



Payson Flycasters  
AZ Trout Unlimited Gila Chapter 530  
Club Meeting Minutes



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*Date | time* 1/28/2023 9:00 AM | *Location* Tiny's Restaurant Payson AZ  
*Number of Attendees:*34

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## Agenda Items

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Meeting Opened at 9:00AM by Tom Herman

1. Welcome attendees by Tom Herman and Robert Walsh. Introduction of guest Michael Heller by Donn Newhouse
2. Presentation: *“Silver Creek Hatchery Operation and the Silver Creek Property”*– Silver Creek Hatchery Manager – Garrett Fabian. There are opportunities to help at the hatchery, a formal volunteer process is in place and compliance is required.
3. Fishing Reports – Robert Walsh. Members in Attendance shared:
  - a. Green Valley Lake was stocked on January 26, 2023, murky water conditions.
  - b. East Verde River has been stocked with Gila Trout.
4. March 2023 San Juan River Fishing Trip Information – Gary Altman and Larry Hess. Good group attending, weather should be comfortable and there is usually good wading water. Dates between March 19 – March 29. Tom Herman announced 1 room available at the “AirBNB” for anyone interested.
5. Jim Stroger shared opportunities for volunteering with the after school program for casting practice, fishing, and fish structure project at Green Valley Lake. Signup sheet circulated.
6. Orvis \$250 Gift Card Raffle process shared by Jim Stroger. PFC thanks Tom Osterday for providing the gift card.
7. Updates:
  - a. Weekly Fly Tying session information shared by several member participants. Invitation to anyone who wishes to attend. No experience or tools necessary.

- b. 2022 Christmas Party Recap by Gary Altman, Dorothy Howell and those who attended.
  - c. The Spring 2023 Project Healing Waters event will take place on April 1, 2023.
  - d. Trout In The Classroom Project Update. Tom Herman announced that anyone who wants to visit the classrooms to see the trout, to contact Tom directly.
8. Changes in Club Leadership. Tom Herman and Ric Hinkie will be stepping down from Co-President positions. President and Vice-President positions will be filled ASAP.
9. Club Responsibilities in 2023. Bill Davis shared a list of committees for 2023 and called for volunteers to support the club in 2023 by signing up for these committees, which include Program Planning, Field Trip Activity Planning, and Fund Raising. Many attending signed up. Donn Newhouse will consolidate and share with the PFC Board.
10. Donn Newhouse announced that membership dues for 2023 are now being accepted. As of these minutes 29 members have paid 2023 dues.
11. PFC February Club Meeting Presentation will be “*White Mountain Fishing*” by Dave Rozema
12. Raffle facilitated by Gary Altman. 50/50 raffle amount was \$67.00. Other items raffled included a gift certificate donated by Vega’s Barbershop. Items donated by club members: a fly rod and reel combo, assorted flies, choice of hat, and choice of books.