

Gila Trout Chapter #530 & Payson Fly Caster's Newsletter

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GILA TROUT CHAPTER AND PAYSON FLYCASTER'S ASSIST AZ GAME & FISH

Monday, April 7th, fourteen Payson Fly casters, Trout Unlimited chapter members and guests assisted the AZ Game and Fish stocking over 500 rainbow trout in the Tonto Creek, near Payson. The distribution took place south of the Tonto Creek Hatchery, using 5 gallon buckets. The goal is to give the fish a better chance of surviving and reproducing, by taking them to more remote locations on the stream.



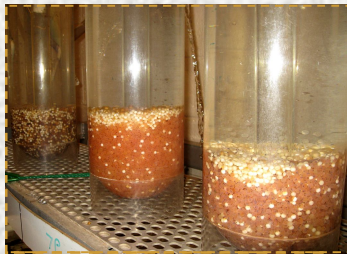
Bob Youtz distributing fish.



Trevor Nelson, AZ Game and Fish officer with stocking trailer.



Bruce Denova from AZ Game and Fish answering hatchery questions.



Thousands of Apache and Rainbow eggs.



Randy Loman stocking rainbow trout.

5TH GRADERS FISHING DAY

March 27, 2009, numerous Payson Fly Caster club members assisted the AGFD teaching the Payson 5th graders at Green Valley Lakes. It was a cool, blustery day, but that didn't stop the excitement of the children trying to catch the "Big" one!! Approximately 100 children learned the basics of fishing. The fly casters coached the children how to bait their poles and cast their lines. Crappie, bass, and rainbow trout were the catch of the day. The volunteers had as much fun as the children.

It's not how many fish you catch, it's where the fly fishing takes you in life...

A Wise Man

It has always been my private conviction that any man that pits his intelligence against a fish and loses has it coming.

John Steinbeck

UPCOMING TRIPS, LEES FERRY — APRIL 20TH- 24TH

A trip to Lee's Ferry in northern AZ for fly fishing and relaxation **April 20th—April 24th**. If you are interested in joining in this venture contact Larry Hess at 468-6000 or Larry Jones at 970-0714. Future trips in 2009:

June 16-17th: Christmas Tree Lake

June 19 through 21: Earl Park and Hawley Lake

July 30th through August 2: Carnero Lake, Horseshoe Cienega and N. Fork White River

October 14th —18th: San Juan River, New Mexico

All trips are subject to change. For more information contact: Don Dierberger at 928-472-4275

Meeting Dates:

Payson Fly Caster and Trout Unlimited meetings are held the last Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM at Tiny's Restaurant.

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GILA TROUT CHAPTER AND PAYSON FLYCASTER'S ASSIST AZ GAME & FISH STOCKING **APRIL 8TH**

Tuesday, April 8th, fourteen Payson Fly casters, Trout Unlimited chapter members and guests stocked over 770 rainbow trout along the East Verde River. The bucket brigade and people working in pairs made this effort a huge success and many nice size rainbow trout were distributed along the streams of the East Verde.



Waiting to receive a bucket of fish



Bucket distribution of fish.



AZ Game and Fish officer Passing a bucket of fish to Dorothy Howell



Larry Hess working with Larry Duhamell of AZ Game and Fish



Dorothy Howell, Gary Altman and Randy Loman stocking in the East Verde.



Rainbow Trout in East Verde river after the stocking.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 9th members Payson Fly Casters and Trout Unlimited will have a booth set up at the annual AZ Game and Fish Wildlife Fair at Green Valley Lakes.

May 23 and 24th— AZGFD Trout Watch Day: Payson Fly caster's, Gila TU, and Zane Grey Chapter of TU from Phoenix have been invited to camp with the AZGFD at a campground on Young Rd above Canyon Creek. The purpose is to help educate the public on specific regulations on streams in the area (particularly Canyon Creek with it's catch and release program). This is part of the AZGF department's game thief program. Come early as the campgrounds are small. Officers from game and fish will be camped both days. Possibly a BBQ Saturday night.

June 13th: Clean up and trash removal along East Verde River in conjunction with USFS.

In progress:

- Recently, a meeting was held with the local Boy Scout and Girl Scout leaders to coordinate an annual TROUT CAMP DAY event. This would be an opportunity to instruct the boys and girls on how fly fish and practice in a stream to catch fish. AZGFD said they would stock a few days prior to this event. This would be a weekend and day event for the scouts.