



## NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER, 2009

### THE MEETING

Ah! You'd better be paying attention. We will not, NOT, meet at BJ's this October 6. I know this kind of change is hard for all us with hardening arteries but change we must, just this once. Instead, we will have a glorious joint meeting with the Hamilton Chapter of Trout Unlimited. This will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 15 at the Hamilton Elks Club. And all you guys who look forward to a night off from cooking chores are out of luck! There will be no dinner, only a no host bar. So eat first, elsewhere. The Elks Club is found, usually, at 203 State Street in Hamilton.

### THE SPEAKER

This poor editor did make good faith inquiries in all the usual locations in an attempt to get pertinent details on our joint program with TU. This is what I know, and all I know, at publishing date. A doc by the name of Tim will speak on casting techniques that will prevent muscle issues such as with that little ole rotator cuff and techniques that can be used if you already have issues. Doc Tim is with a group called the Fly Fishing Institute in Missoula. However, I could find them neither in the Missoula phone book nor through Google. But I suspect they do exist; the TU folks are just keeping them secret.

We will also have present with her trout photos, Laurie Lane. Club members will remember Laurie's great show last year of her still photos of trout taken in their natural environment.

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, summer is just about finished. Fall has already started moving in as indicated by the yellowing trees and lower water levels. I know this because along with about 100 others, we floated, walked and otherwise fished out an estimated ton of trash from our beautiful Bitterroot River on September 12. Congratulations to Don McGourty for planning, organizing, coordinating and executing a “perfect” day for the River Clean-up. Excellent job Don! A big “Thank you” on behalf of all the members of the Fly Fishers of the Bitterroot.

Be sure to mark your calendars for two events coming up that you shouldn't miss: First, is the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Trout Unlimited Banquet on September 25. If you still need tickets, contact Bill Bean at the Fishhaus. I'm sure he can help you out. Second, is our joint meeting with Trout Unlimited on October 15. The program for this meeting should be beneficial to all of us. Look for more details in this edition of the newsletter.

Again, we're continuing to encourage members to get involved and consider running for an elected position on our Board of Directors. The Nominations Committee, chaired by Rich Morrisey, is taking names. The slate of nominees will be offered to the General members for a vote at the December meeting.

Keep it safe,  
Ed Couchman

## ODDS AND ENDS

### **From the Hamilton Chapter of Trout Unlimited:**

Tickets are now available for our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet. The event will be held on Friday, September 25 at the Bitterroot River Inn. Some of the choice items already on the dock are fine wines, float trips with some of Montana's luminary guides, duck hunting trips, gourmet dinners, fine art and pottery, and much more (including some 36 dozen flies tied by our own

members). Of particular note will be a set of one-of-a-kind matched bamboo “rods” from the boobys at Sweetgrass Rods.

We will also presenting our Gold Trout award and a new Landowner Appreciation award to some local worthies. Ticket prices remain at \$45/person and can be reserved or purchased by contacting Bill Bean (363-6158, [fishaus@blackfoot.net](mailto:fishaus@blackfoot.net)). If you would like to donate, become a banquet sponsor or volunteer to help, please let Marshall Bloom know by email.

### **Fly tying:**

As this newsletter is being composed, all our stalwart tiers are out fishing (or at least not returning phone calls from me). I assume it will start up again but have no current info. *Webmaster insert – Fly tying at the brewery will begin the first Wed. in November.*

### **Membership:**

As most of you already know, our Club is started a dues program in September. The annual dues for an individual is \$25 and for a family, \$35. Please see Linda Powell at the check in desk at our October meeting or download an application form at [www.flyfishersofthebitterroot.org](http://www.flyfishersofthebitterroot.org).

## **FOR FUN**

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
2. Money will buy a fine dog but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
9. Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.
10. No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.
11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity
12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 am. Like this: It could be a right number.

13. No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning.
14. I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.
15. Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.
16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
17. Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos? (And rap music will be the Golden Oldies!)
18. Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Yugo.
19. After 50 if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead.