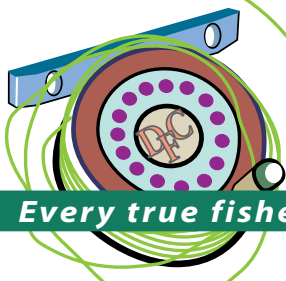
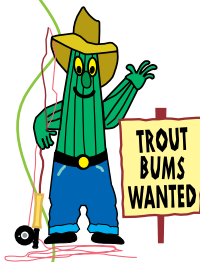


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OFFICIAL DESERT FLY CASTERS NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER
Wednesday,
October 12, 2016
Chit-Chat & Dinner: 6:00
Meeting/Guest Speaker: 7:00
Elks Lodge
1775 West Chandler Blvd.
Chandler, Arizona 85224



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OCTOBER DFC CLUB MEETING...



FISHING BECKER LAKE... Plus tips for fishing the White Mountain Take a journey with *DFC President, GENTRY SMITH*, as he travels the White Mountains and Becker Lake...Explore his findings, experiences and thoughts of one of the popular destinations among all of us Trout Bums.

Join in with the rest of the DFC Trout Bums, on:
Wednesday, • October 12, 2016

Come meet-up with us Trout Bums...6:00 Dinner... 7:00 Club Meeting, followed by your monthly program along with fun and raffle prizes!

Every true fisherman understands that the joy of fishing lies in its mystery.



DFC MISSION STATEMENT

To advance the sport of fly fishing in Arizona through education, conservation and community outreach efforts by:

- *Providing Education classes and clinics on fly fishing, fly casting, fly tying, rod building and other associated skills*
- *Committing to conserve, restore, and enhance local and regional fisheries*
- *Making fishing approachable, enjoyable and safe in family friendly environment*
- *Promoting responsible angling practices*

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SAN JUAN TRIP REPORT

It was a great trip, but not a perfect trip! We had one guide that got sick so we were one guide short on the first trip. We got rained on Friday, it turned cold and windy and some of us almost froze to death. However, me and some other folks caught a lot of fish that day. One guide called his wife and she came and got the fishermen and took them to the lodge and they got dry clothes and something hot to eat and she took them back to the river and they fished the rest of the day. It all made a pretty interesting trip. But we did what we went to do, we caught some really nice fish and had some fun. Thanks to Doug Bob for wading a couple of days so other guys could go on the drift boat. The Wounded Warriors had a good time and asked if they could fish with us again next year so I think it all turned OK. We are going to split the trip us again next year so keep that in mind and plan to go with us.



Questions...???
Suggestions...???
Input...???
Catch me, Billy at:
Billy.Wingo@phoenix.gov
 -Or- (602) 262-4406

Hey fellow DFC'ers - we could use your help...

Our annual banquet will be held Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at a new location, The Mesa Community Room, at the Mesa City Gas Division Admin building, at: 640 N. Mesa Drive.

As you are probably aware, the annual banquet is our opportunity to raise money to support the ongoing operations of the Desert Fly Casters. The money brought in by the raffle allows us to:

- 1)- Support Arizona Game and Fish to enhance Blue Ribbon streams (Lower Canyon Creek in the Tonto National Forest and Silver Creek near Show Low) by providing funding and manpower.
- 2)- Provide funding to the White Mountains Lake Foundation—an organization focused on conservation and improving the fishing in Arizona's White Mountains.
- 3)- Support Casting for Recovery (a Women's Breast Cancer survivor group) by providing "pond buddies" and funding.
- 4)- Support Project Healing Waters by providing disable veterans by funding outings, purchasing equipment and providing support volunteers.
- 5)- Conduct free classes for fly casting, fly tying and rod building.
- 6)- Provide free training and support for Boy Scouts Fly Fishing Merit badge.
- 7)- Yearly support at fishing expos and stores for education of fly fishing with emphasis on bringing new people into the sport.
- 8)- Yearly classes for fly casting, fly tying and rod building
- 9)- Monthly meetings with guest speakers
- 10)-and outings for our club members!

While there are still some very generous donations made by members of the fly fishing business community, in all honesty many companies that used to donate have either stopped altogether or have reduced their contributions by a significant amount.

I'm hoping that you can help us close the gap. If you own a business, please consider donating some services or products. If you are good friends with a business owner, please ask them to donate a service or a product. As an individual, perhaps you would consider donating a craft item, a wine basket, a box of hand tied flies, that extra fishing vest you have never used etc. etc.

Please contact **Joe Staller** at joestaller@yahoo.com for more information on how to donate or for our charitable contribution letter (we are a 501. C3 corporation, so donations are tax deductible)

Thank you!

DFC PUERTO PENASCO TRIP

by
**Vince
Deadmond**

Vince Deadmond, "The Fly Fishing Hardware Guy", is co-owner of Best Hardware in Apache Junction, AZ. He is an enthusiastic, caffeinated, fly fisher in search of a really good cookie. His fly fishing stories are published on the web, in local newspapers and magazines. His stories tangle family, friends, and fly lines.



November 2-8 pick the best days for your schedule. Friday, Saturday will have organized events, the other days will be scouting and fishing on your own or in small groups. If you want more organized activities step up and volunteer. There are plenty of places to fish and explore. If you want a DFC fishing shirt turn in your shirt to Vince at the October meeting along with your \$15 for embroidery, your shirt will not be done in time for the November outing.

If you want to caravan to Puerto Penasco I will be leaving the Maricopa QT station at 6 AM Wednesday, November 2, 2016. Other will be leaving at different times make arrangements for your best schedule.

Friday evening 5:30 PM bring appetizers for the DFC Social at the Playa de Oro RV Park. At 6:30 PM we will have a chicken dinner from Pollo Lucas, if you don't like chicken grills will be available, grill your own. Money from the Saturday night raffle will pay for the chicken dinner. If you have items for Saturdays raffle see Vince. Friday evening we will have fishing reports and plan our Saturday float trip.

Saturday morning plan to launch from the Second Estuary 9 AM to catch the outgoing tide. Low tide is at 11:00 AM. I am planning on riding the tide back to the truck around 2:00 PM. Wind, waves, and weather can change our plans. Saturday evening 5:30 PM appetizers, drinks, raffle tickets. 6:00 PM dinner followed by raffle. The raffle usually has some nice prizes, thank you for your past participation, and this year should be another fun event.

Some folks will need to leave on Sunday to be back by Monday, and others will fish later into the week. Hope you enjoy the event. Gear requirements, flies, and other stuff has been covered in the newsletter for the past two issues, plus I will have one more handout at the next DFC meeting. If you have any questions Vince Deadmond can be reached at vince@ajbest.com and at 480 818 1796.



Fly Fishing Tips For Beginners

By Pearl O. Wisdum

Strong Trout...

If you've ever wondered how strong a fish really is, consider that water is 780 times as dense as air, and thus moving through it requires much more energy. If you need proof, try hammering a nail below the water's surface. Just swinging the hammer becomes a task. But with a few flicks of its tail and undulations of its body, a fish swims through water at impressive speeds.

Flyfishing Deep...

If you want to fish deep with a sinking fly line...use a short leader. Long leaders tend to drift back up towards the surface, keeping your offering well off the bottom.

Fishing the Small Streams of Colorado

...along with with DFC Trout Bums, Joe Staller & Dick Brooks

I've always been a fan of the "annual" fishing trip. You know what I mean—you have a good trip to Lee's Ferry, or Rocky Point, or the San Juan or elsewhere, where you have a life changing experience—and suddenly the annual trip is born. You strive every year to go to the same destination and re-create that magical experience—where you caught the most fish, or the biggest fish, or the most challenging or fun fish of your fishing career. That's how my annual August Colorado trip got started. I finally found a reliable time and location where I could catch wild trout on dry flies.

In anticipation of my 2016 trip I went through all of my fly boxes to make sure I was stocked up with my small stream favorites, which for the most part are bead head hare's ears in various colors and sizes, and big bushy dry flies—mostly size 14, 12, and even size 10 lime butted Trudes. I made sure I also had my back-up flies—parachute Adams, copper Johns, Pat's stoneflies, and some specialty flies that have proven useful over the years—red quill spinners and big green drake imitations are among them. With that task done, I checked to make sure I had fresh 9 foot 4X leaders, and fresh 4X and 5X tippet. I like nylon tippet for fishing dry flies, but I use fluorocarbon from my dry to any sunken droppers since it sinks a little better and to my mind is a little harder for a fish to spot. Finally, I gather the rest of my fishing gear, stock up my little tear drop trailer and I'm ready to go!

For the 2016 adventure, I roped Dick Brooks into being my wingman. Our first stop was southwest Colorado, where we took a day or two to fish the Dolores River below the McPhee reservoir. We did catch a few small rainbows, but the bigger browns and rainbows eluded us. Plus, the mosquitoes were truly horrifying, which helped in the decision to move to our next location—a short hop to Durango, where we fished the meadow section of the Hermosa. Both Dick and I landed numerous wild cutthroats on dry flies, while fishing just a short section of meandering meadow stream. The following day, we moved to Cascade creek, where I've had great days in past years catching numerous aggressive brook trout on big dry flies. This year it was a little tougher, in that water flows and turbidity were up, but we still managed enough brook trout to make it worthwhile.

We then moved to the Glenwood Springs area due to the abundance of fishing opportunities in the surrounding vicinity. World class fisheries like the Frying Pan, Roaring Fork and Colorado Rivers are just minutes from town. And trout that are measured in pounds, not inches, inhabit these fisheries. Truth in fact, I've had great days fishing these rivers but we spent most of our time fishing the lesser known small streams in the area. One morning, Dick and I hiked up a trail that paralleled one of these creeks, and then dropped in and waded our way upstream, dropping short casts into every likely pocket and seam. We could do no wrong! By the end of the day, both Dick and I had each landed the Colorado small stream slam—a cutthroat, a rainbow, a cut-bow, a brook trout and a brown! All on dry flies, and all on the same stretch of water.

Five secrets to fishing small streams: 1) Get away from the campground. A good rule of thumb is to hike at least 30 minutes from the last place a motorized vehicle can get to—these fish will be much less pressured than those close to the road. 2) Fish the dry/dropper system. I start out with a fairly large dry fly, and a bead head nymph 18" below my dry. If I get a lot of attention to my dry fly, I might snip off the nymph and either fish a single dry fly or add a smaller dry fly to give the fish a choice 3) Fish all of the water. Most of the time, the fish are right where they are supposed to be—behind the rocks, in the large pools, under the over-hanging cover. But sometimes the best fish are in the skinny water right by the bank, or between the holes. Why? I have no idea. Check out all the possible spots. 4) Keep moving! The number one problem I see new anglers have is the tendency to fish too long in one spot. My rule of thumb is no more than three good casts to great looking spots, and one or two casts to less likely spots. Then move upstream. 5) Be prepared! Bring lunch, a rain jacket and a water filter.

Questions?? Catch me, Joe Staller at: joestaller@yahoo.com -or- (602) 568-9431



TOM HORVATH, leaves our board....Thank you, Tom, we appreciate your dedication over the years. We'll miss you.

As chair of Education for most of the year, I would like to take this time to thank all that has contributed to the education effort for the year. Dave Weaver in Rod Building and his many other areas of support. Larry Allen, Jim Summercorn, Doug Bob and many others from the Rio Salado Group & FFF for casting and the Danish Casting Games. Joe Staller, Dick Brooks, Pat Smith, Kristen Kile, Frank Schettino for cooking effort, knot tying and basic grunt work. Carl Rutherford, Doug Bobb and Bob Harrison for participating on the Education Committee. JC, Chris and Kristen for their efforts regarding Project Healing Waters. Last but not least Bob Harrison, Vince and Kristen's help in tying efforts. I know I have missed some so not intentional and many thanks to the missed ones also.



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October Intermediate Tying Session

FINAL SESSION OF THE YEAR- OCTOBER 26TH

Location: Redden Construction, Inc's Office at 4131 E. Wood St.

Major cross roads are Broadway and 40th Street

Time: 6:30pm to 9:00 pm • **Contact:** Tom Horvath 602.768.7280

This is time to maybe look into a different prey to stalk.

San Diego offers unique opportunities for fly fishing so the bays and surf can still be good this time of year.

This is a fly I use for surf perch but can be easily modified for bass and even Crappie.



Pattern sheet

Hook: Salt Water #4 to #6

Thread: Brown 6/0

Weight: dumbbell eyes

Tail: Tan Craft Fur

Flash: Pearlescent Krystal

Head: Deer Hair

Bring your tools or give me a heads-up if you need them and materials provided by Tom Horvath and DFC.

If you have questions or need to use club's tying tool kit, catch Tom Horvath at 602-768-7280.

And, For Each of Us...15 Minutes of Fame

As told by Frank Schettino, the Raffle Guy, in his own words...






We were at the **AZGFD Get Outdoors Expo**, back in July. The Sunday morning News show was doing on location spots at the expo. They did a piece on some of the local organizations there.

Gentry was interviewed for our club. He was to talk about the club for a couple minutes and then teach the newsgirl how to cast. It all went well, he spoke beautifully about our club, what is fly fishing, what type of rod used, what is a fly. Then the producer whispers in the ear of the newsgirl to speed it up. Then bad luck strikes. Gentry had a rod all ready to go. Somehow the line got tangled at his feet. It was a mess, he couldn't cast. The producer yells CUT... It was over. Too add insult to injury during the interview, Joe Staller and Gentry's brother were behind the scenes and could be seen on TV pointing and laughing hysterically at Gentry.



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RIO SALADO CASTING CLUB MEETUP

Saturday, October 29, 2016

Looking to improve your fly casting skills?

Desert Fly Casters (www.DesertFlyCasters.com) is partnering with the Rio Salado Casting Club (RSCC) to host an ongoing series of free fly casting events at Gilbert's McQueen Park. International Fly Fishing Federation (IFFF) Certified Fly Casting Instructors will be on hand to work with casters of all skill levels—beginners, intermediate and advanced casters are all welcome to attend this informal casting

Event highlights:

- Beginning casting instruction
- Intermediate casting instruction
- Tournament casting instruction
- Two-handed / Spey casting instruction

Event Time: 9am – noon | Event Cost: This is a free event

Event Location:

McQueen Park Recreation Field (Located on the east side of McQueen Road, between Elliott and Guadalupe)

Items to bring:

- Sunglasses/eyeglasses
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Drinking water
- Fly rod/reel/line/leader

Event Host: Larry Allen, IFFF Master Casting Instructor • Contact Email: flatsman@cox.net

Please RSVP to flatsman@cox.net and include "RSCC Fly Casting" in the subject line.



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