



## ***The August 2019 NEWSLETTER***

**Northern Arizona Flycasters  
An active member club of the World Wide organization  
“Fly Fishers International”  
“Conservation, Restoration, and Education through Fly Fishing”**

**We support active involvement in cold water fisheries conservation. We work to insure that Arizona’s habitat is not degraded and in the development and maintenance of fly fishing opportunities.**

**We support the practice of “catch and release”, the use of barbless hooks, and quick and harmless release practices. Fish should never be kept out of the water for over 60 seconds.**

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Northern Arizona Flycasters meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Arizona Game and Fish Regional office at 3500 S. Lake Mary Road, Flagstaff. Meetings start at 7 PM with a board meeting at 6 PM.  
The meetings are free and the public is invited.

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### **PRESIDENT’S DRIFT – J Shambaja**

No Presidents Drift this month. Life got in the way.

NAF President Jack

Go Represent Your Water

**Every club member is important to the wellbeing of our club and to our local fisheries.**

NAF needs your involvement and there are many volunteer venues available such as fishing trips, conservation, writing about club activities, and fund raising. Remember, NAF raises funds to support conservation efforts; we are a non-profit organization. You can sign-up to volunteer on our web site. <http://nazflycasters.com/volunteer/>

## Gear Sale

The following is a list of items remaining that will be available for purchase.  
Estimated prices are given for most items.

### Travel Cases

Orvis Traveling rod and equipment case soft side \$30

Medal hard side rod case – 4 rods no equipment storage \$75+

### Fly Rods-6

Cabela's SLi SL908, 9ft 8wt two pc. rod with metal tube \$40

Bamboo of split cane rod, two pc. With two tips, 7 ft. Clark indicates it casts well with a 5wt line \$150

G Loomis Stream Dance GLX 8ft 3 inch, 3 wt. High Line Speed Rod 3 pc. With tube \$200

G Loomis 4pc. GLX FR 1087-4 (ft. #7 With tube (crosscurrent rod, salt water \$300 (sold)

Orvis TLS Power Matrix 4 pc, 9 ft. 8 wt, tip fles 9.5 with tube 908 Fast Action \$150 (sold)

Temple Fork Outfitters Ti Crx 9 wt. 9 ft. 4 pc. With tube medium fast action \$50 (sold)

### Reels

Ross Reel CLA 1 with 3 wt. forward line \$35 (sold)

Ross Reel Gunnison G-4 With Line? \$100

Ross Reel Gunnison 4 with 9 wt. *line* \$100

Ross Reel Momentum 4 takes 7-9 wt. lines \$100 (sold)

Orvis Madison with 2wt. line \$30

Orvis Mach III Titanium with 5 wt. forward line for 4-7 wt. lines \$50 (sold)

Orvis DXR 9/10 reel with line. Extra spool with line. Salt water. Takes 8 to 11 wt lines \$100

House of Hardy JLH #5 Light wt. plus extra spool reputable English company \$40 (sold)

Marryat MR7.5A light wt. 4-5 lines, Quality Japan manufacture \$100

(2) Ross Flywater 3 reels with line. 120.00 each

Martin 61 reel with line ?

BFR Rimfly 1075 with line 7wt 50.00

Cahil CR0001 with backing 30.00

Shakespear 1094. 15.00

Extra reel cases -2 Ross

1 Orvis

2 Cloth pockets

## EDUCATION

# 5 Tips for Fall Fly Fishing

*by Chad Shmukler - Tuesday, Sep 24th, 2013 Hatch magazine*

Autumn offers a series of distinct challenges to the angler that are specific to the season. Streams and rivers are typically lower and clearer than they are throughout most of the summer. Hatches have tapered off. Leaves blanket the water. Water temperatures change. Sun angles shift. All of these differences and more add up to the angler being faced with a different puzzle, one that requires a change in approach in order to have continued success.

Though there are certainly more ways than what follows via which the fly fisherman can adapt to changing autumn conditions, here are five helpful tips to increase your chances of a good day on the water.

#### *MIND THE SUN*

The autumn sun is lower in the sky throughout the day when compared to summer. The result is lower sun angles through most of the day, which means longer shadows. This requires the angler to use a stealthier approach, as the ability for your shadow to spook fish is increased. Pay attention to the sun's position relative to yours, which way your shadow is being cast and how far. You can't catch fish that you've chased off with a lazy, unthoughtful approach.

#### *MIND YOUR CLOTHING*

The sun isn't the only reason it is easier to spook fish in the autumn. Low and clear water conditions not only make it easier for the trout to see things above the water's surface, they also make them more wary. Clothing is always an important factor in remaining stealthy as an angler, but its importance is paramount in the fall. Wear autumnal colors, or even better, camouflage.

### *PAY ATTENTION TO WATER TEMPERATURE*

Anglers are often accustomed to thinking that early morning and late evening are the best times to catch trout, and by in large, this is true. In many areas of the country, fishermen may even avoid the daytime hours when sun blankets the water, water temperatures rise and trout seek thermal refuge. In the autumn, however, cooling water temps typically result in conditions that make the entire day an opportunity to take feeding fish. As temperatures chill even further, water temperatures can result in trout that are lethargic during the early morning and late evening hours, instead feeding most actively in the sun-warmed water of mid-day. Take note of the temperatures of the stream or river you're headed to fish, and adjust your approach accordingly.

### *UNDERSTAND THE TROUT'S CHANGING BEHAVIOR*

Brook and Brown trout, both species which spawn in very late summer and/or autumn, are much more agitated and aggressive in the fall. This is a result of behavioral changes related to spawning that create increased territoriality. This is one of the reasons why autumn is a great time to fish with streamers. Aggressive, territorial trout are more likely to chase and hopefully take streamers and other flies that may represent a threat or disturbance to a trout preparing to spawn. Think about fly size, profile and color with the aim of irritating an already cranky fish.

### *EGGS, ANYONE?*

As noted above, fall means spawning and spawning means eggs. Egg patterns -- or god forbid, beads -- it should come as no surprise, are increasingly effective in water where eggs from spawning fish are floating around. Browns and Brook trout will both eat eggs that are produced by their brethren, and where rainbow trout and these other species share

waterways, rainbows can feed aggressively on eggs. Whether you find the use of egg patterns sporting is for you to decide, but the fact is they take fish and can often be the cure for an otherwise slow day.

### **NAF EVENTS SCHEDULE**

August 7 Regular meeting 7 PM Game and Fish. Scott Rogers will be the speaker. He always has an interesting program.

(Date to be announced) install fish habitat structure in **Kinnikinick Lake**.

#### **Under discussion by board**

Assist FS and AG&F with preparing trees for placement in Kinnikinick Lake- Now scheduled for 2019.

Fishing outings to the Williams lakes

Fly casting sessions on a regular basis.

**The Board welcomes suggestions from members.**

**There will additional events so watch this space**

#### **NAF CLUB OFFICERS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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