



## ***The March 2020 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 6:00 PM. The meetings are free and the public is invited.

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### **PRESIDENT’S DRIFT :**

#### President's Drift

##### Check Your Leaders

With lake and stream fishing around the corner, I have inspected and replaced several of my leaders. Different waters require unique fishing methods and design of leaders. Don't overlook this critical component of your terminal tackle. And, by all means, keep your eye on the weather. Winter is not done with us yet.

Casey Simpson

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/>

**Notice** – TU is running a statewide raffle for a two-day guided Lee's Ferry fishing trip. Lee's Ferry Anglers will supply the guide and boat for two anglers plus three nights lodging. Meals and tips are not included. The offer expires one year from the date of drawing. Only four hundred tickets will be sold and the drawing is on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The value of the prize is approximately \$1,300. See Steve or Gary Woodburn for tickets.

### **Scholarship Application**

It is time to Identify good applicants for this scholarship. If you know someone who qualifies, make a copy of the following application and make it available to the individual.

## The Paul Weitz Scholarship

The Northern Arizona Flycasters is proud to announce the 2020 Paul Weitz Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Paul Weitz (July 25,1932 – October 22, 2017) was an American naval officer and aviator, aeronautical engineer, test pilot, and NASA astronaut, who flew into space twice. He was a member of the three-man crew who flew to Skylab 2 to rescue the first manned space station. He was also Commander of the STS-6 mission, the first of the Space Shuttle Challenger flights. He was also an avid fisherman and hunter and was active in efforts to improve wildlife habitat.

The scholarship is open to currently enrolled NAU students who are following degree paths that will lead to careers in fisheries or wildlife management and who are current members of the NAU Forestry Club or the NAU student chapter of the Wildlife Society. The scholarship of \$500 will be awarded at the end of the Spring 2020 year.

Applicants are required to provide the following information in a written application.

Full name and contact information including phone number and email address

NAU Degree program enrolled in as well as class standing (first semester junior etc.) as of the end of Spring 2020

Describe any practical experience in the fields of wildlife or fisheries management (internships, work experience, volunteer work etc.)

Make the case that you are the best one for this scholarship and tell us what your subsequent career goals are.

Completed applications are to be submitted via email to [gary.tallman@nau.edu](mailto:gary.tallman@nau.edu) no later than April 15, 2020. The scholarship recipient will be announced by May 7, 2020.

## **EDUCATION**

(This is an oldy from March of 2013)

### **Fixing Wader Leaks**

I have used this procedure with good results. My experience has been with small puncture and wear leaks, so I cannot vouch for using it on tears or seam leaks. And I have only used it on a pair of Simms breathables, so I don't know about other brands or neoprenes. I learned of this procedure from the good folks at Lees Ferry Anglers.

+ Turn the waders inside out.

+ With a cloth or a spray bottle, apply rubbing

alcohol to the area of concern.

+ Any leak sites will show up as a dark spot.

- + Apply an appropriate amount of Aquaseal, which can be obtained at Peace Surplus.
- + Let it cure, and you should be good to go fishing.

You can also go to <http://www.orvis.com/intro.aspx?subject=744> and click on "Repair" for a more complete dissertation.

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## **NAF EVENTS SCHEDULE**

March 4 – Steve Berry – trip planning and traveling with rod and reel

April 1 – Prof. Westerlund – The Mount Elden Mystery

May 6 – To be announced

June 3 – BBQ to thank Game and Fish

### **Under discussion by board**

Fishing outings to local 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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### **NAF CLUB OFFICERS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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