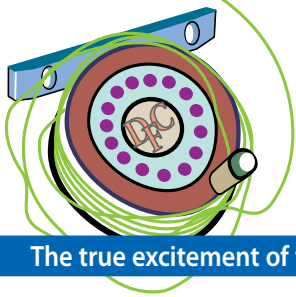


FORWARD CASTS

OFFICIAL DESERT FLY CASTERS NEWSLETTER



JULY
Wednesday,
July 12, 2017
 Chit-Chat & Dinner: 6:00
 Meeting/Guest Speaker: 7:00
 Elks Lodge
 1775 West Chandler Blvd.
 Chandler, Arizona 85224



President's Drift

Frank Schettino • July 2017



Greetings fellow DFC'ers. I hope everyone is staying cool while its a "tad" hot outside. Yes, just a tad hot as my sneakers melted to the sidewalk when it was 119 degrees. Please be careful as you go about your daily activities and if you're going fishing, make sure you take plenty of water with you.

Its July and the 2017/2018 board will start its term. I would like to take this time to thank the outgoing board for their hard work and dedication this past year. A big thanks to Gentry Smith for his hard work and dedication to the DFC as President. Most of the board will be staying but switching roles. I will be the President. Gentry will be the Education Chair.

Thank you to Doug Bobb for his work as Education chair. Joe Staller will be the Vice President and will remain the Outings chair. Dave Weaver will be moving from his role as membership chairman to an At-Large position. He will continue his duties at Rod Building and most importantly the "Official Rod Builder" of the DFC raffle Committee. I along with entire board and the membership want to thank Dave for his 20+ years of service on the board and as membership chair. Linda McAteer will be taking over as Membership Chair. Our new Secretary will be Marie McClearn and Mike Faulkinbury will take over as Programs chair. I welcome them to the board and wish them luck in their positions.

I had the pleasure of attending our annual White Mountain Extravaganza at Big Lake. The fishing was a little tough at times on the lake. Some of us did manage to land a couple fish. There were reports of some good fishing on the west fork of the Black river. The Saturday night dinner was delicious. More on this outing at the July meeting.

The Desert Fly Casters is a non profit organization. All monies raised goes back into the club to fun the monthly speaker, education classes, outings and provide funding for local non profit conservation and outreach groups. We couldn't do this without the participation and support of our membership. Thank you! So heres to another year of fun, adventure and new fish stories. Who doesn't love a good fish story.

Tight lines,
Frank Schettino

DFC CLUB MEETING: WEDNESDAY • JULY 12, 2017



Jack Houck

Pack it in with our guest speaker, *Jack Houck*, as he takes us into the Mogollon Rim country and fishes his favorites. Jack makes it easy to find those appealing spots...Join in with all the DFC gang...See you Wednesday for sure!

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!



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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DFC Outings to keep in mind...



SENECA LAKE OUTING
Saturday, August 12, 2017

Fees: A San Carlos fishing permit and an annual habitat stamp
Hosted Outing Leader: Joe Staller
Phone: 602-568-9431
Email: joestaller@yahoo.com

Meeting Time:
8:00 a.m. at the Lake
Meeting Location: Seneca Lake
Max. # Attendees: No limit

Additional info from Joe Staller see page 7



SAN JUAN RIVER TRIP

It's time to get ready for the San Juan River. Great trip last year that everyone enjoyed a good time and lots of fish. We are offering a split trip again this year because it worked so well last year. **Arrive on Monday September 18th and fish Tuesday and Wednesday. Arrive on Thursday September 21st and fish Friday and Saturday.** Two days guided fishing and 3 nights lodging, double occupancy. Always the possibility of catching the fish of a lifetime. This years trip is \$615.00 per person and we will begin to sign up at the June meeting.

Catch me, Billy Wingo at: 602-451-9459
if you have questions.



Learn to Fly Fish with Desert Fly Casters

New On-The-Water Mentor Program

Be it trout, bass, pike, carp, etc., learning to fly fish Arizona's lakes and small streams on your own can be difficult and intimidating. Furthermore, it's not always practical to host large group clinics on water that can't handle that kind of pressure.

So what's the solution?

Desert Fly Casters is proud to introduce our new "On-The-Water Mentor Program." Our objective is to teach beginning fly anglers how to successfully read and fish various types of waters for a wide array of fish species. Skilled anglers will voluntarily accompany 1 or 2 people for a half or full-day of fly fishing to one of our local or regional lakes or streams.

Just to be clear, we aren't running a guide service. Trips will be arranged around the instructor's availability. Additionally, both parties should expect to

catch fish and split travel expenses. Remember, courteous fishing partners are more likely to get repeat invitations. Therefore, it is imperative that student anglers be reasonably self-reliant—they should have their own equipment, be able to tie on their own flies, and execute a pick-up and lay-down cast. If you still need help learning these basic skills, the club offers several classes and clinics right here in the valley that you are encouraged to attend beforehand.

We love to fly fish and look forward to sharing our passion for the sport with you. For more information on this exciting new program, please contact:

Jack Dengel, jackdengel@yahoo.com



*** NOTE *
STILL NEED
YOUR HELP!**

The DFC Board of Directors has discontinued our library. Sign of the times what with our busy schedules and the digital information one might find on the internet. What we need from you...all of you who have a book and/or CD that is stuck away, remembering to return...**PLEASE connect with us and return these items.** **Thank You**

Touch base with Joe Staller at: (602) 568-9431

NOTE FROM JOE STALLER... *Be in the know...Obey the Rules:*

Wanted to let our DFC members know that AZG&F is beginning to enforce the existing rules that all PADDLE OR OAR driven watercraft must have at least one U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), type I, II, III, or V, for each person on board. Such devices must be in good and serviceable condition, readily accessible and must fit the intended wearer.

If there are no oars on board, a PFD is NOT required (although it is still an excellent idea to have one with you.)

It was also recently clarified by Fish and Game that the typical inflatable type V PFD that many of us use are only approved IF THEY ARE WORN.

The White Mountain and San Carlos Apache tribes also have similar requirements, and have been enforcing them for a few years. I got stopped on the San Carlos reservation last year for this infraction, although I just got a warning.

In my own case, I have a mesh bag where I store my fins, booties and waders-I now keep my PFD in the same bag so that it is not forgotten at home.

Read the rules for yourself at...

http://www.azgfd.gov/pdfs/outdoor_recreation/boating_laws.pdf

Questions??

Catch me, Joe Staller at:
joseph.staller@nxp.com



One thing becomes clearer as one gets older and one's fishing experience increases, and that is the paramount importance of one's fishing companion.

John Ashley-Cooper



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Fly Tying Corner

Wednesday, June 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
at McQueen Park Recreation Field 510 N Horne, Gilbert AZ

Can also get to from McQueen Road, between Elliott and Guadalupe but will need to walk across ball field and past pond. The Horne exit is better but need GPS to get to it unless you know Gilbert roads

Flies for June tying session will be the tying Ginger Quill Dry Fly and Bead Head Prince Nymph from the FFI Silver award handbook. The full hand book for Silver certification with step by step instructions is available on Federations website.

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Tying/FlyTyingSkillsAwardsProgram/tabid/610/Default.aspx>

Bronze and Gold programs are available for future tying sessions as well.

June Flies of the Month

For June plan on tying Ginger Quill Dry Fly and Bead Head Prince Nymph from the FFI Silver award handbook



Ginger Quill - Dry Fly

Hook: Mustad 94840 or TMC 100,
Size 12 or 14
Thread: Yellow 8/0 UNI-Thread or
UTC 70 Denier
Wing: Natural Grey Mallard Wing
Quills
Tail: Ginger hackle fibers
Body: Peacock herl stem, stripped
Hackle: Ginger Neck Hackle



Bead Head Prince Nymph

Hook: Nymph Hook, Dai-Riki 060,
size 12 • **Thread:** Black 6/0 or 8/0
Bead: Gold bead sized for hook
(for size 12, 2.8 to 3 mm)
Tail: Brown biots
Rib: Fine gold oval or small gold
flat tinsel • **Body:** Peacock herl
Hackle: Fairly rigid brown hen or
softer rooster hackle
Wing: White biots

Questions??...Catch me, Bob Harrison at: Harn7963@aol.com

We Had a Beary Good Time!

Linda McAteer, June 2017

The 2017 White Mountain Extravaganza was another smashing success this year, despite the heat wave and a passing bear at Saturday's dinner. The event sold out again, so folks doubled up and shared campsites. It was a nice weekend for spending time with old friends, and for making new.

Although the fishing on the lake was slow at times, it was rewarding for a few. Our hiking DFC members had great fun catching Browns down on the West Fork; and it was rumored that there were some good catches on the East Fork - at an undisclosed location.

With a great turnout at the Saturday Gathering, we enjoyed lots of good food and a special guest appearance by a passing bear. However, the bear didn't deter the many fish-stories going around the tables. A big thank you to Ed for taking care of all our trash after dinner; to Frank for letting me use his nice portable grill for the brats; and to folks who brought all the great food to share.

Next year's Extravaganza is June 7 through 10 in the larger group site at the Apache Trout Campground, the Fir Group Loop. There are 24 campsites and this loop has a private bathhouse, and a nice big group ramada, too. The cost will be \$47 per site. Be sure to mark your calendars and watch for the sign-up sheet in 2018.

I had many suggestions and requests for activities for non-fishing friends, spouses, and kids. Next year you can expect some extra activities including tours of the ruins in Springerville, Western Drug, a Winey-Book-Reader gathering, and a few surprises as well. Several club members who hadn't fished the area before asked if we could have a White Mountain Fishing 101 session and I'm hoping to add that to the weekend. In the meantime, tight lines everyone, and thanks for making this outing so much fun!



Comments and/or Questions?
Catch me, Linda McAteer at: lmcateer60@gmail.com

Seneca Lake Outing...*Added notes from Joe Staller*

Outing Site: Seneca Lake

Date: Saturday, August 12, 2017

Fees: a San Carlos fishing permit and an annual habitat stamp

Hosted Outing Leader: Joe Staller • Phone: 602-568-9431 • Email: joestaller@yahoo.com

Meeting Time: 8:00 a.m. at the Lake

Meeting Location: Seneca Lake • Max. # Attendees: No limit

Directions: The lake is on the San Carlos Indian Reservation off HWY 60 just before the Salt River Canyon. From the valley, head east on US 60. Drive through Globe, and turn left on US 60/77 just past the McDonalds. After approximately 32 miles, the Lake will be on your left, just before you start your descent into the Salt River Canyon. It is poorly signed—we saw one sign on the right ~1/2 mile before the turnoff. After the turnoff, bear somewhat to the left, we will meet at the one concrete launch ramp. (There is a maze of roads back there. See the map. DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR PERMITS WHILE IN GLOBE.

Fish: Trout, bass, sunfish.

Fishing strategy: The most effective approach would be to fish from a kick boat or float tube.

Tackle:

Rod Wt(s)	3 wt-6 wt
Line	floating, intermediate, sinking
Leader	9 ft., 4-5X
Tippet	4-5X
Other	

Hook sizes: Your favorite bass, trout and sunfish patterns should work. Wooly buggers, leeches, hare's ears, pheasant tails, and small rubber leg patterns should all work. Throw in some Clousers or other streamers for the bass, and you should have it covered.

Other gear: Waders • Sunscreen Float Tube • Pontoon Boat • Fins • Personal Flotation Device
Polarized sunglasses • Lunch, snacks, drinks

Comments: You need to have a San Carlos fishing permit and an annual habitat stamp—both are available in Globe at the Circle K, on the left JUST AFTER the turn to the Salt River Canyon. (Meaning that you go past the turn to the Salt River Canyon, buy your permit at the circle K, then head back towards Globe until you see the Salt River turn off, now on your right.) It is also possible that they are available at Sportsmans on Greenfield road, but I have NOT confirmed that. The day use permit is \$10, and the annual habitat stamp is \$6.

Looking back at the outing to Seneca in April 2016, Clear or camo intermediate lines were the preferred fly lines. The best fly seemed to be bead-head sparkle buggers in various colors. (Joe's "Little Man" in chartreuse worked well also.) Cast towards the cattails (they completely line the lake) give it a 10 second sink time, and start an erratic, slow, retrieve. Although a few bass were caught, the rest of the fish were oversized bluegill, green sunfish, and shell crackers. Rod Buchanan landed a bluegill that was easily over one pound!



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REMINDER...ANNUAL DFC SWAP MEET IS AUGUST!

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DFC Seneca Lake Outing • Saturday, August 12, 2016

Joe Staller Host: joestaller@yahoo.com...or: 602-568-9431

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San Juan River Trip • September 18 thru 23, 2017

You'll have questions on this... catch me, Billy Wingo (host) at: 602-451-9459

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**See ya Wednesday...
July 12, 2017**



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