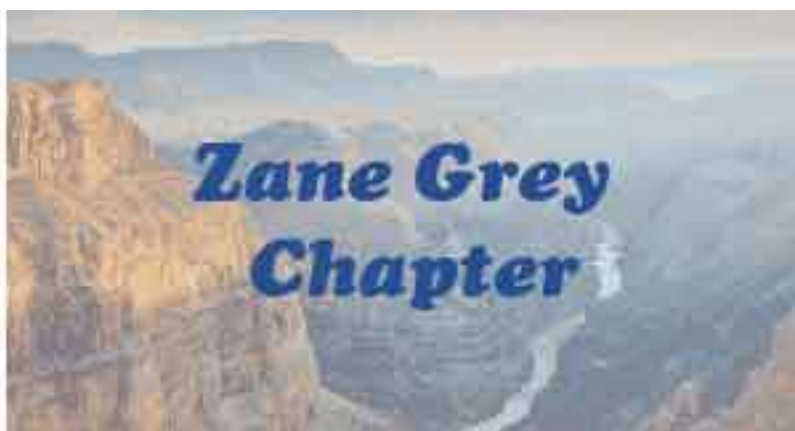


Hello John,

Teach a man to fish and you get rid of him for the weekend.
- Anonymous



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and fisheries***



Message from the President



It's March and Spring Training is in full force - no more intra-squad games. The Spring Training games are against competitive teams and with a very busy schedule. Similarly, we have the Special Olympics fishing derby this weekend, March 3, at [Freestone Park](#) in Gilbert; the Boy Scout Merit Badge event next weekend, March 9 & 10, at [McQueen Park](#) in Gilbert and the hands-on STREAM Girls training at Payson Girl Scout Camp. We need volunteers for all these activities. Please see the articles below for more details.

Again this year, we'll be at the International Sportsmen's Expo in Scottsdale jointly with the Arizona Flycasters Club on March 22-25 and

we need volunteers to help staff the booth. Please contact Linda McAteer for more information at lmcateer60@gmail.com.

Also, as I write this, we still have one space available for the AZTU Council San Juan River trip to New Mexico. The San Juan is a premier fishery in North America and it's right in our back yard. Okay, it is an 8-hour drive but for Arizona it's our backyard. Interested? Sign up [here](#).

Make plans to join us for the Ninth Annual Native and Wild Trout conference on Thursday, April 12, 2018, at Arizona Game and Fish Department's headquarters in Phoenix. Please save the date and look for more information to come.

Finally, a special thanks to the men and women of the Zane Grey Chapter's board. Their hard work leads to the success of the many and varied projects in which we're involved. Additionally, they willingly give up their weekends to help drive these programs.

Be sure and join us for our monthly board meetings, 7 - 8:45PM, on the first Thursday of the month at [Bass Pro Shop in Mesa](#).

Tight lines,

Alan Davis



STREAM Girls Leaders

Front Row (L to R): Sara Westfall, Barbara Stratton,
Cyndi Ruehl, Kay Cameron

Back Row (L to R): Chris Newell, Michelle Balfes-Keefe,
Yolanda Edwards-Guerra, Vi Hilman,
Caitlyn Hollins

STREAM Girls Program Launched !

On February 16 -17 ZGTU launched the STREAM Girls program in Arizona. The program is designed to *"Empower Today's Girls to be Tomorrow's Leaders"*.

Led by Linda McAteer, ZGTU Diversity Chair, volunteers met for "Train the Trainer" to familiarize the leaders with the program.

Extensive training is provided to Trout Unlimited and Girl Scouts of America volunteers to focus on the planning and techniques needed to conduct successful events and on

assisting girls on the water during future events.

The next training for leaders is March 9 - 11 at the Shadow Rim Ranch Girl Scout Camp in Payson. This training will be for Girl Scout leaders from across Arizona. ZGTU volunteers are needed to demo basic fly tying sessions on Saturday and basic fly casting instruction on Sunday.

Please contact Linda McAteer at lmcateer60@gmail.com for more information if interested and helping with this program.



Support for Lees Ferry: Our Voices Have Been Heard

On January 5th comments were due for a National Park Service Expanded Non-native Aquatic Species Management Plan Environmental Assessment (EA) that included electrofishing mechanical removal of brown trout in Lees Ferry/Glen Canyon.

We requested your support to oppose this action that will have a damaging impact on the Lees Ferry trout fishery and the businesses and guide services dependent on that fishery. Our comments were included in the over 450 submissions to protect and support the fishery from this specific proposal.

By submitting our comments in opposition to mechanical removal of brown trout in Lees Ferry/Glen Canyon, we affirmed angler and sportsman support, demonstrated the importance of the Lees Ferry/Marble Canyon trout fishery, and provided direction to the Park Service for acceptable alternatives in the EA.

Our comments make a BIG difference!

Thank you!

Details on the proposals are available at: [Park Service Scoping Notice](#)



Lees Ferry: March 5th Public Meeting on Proposed Stocking

AZGFD plans to stock rainbow trout this spring into the lower 3 mile walk-in section of Lees Ferry below Glen Canyon Dam. This is another opportunity to express our support.

Attending a public meeting in Marble Canyon on March 5th may not be realistic for many anglers. Please send your comments to customerservice@azgfd.gov to support this proposal.

The overall rainbow trout fishery at Lees Ferry has been in decline since early 2014. Accordingly, AZGFD creel survey results during recent years have shown a dramatic decrease in angler catch rates.

Although rainbow trout fishing during the past year seems to have recovered somewhat in the upper portion of the river with reports of large rainbow trout being captured, trout fishing in the walk-in area has not recovered as quickly as the Department had hoped.

This stocking is intended to boost sport-fishing opportunities for rainbow trout at this walk-in portion.

The Department will plan to stock trout at this portion of Lees Ferry as necessary throughout 2018.

More information on the announcement and how to support this proposal can be found at [AZGFD News](#), [Payson Roundup](#) and at [Support Lees Ferry](#).



9th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference

It's time to register for the 9th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference to be held on April 12th at the Arizona Game and Fish headquarters, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix.

As in prior years, the conference is co-sponsored by AZGFD and the Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited, is free and will be attended by over 135 individuals from various governmental agencies and representatives from conservation organizations.

A variety of topics will be presented from 9:00a.m. - 4:30p.m. and at the end of the day a free BBQ for attendees will be available at the Indoor Range near Biscuit Tank and the headquarters.

For more information go to [Register](#).



Orvis Fly Fishing 101 Sessions Underway

ZGTU volunteers are again helping the Phoenix Orvis store staff with the Orvis Fly Fishing 101 sessions this year. Sessions are held on Saturday mornings at Desert Storm Park located on 16th Street and Georgia (Georgia dead ends into the park just east of 16 Street) in Phoenix.

Anyone interested in attending the free sessions to learn the basics of fly casting and fly fishing can contact the Phoenix store at 602-626-7558.



Conservation License Plate Supports TU Programs

The Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC) license plate fund is derived from the sale of wildlife conservation license plates and member organizations as well as non-member organizations are eligible to apply for those funds.

The Arizona TU Council and Chapters have received funds over the past seven years in support of the Annual Native and Wild Trout Conferences and the Trout-In-the-Classroom programs.

The next time your registration comes up for renewal, choose the conservation license plate option at [registration](#) to show your support for conservation and our projects.

Upcoming Events!

March

March 8th
7:00 - 8:45pm



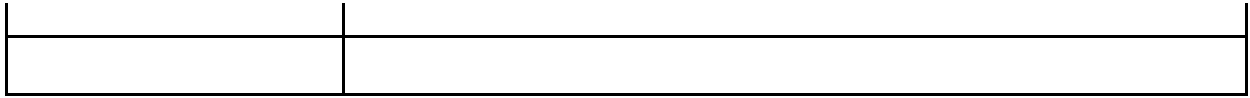
[Ed Engle](#)

Arizona Flycasters Club Monthly Meeting

**Sunnyslope Community Center
802 E. Vogel, Phoenix**

Ed Engle has been an avid fly fisherman for more than 40 years. He has fly fished throughout the continental United States, Alaska, Mexico, Chile, Argentina and in Europe for a variety of game fish species with a special emphasis on trout.

As a fly fisherman Ed is especially interested in small fly tactics and techniques. His small fly fishing research has taken him to a many of the West's famous tailwaters and to spring creeks across the country. [>>Read complete article](#)



Get Involved!

Arizona Women of Trout Unlimited



The Arizona TU Council and the Zane Grey TU Chapter have launched an Arizona Women of Trout Unlimited program. The Women's Initiative of TU is made up of women who care about our rivers and streams, are passionate about mentoring the next generation and enjoy getting out to fish as often as they can. Don't hesitate to reach out to us for help, advice or support!

[Click here](#)

to check past editions of the Women's Initiative newsletter.

[Join Us Online](#)

More than 800 TU members and leaders, anglers and others have joined our Facebook group for lively discussions and to share information, ideas and support.

Join us today:

1. Go to www.facebook.com
2. Search for "Arizona Women of Trout Unlimited" or just click on this [ArizonaWomenofTroutUnlimited](#) link.
3. Click "Join" and start talking!

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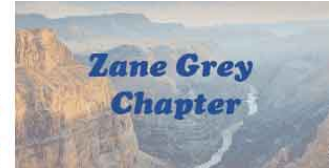
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Zane Grey Chapter Board Meetings



Board meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at Bass Pro Shop, 1133 N. Dobson Road, Mesa in the second floor conference room.

Guests are always welcome to attend and get involved. For questions or more details, send your email to president@zanegreytu.org.

Plan to attend our next meeting to learn about our upcoming activities and to meet other volunteers.

Sign up for the TU Weekly Newsletter "THE RELEASE" Today!

Sign up at [THE RELEASE!](#)



Looking for a Fishing Opportunity?

Arizona Fly Fishing Portal Join Today

Organizations

Below is a list of fishing organizations in Arizona. Feel free to join, explore, visit their websites or attend a meeting to find out more

information:

ORGANIZATION	LINK TO WEBSITE	Contact
Arizona Flycasters Club Sunnyslope Community Center 802 E. Vogel Ave. Phoenix, AZ	http://www.azflycasters.com Fly Fishing Social Event night - 2nd Thursday of each month. Great speaker and awesome raffle. Donations support our Community outreach partners from Veterans to Youth activities. <u>Check website for specific schedule.</u>	Join Online
Desert Fly Casters Check website for details.	http://www.desertflycasters.com General meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month. There may be some exceptions so check website for details.	Contact
Payson Fly Casters	http://www.paysonflycasters.org	Contact
White Mountains Lake Foundation	http://wmlf.org	Contact
Northern Arizona Flycasters	http://www.nazflycasters.org General Meeting 1st Wednesday of each month.	Contact
Old Pueblo Chapter of TU	http://oldpueblo.tu.org	Contact
Gila Trout Chapter of TU	http://www.gilatROUT.org/	Contact
Grand Canyon Chapter of TU	http://www.gctu.org	Contact
Arizona Women of Trout Unlimited	Arizona Women of Trout Unlimited	Contact

<http://azfishbook.com/calendar/>
Social Networking

AZFISHBOOK offers a variety of social activities. Listed below are some of the activities available.

Check out the AZFISHBOOK Groups at:
<http://facebook.com/groups/azfishbook>

Looking for buddy to fish with?
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/azfishbookfishingbuddies/>

Signup for AZFishBook Newsletter:
<http://azfishbook.com/sign-up-for-our-newsletter/>

Opportunities

Committee Volunteers

As always, there are many opportunities to participate in the various activities and committees, make new friends and make a difference. For more information, visit our website at [ZGTU Committees](#), contact us at [Volunteer Interest Signup](#) or contact any [ZGTU Board member](#) for details.

Join Trout Unlimited Today!

Not a member yet? Looking for a gift idea? Join today at [Trout Unlimited!](#)

Combined Calendar

AZ Trout Unlimited & Chapters, Arizona Flycasters Club and several other area fishing and conservation calendars

If you want to print a view, you can do so by pressing the "Print" option and customize your printed copy.

Arizona Combined Fly Fishing & Conservation Calendar						
Today March 2018 Print Week Month Agenda						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 10am phwff phx NW Clinic: 7pm Basic Fly Tying	26 6pm Arizona Sportsmen For 6pm PHWFF Sierra Vista Gr 6:30pm phx-phw Gilbert Edu	27 10am Casting Meetup	28 6:30pm phwff phx Invited Vi 7pm Zane Grey TU Chapter	Mar 1	2	3 8am Casting with Dry Creek 9am phwff phx Program Suj
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Events shown in time zone: Mountain Time - Arizona Google Calendar

Please give us your feedback on your interests.

Zane Grey Trout Unlimited Chapter | [Email Us](#) | [Visit Our Website](#)

Have you visited us on our Zane Grey Chapter Facebook? If not, take a few minutes to check us out for more information on what is going on in Arizona.



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