



## **NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER, 2011**

### **THE MEETING**

The summer nears its end. After seemingly endless days of hot sun (well earned), the mornings are now cooler and a few days are even rainy. The grass has stopped growing faster than I could cut it. There are flights of geese. Fishing is about to pick up from the August doldrums. So join us as we start the monthly meetings again on Tuesday, September 6 at BJ's located at 900 N. 1st Street, Hamilton. General fish tails start at 6:00 pm and the program starts at 7:00 pm.

### **THE SPEAKER**

Our own Chuck Stranahan has graciously agreed to provide our September program. It is entitled "Bitterroot in Autumn, Flies and Techniques." Chuck will set up

his vise early and treat us to his tying skills.

## **THOSE WHO SPAKE**

The PIG spake, that's who. On August 27, A Hutterite pig gave it up for the Club at Lake Como. The roast was perfect, even cooked through this year. In truth, we had fewer folks than anticipated, probably because of the conflict with the Scotch Irish Festival and the usual demands of late August visitors and family trips. But those who did make it enjoyed a very tasty pig. Bob Fickett and friend Mickey pulled off a mesquite roasted porker that was as succulent as ever I tasted. And the Dutch oven crowd of Ed Couchman, Jim Cline and Mike Wesche outdid themselves with bean dishes, potatoes, enchiladas, jambolaya, and desserts. Fantastic! Thanks to all those who brought other dishes and made the dinner very special. The saddest part was having to return a third of a keg despite heroic efforts by a few of us.

## **THE PRESIDENT ' S MESSAGE**

Greetings, fellow anglers!

Summer finally arrived, and fishing has been amazing this year. I've had excellent days at Georgetown Lake, Fuse Lake, and our own Bitterroot, of course. Photographic evidence of some really nice trout, without need for Photoshop enhancement, will be on display at our annual "What I did last year" slide show later this year. I trust that everyone has had a chance to enjoy the great fishing and abundant water that graces our valley.

We've had a busy summer as a club as well, having manned a booth at the Sportsman's Expo last month, which was a rousing success, and which we expect to be bigger and better next year, as well as the Scottish Irish Festival at the Daly Mansion last weekend. Phil, Dorreen, Doug and Jay did a fine job teaching casting, officiating a few distance casting competitions, and spreading the word about our club.

We also had a fabulous dinner and *some pig* on Saturday night at Lake Como. Bob Fickett, Rich Morrissey and Mickey really outdid themselves with a perfectly roasted porcine specimen, and the Dutch oven fare was spectacular. Kudos to all the cooks.

We are looking forward to the Ravalli County Fair next weekend. We could use some help with a couple of shifts at our booth. Please call me at 961-5392 if you can

help out for a couple of hours. You know you'll be going to the fair anyways, so step up and help out your favorite fishing club!

We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, the 6th at BJ's, as we get back into the swing of things with regular meetings, as well as the Bitterroot River Clean Up and bbq on Saturday, September 10th.

Fish on!

Cathy Lowe  
President

## **FLY OF THE MONTH**



**Dungeon**

## ***By Brent J. Greenwell***

Thread.....Black 8/0

Hooks.....#2 and #4 4x length streamer hooks tied in tandem

Connector.....15# 3.0 stainless steel leader material

Beads.....2 red glass on connector

Eyes.....Bronze leaded red

Tail.....Olive marabou with red crystal flash

Body.....Ice chenille

Hackle .....Olive schlappen (the webby saddle hackle)

Legs.....Crazy legs

Head.....Spun olive deer hair

This pattern was developed by Kelly Galloup. It can be tied in other colors and variations. Large browns have a difficult time resisting this streamer, especially in the fall when they are moving and aggressive.

## **ODDS AND ENDS**

### **Book Sales:**

Sales are still a little slow. Help us get this fine work distributed. Remember that Christmas is coming soon. They will be available at the meeting at members' discount.

### **Fly tying:**

It hasn't started yet but keep tuned!

### **Membership:**

You should be proud to a member in our vibrant Club. We have over 100 paid memberships and a number of complimentary members. And we grow every month.

## **River Cleanup:**

The annual Bitterroot River clean up is scheduled for Saturday, September 10. Please sign up for a section, either by float or by walking by calling Don McGourty Jr. at 363-3146. There will be a BBQ and music at Angler's Roost or participants starting at 4:30 pm.

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

The Board of Directors set a policy recently concerning classified ads in our newsletter. We want to facilitate our members selling unwanted, unneeded gear. The following rules apply: (1) the seller must be a Club member; (2) the seller must be noncommercial; (3) this editor has full right to edit submitted materials; they should be "Tweet" size (4) the ads will run a maximum of two times and then be retired; (5) the thing or things to be sold must be related to fly fishing; and (6) we not will charge for the ad placement and take no responsibility for its accuracy.

BOAT FOR SALE – 14ft aluminum boat and 25hp Mariner outboard. Includes trailer with spare. Boat is set up for fly fishing and includes flat floor, hydraulic steering station, electric starting and fore and aft anchors. \$2400. Call Dennis Westover 206 605 0404 or Jay Haglund 406 961 4275.

## **FOR FUN**

*They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:*

**The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.**  
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**The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'**  
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**Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.**  
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**Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.**  
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**Don 't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.**  
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**Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.**  
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**For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.**

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**Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.**

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**Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.**

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**A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow..**

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**At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.**

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**Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.**

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**Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.**

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**Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered..**

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**The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.**

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**Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow..**

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**The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.**

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**This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.**

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**Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM . All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. Is done.**

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**The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.**

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**Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM .. Please use the back door.**

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**The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM . The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.**

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**Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.**

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**The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.**

## **THE AUTHOR**

Judy and I married August 20. The very best thing I ever have done. (Editorial license!) We both look forward to catching up on fishing this fall. You can reach me at 406-381-5611 or **richmorrisey@q.com**. I encourage newsletter ideas.