



# Payson Flycasters & TU Chapter 530 Newsletter



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## Next Meeting

*Date / time* 9/24/2022 9:00 AM *Location* Tiny's Restaurant Payson AZ

## September 24 Meeting Program: What do the trout eat in the streams? What fly should I use to imitate the bugs in Rim Country waters?

Come join us at the Payson Flycasters Club/Gila Trout Chapter #530 Trout Unlimited meeting at 9 am on Saturday, September 24 at Tiny's Restaurant to find out.

Jim Strogon fishes the Rim Country creeks often, and also spends a lot of time examining the aquatic insects in these streams. He will have aquatic insects for you to look at while he explains how a little knowledge about the bugs will improve your fly-fishing success.

You will learn how to quickly assess what the trout are eating in a stream, so that you will have a good idea about what fly to tie on.

Jim will also have some flies on hand that work well for him and will talk about fly fishing techniques that he uses to effectively imitate these bugs.

We hope that you will join us. We meet at Tiny's Restaurant in one of the back meeting rooms. Many members arrive about 8:15 to order breakfast or coffee and talk about their latest fishing trip before the meeting. We hope you can join us.

## Here's the Newest Logo and Pin (sample hats and shirts available at the meeting) Focus is on TU Chapter 530



Trout Unlimited Chapter 530

On the left is the new logo using the fine art version of an Apache Trout and the switch to "I Support Native Arizona Trout" with the more of a Trout Unlimited Chapter 530 focus. The new pin is now in stock and is pictured below. It is the same size as the first one and will hopefully appeal to other clubs as did the first one for a wider group of donators. It is on the website as before, asking for a \$25 donation.



Call for Help—We need volunteers for occasional tasks!

1. A few more folks who can run a PowerPoint presentation on a laptop fed into a projector—coaching available. **Special thanks to Joe Parone and Ruth Shaw for stepping up last month....!**
2. Someone who likes to write occasionally...we need content for the website and this newsletter—your adventures.
3. Someone to update either or both websites—no programming, just Word type stuff.
4. Newsletter prep...NONE OF THESE IS HEAVY IN TERMS OF TIME, MAYBE A FEW HOURS ONCE IN A WHILE.
5. Tom Herman continues to look for gift cards from local merchants for our monthly raffle. Ask the next time you get a pizza or eat out, or shop. Can't hurt. Or buy one and donate it please. Bring it to the meeting.

## Mimic the Bugs to Improve Your Fishing

Article and Photos by Jim Stroger

We have all heard the phrase “Match the Hatch.” Most folks equate that idea to matching the adult flying phase of the aquatic insects on trout streams. While that works well for the flying phases, the same practice helps those of us that fish flies below the surface too.

A misconception of that phrase is that you have to be knowledgeable about the scientific names of the bugs. Totally unnecessary; although I will be the first to admit that bugs are very cool and certainly worth learning about.

If you are fishing a new stream, it is absolutely worth your time before you begin fishing to carefully examine five to ten rocks in the riffle section of the creek to get a sense of the aquatic bug life where you will be



*I have these aquatic insect collecting tools in my car all the time. They are also great to have on hand when grandkids visit to have fun exploring a creek.*



*Aquatic insects from Tonto Creek and the East Verde River.*

amount of time that they spend as flying adults that dry fly fishers try to imitate. The mayfly is a great example of what I mean. Mayfly eggs are laid in the water, and the nymphal stage goes through several instars as it gets larger, but stays the same shape while it crawls, swims, or burrows in the creek for about a year. When it is ready to become an adult, it emerges and is in the dun and spinner adult flying phases for only about 24-48 hours.

So, I spend my time imitating the aquatic stage of the bugs that are in front of the fish about 95+% of their life. I will fish dry flies when the occasion presents itself, but I do so well fishing under the surface, that wet fly fishing is usually what I end up doing.

In addition to getting a sense of the size, shape and color of these aquatic insects, you will benefit by also exploring how they move under water. The first person to email [richinkie@gmail.com](mailto:richinkie@gmail.com) and mention this second to the last paragraph in this article gets a free Apache Trout pin. Understanding that movement will improve your ability to imitate the bugs with your fly.

Interested in learning how to better mimic the aquatic insects that trout eat? Come to the PFC/GTTU meeting on September 24. I will show you the bugs, and you will get a chance to see how they move to improve your efforts of imitating these bugs with your flies.

**Silver Creek Clean Up** Tuesday, September 20 Jim Stroger is heading this up. The group will leave the Bashas parking lot (over by the oil change shop) at 7am. Contact Jim (480.242.2569, [jimstrog@gmail.com](mailto:jimstrog@gmail.com)) in advance so he can let Silver Creek know how many folks to plan for. Plan to work from about 9-2 with a lunch break midway through the day.

We will be working in the sun all day. A good shade hat and long-sleeved shirt. Be sure to bring plenty of water, lunch, and snacks.

fishing. You will get a quick sense of the size, shape and color of the food that is in front of the trout every day.

These bugs spend the bulk of their lifespan in the water compared to the relatively short

If you have a gas weed whip or hedge trimmers bring them along, otherwise bring a sturdy metal rake for your tool for the day. Chest waders are needed to work in the creek, otherwise muck boots or shoes you don't mind getting wet if you are working on the bank.

Some small dam repair in the creek was part of what was accomplished last time after the reed removal project was completed.

This will really get Silver Creek in good shape for the Catch and Release season.

## 2022 Calendar of Events

Event	Venue	Date
<b>Silver Creek Clean Up</b>	Silver Creek—Meet at Home Depot	September 20, 2022
PFC TU Gila Chapter 530 Club Meeting	Tiny's Restaurant	September 24, 2022
<b>TU Board Meeting</b>	Dorothy/Dans Home	September 21, 3 pm
Central Arizona Humane Society Gear Collection Days for Sale	Central Arizona Humane Society	October 7/8, 2022
Gear Sale Dates		October 14/15, 2022
<b>Adult Fly Fishing Class</b>	Green Valley Park Register in advance at <a href="http://www.paysonparks.com">www.paysonparks.com</a> )	October 22, 2022
PFC TU Gila Chapter 530 Club Meeting	Tiny's Restaurant	October 29, 2022
<b>Project Healing Waters</b>	Green Valley Lake	November 5, 2022
PFC TU Gila Chapter 530 Club Meeting	Tiny's Restaurant	November 19, 2022
<b>PFC TU Gila Chapter 530 Christmas Party</b>	Casino	December 17, 2022