



The May 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

At the April meeting our guest speaker was Tim Steffen, part of the Flagstaff Business Steffen Brothers, a fly rod building business. Tim discuss the materials that go into their fiberglass fly rod and how they are built. Presentation enjoyed by all in attendance. Our **May program** will be a fly-fishing skill building via a video called, *Bugs of the Underworld*, a fly fisher's guide to the natural history of aquatic insects.

Please save the dates, mark your calendars as we have scheduled for the **June** 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. And yes, we need volunteers to help serve. Please let us know if you plan to attend, this will help us purchase the proper of food. You can contact me at shambaja@msn.com.

Another club conservation activity is tentative scheduled for late **May**, this is dependent upon forest service road being open and passable. We are partnered with GCTU, Arizona Game and Fish and Forest Service on this project; all of the environmental approvals and permits have been authorized to install fish habitat structure in **Kinnikinick Lake**. This lake is spring feed and holds water when many other lakes dry out in the arid summers; thus, an excellent project location. Although our involvement is to provide labor; it is not hard, strenuous or dangerous to participate. Please join us this spring and then enjoy the fruit of your labor this fall as the fish grow big fast and you will know the fish condo location.

Plus, on **May 25, Saturday**, please stop by the *Sportsman's Warehouse* 2231 E Route 66 anytime between 9AM to Noon to participate in revenue creation for the Paul Weise Scholarship. Visit with NAF Board Member Brad Bradley to purchase your raffle tickets; Brad has outstanding fly boxes stuff full of flies appropriate for Northern Arizona. Again, 100 percent of the proceeds go the scholarship fund. Please stop by to purchase your raffle tickets, visit with Brad and perhaps even volunteer for a few minutes to help Brad with the sales. Currently we have raised sufficient funds to award the Paul Weise Scholarship to the first recipient. The NAF Board of Directors at the May meeting will review applications and announcement to soon follow.

Last month I announced the difficulty finding additional volunteers to staff the NAF Board of Directors. Our Board membership has reached a critical low number of individuals. Plus, our volunteer that did maintenance of NAF media is unable to continue; our media presence is degrading. Although our current Board is outstanding, we are too few and need help. So, if you interested in conservation efforts, have learning or teaching skills or just want more camaraderie please join NAF Board of Directors, contact me. Also, this will be the last meeting for NAF Board Member Neil Warner, he and his wife have moved to Phoenix region. Please join us as we say our goodbyes to Neil; his friendship and leadership will be missed. Come join us on the Board of Directors and have fun; be healthy, be happy!

For future club meeting activities, we are organizing for a NAF fly fishing gear sale; we have quality items, many rods, reels, apparel, flies and tools. Some items were owned by Pau Weitz. 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. Fund proceeds will go to help fund the Paul Weitz Memorial Scholarship and club conservation projects. So, prepare to bring cash and your checkbook. Plus, at May's

Wednesday club meeting please see Tom regarding NAF raffle tickets. We are raffling a complete matched set: beginner fly rod, matched reel loaded with line and a travel case; this Ross equipment is ready to fish.

Last month I wrote about the native Lahontan cutthroat trout in Pyramid Lake, Nevada. Historical records report these trout grow to 50 inches and routinely weight in at 40 pounds with reports up to 60 pounds; then they were believed to be lost. However, in the early 2000s people began catching 20-pound cutthroats due to conservation efforts. Today, anglers are catching trout up to 30 pounds. Well, on the spur of the moment I decided to go see for myself; it was April and the weather was okay. I can say without any reserve; the big monsters have returned to Pyramid Lake. What excitement to be seating on a platform and watch as hoards of native Lahontan cutthroat trout cruse just beneath my feet. Even more exciting when you have Fish-On! And, yes many times these fish hit at high speed; feeling the hook, they hit the afterburner and if that does not break your line they hit a second afterburner to get free. On one occasion, I had 15 pound test snap within an instant of being hit; never got a chance for a hook-set. The beach locations are suitable for everyone as you can sit on a platform above the water, just a few feet from the shore. Pyramid Lake, Nevada is another recommended fly fishing location.

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 that will be available for purchase at the May meeting. Estimated prices are given for most items. Come ready to purchase some excellent gear.

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

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

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

Reels

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

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

Orvis Madison with 2wt. line \$30

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

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

Marryat MR7.5Alight 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

Comments by John Juracek in Hatchmag.com

Certain faults of technique show up regularly among my students. In the notes I send to each student after a lesson, I find myself frequently reiterating certain basic principles. Here are a few of the most common. I hope they'll stimulate you to think about your own casting.

THE LENGTH OF THE CASTING STROKE VARIES WITH THE LENGTH OF THE LINE.

The rule is this: "Short line, short stroke. Longer line, longer stroke". Most anglers are unaware of this concept, and try to use the same length stroke for all line lengths. As a consequence, their fly and leaders rarely turn over with authority. But adjusting your stroke length to the line length is absolutely essential to good casting. It's what allows you to maintain complete control of your line, leader and fly at all times.

IN A MECHANICALLY SOUND CASTING STROKE, THE ELBOW MOVES UP ON THE BACKCAST AND DOWN ON THE FORWARD CAST.

There should be no pushing-and-pulling, parallel-to-the-ground motion with your arm or elbow. Ever. The elbow moves up and down—always. It may be a short up and down motion (as in a short cast), but it's always

present. See video of this here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oEtfIV1pOqk>

IF YOU FIND YOURSELF TAILING YOUR LOOPS (GETTING WIND KNOTS) OR YOUR FLY TICKS YOUR ROD AS YOU CAST, YOUR FIRST CORRECTIVE THOUGHT SHOULD BE TO RAISE AND LOWER YOUR ELBOW DURING THE STROKE.

Most people think tailing loops are caused by uneven power application (shocking the rod). While that is one cause, in my experience it's not anywhere near the most common. Most loops are tailed because of a failure to raise and lower the elbow during the casting stroke. Raising and lowering the elbow (which raises and lowers your rod) creates a clear path along which the line can unroll without hitting the rod or colliding with itself.

IF YOUR LEADER AND FLY TURN OVER IN A WIDE, LAZY LOOP AND PILE UP ON THEMSELVES, SHORTEN YOUR STROKE.

Authoritative turnover of leader and fly is almost never about equipment, and only rarely about using more effort. Rather, it's about using the proper length stroke. Most folks need to shorten their stroke as the first step towards a powerful turnover of their fly. In almost all cases, shortening the stroke means not taking the rod so far back on the backcast.

TO CAST INTO THE WIND, FIND THE RIGHT STROKE LENGTH FIRST AND THEN SPEED UP THE STROKE AS NECESSARY.

NAF EVENTS SCHEDULE

May 1 Regular meeting at Game and Fish Offices. Program is fly-fishing skill building via a video called, *Bugs of the Underworld*, a fly fisher's guide to the natural history of aquatic insects

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

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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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