

FLY FISHERS OF THE BITTERROOT

NEWSLETTER FOR SUMMER, 2007



THE MEETING

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JULY AND AUGUST. Our September meeting will be held Tuesday, September 4, 2007, upstairs at the Exchange Club on Main Street in Hamilton. Cocktails and general fish tales start at 6:00 pm and the program starts at 7:00 pm. Please remember to sign up with FFF or renew your membership if you haven't already done so. Membership applications are available at all meetings. See Dorreen Romans, our Membership Chair. This can also be accomplished on line with FFF, <http://www.fedflyfishers.org>. Guests are always welcome but you must be a member of FFF to attend regularly our monthly meetings and programs.

Don't forget to make reservations (Dorreen Romans, 363-0744) only if you are coming for dinner. If we have enough folks coming, The Exchange will hire extra help. Otherwise, the service will be slow, so please make reservations. Thanks for your help in this. There is no charge for attending the meetings or any requirement to have dinner.

THOSE WHO SPAKE

John Zelazny of Montana Trout gave a brief presentation on what his organization does. Montana Trout, a wild trout conservation organization, performs discreet on the ground projects to restore cold water fisheries in consultation with fish biologists, watershed groups, anglers and others. Montana Trout is eight years old and exists primarily on donations and grants. John represents the best instincts in us all and shows us what one dedicated person can accomplish. Contact Montana Trout at www.montanatroutrout.org.

Chuck Stranahan tied flies for the rapt and then gave a great power point presentation on fishing dos flies. I think all us of learned a great deal on a topic we all thought we knew something about. Thanks to Chuck for teaching old dogs

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our September meeting will be a members' presentation of what we did this summer in the trouting department. Take lots of pics this summer; put then on a CD; and we will show them to a skeptical audience along with your exaggerations.

THE EVENTS

Cleanup of The Bitterroot:

As a reminder, the date for the river cleanup this year is September 8. It was decided by survey to try this date because we will be better able to pick up trash in the river due to the low water at that time of year. There will be a barbeque for participants following the cleanup and **Anglers Roost** has generously donated their site.

Disabled Veterans Fishing Seminar:

Our President, Phil Romans, in conjunction with TU is organizing a day long cold water fishing seminar and demonstration for disabled war veterans on July 28. Details will follow. Phil has lined up a number of Bitterroot guides but he will need help with this, depending on the number of veterans interested. You will hear more from Phil a bit later.

FFF & FFF Council events:

FFF 42nd Int'l Show & Conclave 2007

July 31 - August 4, 2007

Livingston, MT

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/conclave2007/begin.php>

Southern Council Conclave

October ,2007

Mtn Home, AR
<http://www.southerncouncilfff.org/>

Other:

Call for Papers, Posters, Nominations: Wild Trout - IX

October 9-12, 2007

Holiday Inn - West Yellowstone, Montana

"Sustaining Wild Trout in a Changing World"

<http://www.wildtroutsymposium.com/>

THE ERRATA

Dubbing Machine Raffle:

A winning ticket was drawn at the June meeting but the owner of the ticket was not present. The holder of ticket #631246 now owns the dubbing machine and should contact Phil Romans at 363-0744 to arrange pickup. A Greg Chester hand made net will be a featured auction item at the September meeting.

Spey Rod Building Class:

FFF will donate up to twelve spey rod kits to our Club if we have enough members interested in putting them together. If interested, contact Phil Romans at 363-0744.

New Board Election:

New board members will be elected at our December meeting. Consider getting involved. The time commitments are not onerous and the Board meetings are fun. Any member in good standing can become a board member. And all members are welcome to attend our Board meetings, even as a mere civilian. Our next Board meeting will be at Phil and Dorreen Romans' home in Hamilton at 7:30 pm Monday August 27. The Romans live at 132 Aspen Grove Lane. You get there by driving west on Main through Hamilton and over the river. Turn left on Westside from Main. Take the first right (about a block further on Westside) on Wyant Lane and go about a half a klick to Aspen Grove. Turn left on this dusty gravel road and go (south) about a hundred yards. It's the third drive to the left marked by their names and a couple of large trout. All are welcome.

Badges:

The following members have paid for badges which have arrived and can be picked up at the September meeting: Lynne and Michael Connolly, Dan Mayer and Posey Nickens. Badges have also arrived for the following members but you're going to have to pay for them: Bud Goodwin, Dee Dee and Tom Sanders, Steve Schwartz and Jeff Snyder.

Fly Tying:

Due to other distractions, such as fishing, the Wednesday fly tying at the Brewery has been suspended for the season.

Stream Setbacks:

The Ravalli County stream setback committee has been selected by the Ravalli County Commissioners. Among others with strong conservation backgrounds and ethics, Eddie Olwell from TU was appointed.

Members Bulletin Board:

The Board of Directors has authorized Leon Powell to become our in-house web master and commence the arduous study and lengthy preparation necessary for a Club interactive web page and bulletin board. Look for great things to come.

THE AUTHOR

Until deposed in a popular uprising or lost mysteriously on a float, the newsletter duties have devolved to Rich Morrissey, aka The San Juan Worm. You can reach me at 206-362-1199 with comments or threats (yes, it's a Seattle area code but if you use the ubiquitous cell phone, there's no extra charge.) or **rich@rkymtn.net**. I encourage (I'm going to regret saying this) newsletter ideas.