Message from Rick Weisberg:

“If I fished only to capture fish, my fishing trips would have ended long ago.”

Zane Grey

Welcome all to the start of a new year with the SPFC. This next month we have a great program lined up. Gentry Smith will be coming down from Phoenix to present a program that he has previously done for other clubs around the state. Titled “Skinny Water, Fishing Arizona High Country Trout Streams” will shed some light on some well known, and not so well known moving water destinations around Arizona. I think it will be a presentation you will not want to miss.

Just a reminder that this time of the year is when we will be collecting dues at the meeting. Dave will be present to make that happen at the next meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting you can mail the dues to SPFC, Box 465, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636. Dues are $25 for an individual, $35 for a family, $200 for Life time.

John Marvin has been looking into a club outing to Christmas Tree Lake towards the end of May. If interested in attending get in touch with John. Dan has been working on a trip to the San Juan March 21-26. This is a chance to catch some big fish. Weather should be pretty nice that time of the year. Get in contact with Dan to sign up.

Dave Higgins has been working on a great fundraiser for the club. See details on page 2.

Our third Fly Fishing 101 Class will be Starting on Feb. 23rd. If you are interested in helping you need to get cleared through the College. Contact Ray Ganey to get that done.

The Youth Quail Hunt is happening this year on the same day as our Fly Fishing 101 class. The Quail hunt is a great opportunity to teach youngsters about fly tying and casting. We are going to try and do -continued on page 3-

Tentative Schedule

♦ Feb 7th - Gentry Smith, “Skinny Water: Fly Fishing Arizona’s High Country Trout Streams”
♦ Feb 23 - Fly fishing 101 class at College
♦ March 2nd - FF 101 at College
♦ March 7th - Kevin Cambell, Golden Dorado - Argentina
♦ March 9th - outing to Parker Canyon Lake for FF 101
♦ April 4th - Brian Giordano - AZ Game and Fish White Mtn update

Special points of interest:

Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at Thunder Mountain Community Church at 4300 E. Golden Acres Drive. Meetings begin at 6:30 PM.

- Board Meetings - 2nd Thurs. of the month at 6:30. Meet at TBD house.
- Club members are always welcome
CLUB NEWS

At our last board meeting the following items were discussed and acted on

- Treasurers report - Account balance as of January 17th, 2018, $3339.10.
- Outings report - Christmas Tree lake on May 24th. San Juan trip in the spring, March 21-26, please contact Dan Tuttle for more information.
- Conservation - Nothing to report at this time.
- Membership - The annual membership renewal is underway in earnest and 39% or 17 of the current 43 members have renewed for 2019. Members are reminded that dues are due NLT 31 January. Please get your checks in the mail to SPFC, PO Box 465, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636, or see Dave at the February meeting in order to continue your active membership. Also a membership renewal is on page 4.
- Media & PR – Go to the website and see what is happening and what is coming up. Contact Ray if there is anything you need to have entered. Looking for a PR person. Ray needs pictures for the website.
- Raffles - We will be having a general raffle and a big raffle for a new Rod and Reel setup at the next meeting.
- Newsletter - Please contact Pat at 459-8111 or mcpatann@cs.com if you have anything for the newsletter. Can always use some photos for the newsletter.
- The club now has hats and caps on hand if you are interested in purchasing them.
- New Business - Huachucans SV Youth Charity raffle. To raise money for the youth and the club. See explanation below.

Huachucans SV Youth Raffle

SPFC to participate in the annual Huachucans SV Youth Charity raffle sale drive. Our club has been approved for raffle ticket sales for the drive which begins in February and will end in August. The annual event supports many of the youth related organizations based in Sierra Vista to include Scouting programs, Youth soccer, Boys and Girls Club, Bantam football and more. Our club will have 200 tickets to sell by our members. The raffle tickets will sell for $10 each and our club will receive $8 of that sale for an 80% return on each ticket. A 100% sales effort poses the potential of a $1600 boost to our club treasury which will support our events and sponsorship for continuing efforts in the sport of Fly Fishing public education in our community. Members may contact Dave Higgins for a block of tickets to sell in February after they are printed and issued.
FISHING THOUGHTS
“Old friends can wade a trout stream or walk a woodland cover and not encounter just the fish or the game of that day, but also the memories of other days and other places. They’ve taken the bitter with the better and found it all rewarding.”

Lee Wulff

Presidents Message continued:
both at the same time but we need a few volunteer’s to make it happen. Please contact Rick Weisberg if you can help with the Quail hunt.
In 2020 the club will be 20 years old. So we are looking into having a banquet on 2/20/2020 for our 2 decades of having such a great bunch of folks tied together with a common bond. As usual it will be a lot of fun.
On a sad note we have to mention the passing of one of our very loved members. Some of us attended Jim Ackerman’s funeral recently. Jim was the club treasurer for a very long time and an even longer Sierra Vista resident. Jim and his wife Ellen were tremendous supporters of the club and both long time fly fishing enthusiasts. Things won’t be the same without Jim. His leadership and friendship will be deeply missed. I hope you all keep Jim in your prayers and think of him often. Our thoughts also have to be with Ellen through this tough time.
We will see you all on Feb. 7. Come early to get your seat.

Tightlines and Tightflies,

Rick
SAN PEDRO FLYCASTERS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

NAME(S): ________________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________________________

CITY: ___________________ STATE: ___________ ZIP: __________

TELEPHONE: _______________ EMAIL: ____________________________

(We communicate a lot by email, so please provide us yours)

PLEASE MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

SAN PEDRO FLYCASTERS
P.O. BOX 465
SIERRA VISTA, AZ 85636

JUNIOR (18 and under) $15.00
INDIVIDUAL $25.00
FAMILY $35.00
CORPORATE $55.00
LIFETIME $200.00

After June 30 – Half Price

Read carefully before signing. This is a release of liability and waiver of certain rights. This waiver and release pertains to general membership in The San Pedro Flycasters.

In Consideration of my being a member of and being permitted to participate in the activities of The San Pedro Flycasters Club, I agree to the following Waiver and Release:

I acknowledge that fishing has inherent risks, hazards, and dangers for anyone that cannot be eliminated, particularly in an outdoor environment. I UNDERSTAND THAT THESE RISKS, HAZARDS, AND DANGERS INCLUDE WITHOUT LIMITATION:

1. Water hazards in boating and wading in rivers, including drowning;
2. Hiking in rugged country;
3. Injuries from fishing equipment and other participants;
4. Encounters with wildlife, animals, and insects;
5. Temperature extremes;
6. Inclement weather conditions and unavailability of immediate medical attention in an outdoor environment in case of injury or illness.

I understand that these activities may require good physical conditioning and a degree of skill and knowledge. I believe I have that good physical conditioning and the degree of skill and knowledge necessary for me to engage in these activities safely. I understand that I have responsibilities. My participation in any club activities is purely voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of any risks. I AM VOLUNTARILY USING THE SERVICES OF THE SAN PEDRO FLYCASTERS CLUB WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE INHERENT RISKS, HAZARDS, AND DANGERS INVOLVED AND HEREBY ASSUME AND ACCEPT ALL RISKS OF INJURY, PARALYSIS, OR DEATH, AND WAIVE ANY CLAIM AGAINST THE SAN PEDRO FLYCASTERS, AND RELEASE THE SAN PEDRO FLYCASTERS FOR ANY RESPONSIBILITY.

Date ___________________________ Signature of Member

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