

GILA TROUT CHAPTER #530 & PAYSON FLY CASTER'S NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the President:

President of Payson Flycasters and Gila Trout Chapter
530 of Trout Unlimited

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Meeting Dates

Payson Fly Casters and Trout Unlimited meetings are held the last Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM at Tiny's Restaurant. The next meeting is August 28.

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FLY FISHIN'

• **Upcoming Trips:**

To be discussed at meeting.



Our memorandum of agreement (MOA) has been sent to Project Healing Waters, who we will be partnering with to teach local disabled veterans how to fly fish. We have held meetings with the Payson American Legion Post and Payson VFW members on this project and they are all for it. Project Healing Waters will provide equipment needed to teach the disabled veterans, along with a small budget to assist in the project. Right now we are waiting for the Legion and VFW to submit names of people that they feel this project might help. We have established a committee to oversee this project with Brenda Basso as Chairman and Gary Bedsworth as Vice Chairman.

Also Pam Scofield will be our new newsletter Chairman. (Please get any articles, photos, or requests for articles to Pam so she can get them in the newsletter). We are all very grateful to Pam for taking over this project.

Gena Hall has also been given the position of Chairman for our new woman's section of Payson Flycasters and Gila Trout Chapter. She has already set up a flyfishing 101 class, for the woman who are interested in learning how to fly fish, on October 23rd at Payson Parks and Recreation Dept. This woman's group is open to all members or wives who are interested in supporting our Club and Chapter and have fun as a woman's group while doing so.

At our August meeting on August 28th at Tiny's, we will also be putting on a demonstration on how to make loops in the ends of you fly lines and leaders, to form a quick loop to loop connection, that will flow through the rod guides better than knots.



Please contact Don Castleman if you have a float tube for sale
474-6134

You might be a fisherman if...
You have a power worm dangling from your rear view mirror because you think it makes a good air freshener.

Please submit any information, articles, or pictures you would like included in the newsletter by the 20th of each month! Send to pscfield@azva.org Thank you!

FISHING OR CATCHING...

(And does the difference really matter?)

By Brenda Russell-Basso

Recently a friend asked what I was doing for fun this summer. I responded that I had just spent the previous day enjoying some time at the lake fly fishing. She looked at me skeptically and said, "Fly fishing? How many fish did you catch?" "Two," I replied. "And how long were you there?" she asked. I said, "About five hours." "Wow," she said, shaking her head. "That sounds pretty boring to me!" I considered countering her opinion with my point of view, but most of us dedicated fisherpersons know the uninitiated almost never "get" our fascination with the sport. Instead of wasting my breath, I simply steered the conversation to another topic.

Later I thought back on the exchange and began considering all the elements that make up a total fishing experience. I can feel my mind start to shift to a slower gear when the packing begins. There's a bit of contained excitement as I assemble the rods, flies, boots, waders, kick-boat, food and drink in preparation. On the drive I notice my computer-scarred eyes are seeing greener trees, bluer skies, and whiter clouds than on a day at home in my regular routine. The landscapes sliding past me seem particularly well-defined, and the anticipation builds. While unloading at the lake, I drink in my first deep breath of lake air and get my first look at the rippling waves. Pushing out into the water, I feel my tense muscles slowly unwinding. And then I become completely focused on making the best possible casts, concentrating only on the next placement of my carefully-selected fly. The static in my brain goes away, and I am absorbed in the moment. My senses that have been bombarded with ringing, dinging, buzzing, chatter from people and electronic devices gradually revive and renew. I smell the perfume from the trees. I hear the lapping of the waves against my boat. I see clear details of the water, shore, and sky. Nothing tastes as good as food eaten on the water. And I feel a balm being spread on my spirit. Like the leaves and sticks that slide past my boat, my worries, both real and imagined, float out of my consciousness.



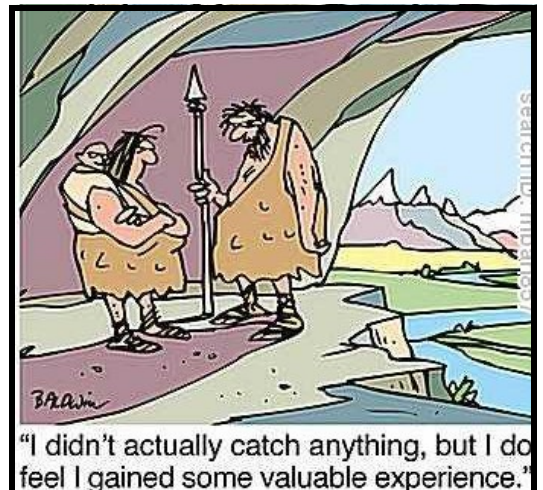
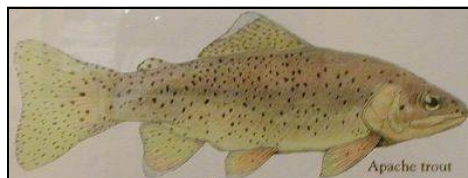
We all know that thrill of the "thump-thump" of the strike and the battle to land our sought-after prey. There are days when our arms get sore from fighting so many fish, and we relish those times. However, at the end of any fishing day, the accumulated benefits far outnumber the fish landed. Lots of catching is going on: catching glints of sunshine on the water, catching the happy sounds of children laughing and playing on shore, catching a glimpse of a wily trout rolling on the surface, catching sight of a graceful osprey circling overhead, catching rogue breezes bringing fresh scents across my face, catching a look at a perky blue jay

"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there would be a shortage of fishing poles."

-Doug Larsen

Did you know?

Arizona's state fish is the Apache Trout and is only found in Arizona. It is one of only two fish native to AZ!



FISH TALES!

Alaskan Fishing on the Nushagak River during the expected high of the King run was not up to expectations. Fishing was very slow and you were limited to one King a day, five for the week. As it was I came home with two Kings. They closed the King fishing on the third day due to a very poor run. I did catch a King on a fly however but had to release him. Fishing on an extended trip to Lake Aleknagik was fantastic. I limited on Sockeye in 1 1/2 hours on the Wood River and fished until my wrist gave out at the mouth of the Agulwak River. All Arctic Char, 3 over 26". Unfortunately the guide's boat could not get up the river so I could not go after Trout and Grayling. I will not use Bristol Bay Adventures again but I would love to fish Lake Aleknagik again!

Gary Bedsworth



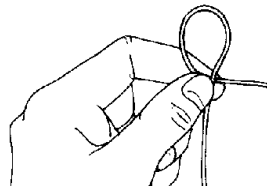
Our first **Ladies Fly Fishing** class will be held on Saturday, October 23rd from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Parks and Recreation building located at Green Valley Park. From 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Bob Youtz will be doing a presentation on fly fishing and then after a lunch (on their own) the ladies are to return at 1:00 pm for a one on one casting lesson. The fee is just \$5.00 for the use of the Parks and Rec building. Equipment will be supplied or they can bring their own. We have limited the class to 10 women so that each lady will have a coach for the casting lesson. I will need help for the 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm casting lesson, so please let me know if you are available. Also, I will be contacting members of the group to see if they have a wife, significant other, etc., that may be interested in the class or other services such as help with the banquet, pot lucks on the fishing trips, and whatever else we can think of. Please submit your ideas to Gena Hall. (951-4363).

Perfection Loop

Use to tie a loop in end of leader. The perfection loop is the easiest way to tie a tiny loop or one that is perfectly in line with the standing part of the leader.

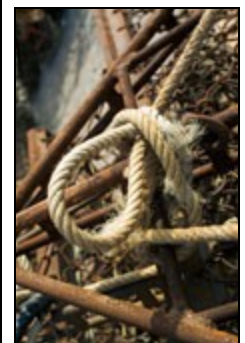
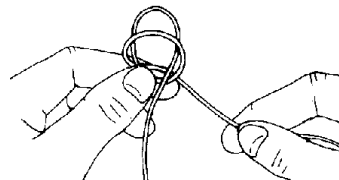
Step 1:

Form a single loop by bringing the tag end behind the standing part of leader. The tag should be on the right-hand side.



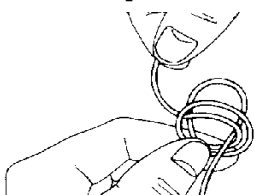
Step 2:

Form a second, smaller loop in front of the first by bringing the tag end in front of and then behind the first loop. End with the tag on the right again. Keep the loops in place with thumb and fore-finger.



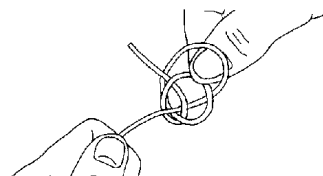
Step 3:

Pass the tag end between the loops and hold in place.



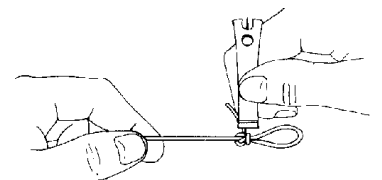
Step 4:

Pull the second loop through the first loop with right hand. Make sure tag end does not slip out of position. Lubricate and tighten by pulling on second loop and standing part of leader. The knot works best when loop is kept small.



Step 5:

Trim tag end as close to knot as possible.



Please take a few minutes to fill out the member questionnaire below and return to Pam Scofield at the next meeting! Member spotlights to come!

Name: _____

How long have you lived in Payson? _____

Where else have you lived? _____

Your favorite employment? (before retirement or after) _____

Favorite Lake? _____

Favorite fishing spot in Arizona? _____

Favorite Campsite? _____

Other states you've fished? _____

Favorite bait? _____

Biggest Fish ever caught? _____

Favorite "camp" food? _____

Best fishing/camping experience? _____

A unique fact about yourself? _____

Other interests outside of fishing? _____

Recipe of
the month!

Campfire Hash

Ingredients:

- 2 Tbs. cooking oil
- 1 large onion chopped
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 4 large potatoes peeled and cubed
- 1 lb. smoked sausage cubed
- 1 4 oz.. can green chilies chopped
- 1 can whole kernel corn

Directions:

- In Dutch oven heat oil. Sautee garlic and onion until tender.
- Add potatoes
- Cook uncovered over medium heat for 20 minutes stirring occasionally.
- Add sausage, cook and stir until potatoes are tender and well browned. (About 10 minutes more)
- Stir in chilies and corn until heated through.



PROJECT HEALING WATERS

www.prjecthealingwaters.org

Payson Fly Casters and TU Gila Trout Chapter 530 are in the beginning stages of establishing a Project Healing Waters Program. President Bob Youtz made the initial contact with TU and is currently working with the American Legion and local veterans groups to establish this project. I have agreed to help as vice chairman (Gary Bedsworth) but due to my fall travel schedule with the military we need a committed chairman for this project to lead the way. Bob and I will assist. We also need additional volunteers to assist with our outings.



Contact me at gbedsworth@aol.com to be added to the volunteer list.

Each month I will have a column in our newsletter informing you of our progress and providing information to increase your understanding of Project Healing Waters.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc.SM Mission Statement and 501(c)(3)

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and veterans through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, INC. (PHWFF) was founded in 2005 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), with the help of local Trout Unlimited (TU) and Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) volunteers. Our mission: Assist in the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active duty military personnel and veterans through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings.

PHWFF provides basic fly fishing, fly casting, and fly tying instruction for wounded personnel, ranging from beginners to those with prior fly fishing experience, who are adapting their skills to their new abilities. While initially focused on military personnel in the Washington, DC area, PHWFF has expanded and is offering its services to active military personnel and veterans in military and Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals across the nation. Currently, over 70 such programs have been established in the U.S. and Canada.

Since its inception, PHWFF has been helping disabled active duty personnel and veterans to overcome the obstacles associated with their military service-related disabilities. The relearning of the fine motor skills required in fly fishing and fly tying has proven to be particularly effective in the overall rehabilitation of the disabled.

While PHWFF emphasizes the skills of fly fishing and fly tying to help the patients regain the use of their damaged bodies, perhaps the greatest benefit is in their realization that a more normal life is possible. Fly fishing can be a lifelong re-creation, both physically and emotionally.

PHWFF partners directly with fly fishing oriented organizations such as the FFF and TU. Within local clubs and chapters, volunteers, working with hospital staff, donate their time to teach the various skills involved in the sport of fly fishing to Project participants. PHWFF, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity incorporated in the State of Maryland, is dependent on tax-deductible financial donations and the help of numerous volunteers to meet the educational, training, equipment, transportation, and related outing needs of the participants. PHWFF strives to effectively serve its deserving participants, who have made great sacrifices in the service of our Nation.



All Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing activities are dependent on tax deductible financial donations under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. The organization is incorporated in the state of Maryland.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. strives to effectively serve the deserving past and present members of our armed forces who have made great sacrifices in the service of our Nation.

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