



The June 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.

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.

PRESIDENT’S DRIFT – J Shambaja

Note TIME change: We need you to show-up at 5:30PM for the June meeting. At the June meeting we have a party, food and soft drinks will be served. However, please bring a side dish to share with others, the club will be Grilling and BBQ the main dish. Please bring your family and friends.

We have a few experienced fly fishers and fly tyers that are willing to share their knowledge, so come to the Grilling/BBQ party to meet our best. Remember, they are willing to meet you on the water to share their experience.

The summer fly season is in full swing. Plan your trips, take photos and share your adventures with other club members.

Special thanks to Brad Bradley, Gary Tallman and Ray Wolosz for their diligent efforts to create, fund and award the Paul Weise Scholarship. Thanks to your purchase of raffle tickets, this year we were able award two scholarship: and,

while I am in the neighborhood, we are again raffling fly boxes stuffed full of flies appropriate for Northern Arizona. This is an outstanding raffle with all the proceeds going to the Paul Weise Scholarship.

For our summer club meetings, we have organizing a NAF fly fishing gear sale; we have quality items, many rods, reels, apparel, flies and tools. Some items were owned by Pau Weitz and Clark Dierks. The Board of Directors said clean out the warehouse, so many items will go at liquidation sale prices. Marked prices will be asking price, so make your best offer. We even have antique bass lures and metal tackle boxes. Proceeds will go to help fund the Paul Weitz Memorial Scholarship and club conservation projects. So, prepare to bring cash and your checkbook to our summer club meetings. And, go cast some flies.

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

NAF President Jack
Go Represent Your Water

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

Pro Tips: 3 Ways to Deal with Casting in the Wind Orvis Site

Author [Phil Monahan](#) Posted on [July 26, 2017](#) Categories [Fly Fishing](#)

In the mid 1990s, I spent a summer guiding on Alaska's Copper River, which drains into Lake Iliamna. It's a region known for constant, strong wind, so I spent a lot of time helping clients deal with big gusts. In my view, there are three approaches to dealing with this problem: You can beat the wind, work to lessen its effects, or give in to it.

The two ways to beat the wind (i.e. cast directly into it or across it) are to *increase your line speed* and to *keep your line low*, closer to the water. The only effective method for increasing your line speed is to double-haul. I know, I know: if you don't already know how to do this, it sounds difficult. It's really not. Above is a great video lesson from Pete Kutzer. If you have a friend who is a good caster, ask him or her to help you perfect the motions required.



Crouching or kneeling can sometimes allow you to cast under the hardest wind.

Photos by Tucker Kimball

To keep your line low, either cast sidearm (which limits your distance) or crouch during the cast. Wind is usually less intense close to the ground or water, so you can sometimes cast “under” it. More comfortable than crouching is casting from your knees, if it’s possible.

To lessen the effects of the wind, you can use flies with smaller or slimmer profiles, a sinking tip line (which will offer more momentum in the air to cut through the wind), and adjust your casting motion to keep from whacking yourself with your own fly. Wind blowing directly into your casting arm is the most dangerous because the wind will blow the fly toward your body on every front- and backcast. There are two good ways to keep from hooking yourself or being knocked out by splitshot.



If the wind is blowing toward your casting arm, simply turn around and deliver the fly on the backcast.

First, you can simply turn around, facing away from your target, and deliver the fly on the backcast. This takes a little practice, and you have to be quite diligent about coming to a full stop on the presentation backcast, to ensure that the line rolls out fully.



To move your rod tip to the downwind side, don't angle the rod across your body (left). Instead, just angle the rod so the tip is downwind.

Second, you can angle your rod so that the rod tip actually travels on your *downwind* side. Most folks try to do this by angling the rod across their chest, but this robs you of a lot of power. Instead, lift your elbow, and angle the rod over

your head. So, if you're right-handed, you cast normally with your right hand, but the rod tip is on your left side. You'll find that it's quite easy to cast for distance with this method, and now your flies will be blown away from you by the wind.

Finally, if the wind is just too strong for the above methods, just go with it. Find a position where you can cast directly downwind. In a really strong wind, you won't even have to worry about getting a good backcast. Just angle your forward cast upward and let the wind deliver the fly. You can also use the river current to deliver the fly to a good lie. If you can't cast to a spot, find a place where you can get your fly into the river at a point where it will drift down to the intended target.

NAF EVENTS SCHEDULE

June 5 club meeting, we will sponsor a dinner social for our regular club meeting. We plan on **Grilling/BBQ** at the Flagstaff Game and Fish office location; bring a side dish, beverages, seating, our clubs will be providing the main dishes.

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

July 3 club meeting 7 pm Az Game and Fish office.

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

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