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**THANKS
TO OUR
OUTSTANDING
BOARD
AND
ALL OUR
HARDWORKING
MEMBERS!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another great Montana summer is gone and we are back in business for the fall. I want to start this year thanking our board for their hard work throughout the year and wish Elaine Skinner Hale well as she moves on to other things.

Your JBTU Board meets from October to June, with time off to enjoy the summer. We may have issues and e-mails in the summer, but no official meetings during that time. In October, we met and planned our activities for the coming year. If you are interested in being on the board or helping with any of our activities—please talk to any of the board members or go to our website: www.joebrookstu.org and contact us.

Come to our **Annual Meeting on December 8** to vote on the slate for next year's board of directors and show your support for the work JBTU is doing. Two members who have agreed to be on our slate in December: Amy Shilling and Betty Williams.

Our 2011/12 calendar is attached to the back of this newsletter. Please save and share the dates with friends. The River Clean Up and June Fundraiser are events we hope you enjoy and we appreciate the support of our members and volunteers who make our work such a success year after year.

On a personal note, this my 5th year on the board, as secretary, web geek and now the president. While there are days when I wonder how much longer I can help here, I just need to spend a day on the Yellowstone or the Shields to rejuvenate and understand how important the TU mission "to conserve, protect, and restore" is to the waters we all love.

I appreciate the opportunity to do something about that mission and invite anyone who is similarly concerned about keeping this the Last, Best Place—join us at a meeting, at the River Clean Up, at a board meeting, or at the banquet.

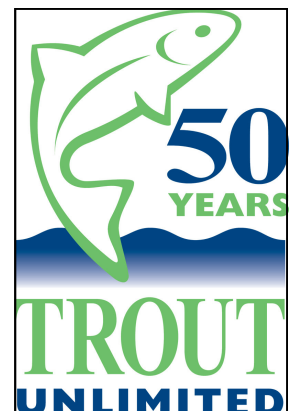
Sharon

"Fly fishing may well be considered one of the most beautiful of all rural sport" - Frank Forester (1895)



***"I believe..., of all fish,
the trout demands the
most of the angler, an
on the angler's
meeting of those
demands, gives the
most in return"***

Joe Brooks



We Got Spammed

Some of you may have gotten strange emails from our website. We were able to correct the problems and worked with MTU and TU on hackers in our website. However, in the event this could happen again, **all our e-mails to you will have “JBTU” in the subject line.** So if you get an e-mail from Sharon Sweeney Fee or jbtu25@live.com, if it does not have “JBTU” in the subject, just delete it without opening. E-mail is a great, quick way to communicate with our members and we hope this new plan will help us all avoid any trouble. If you want to get on our contact list, send a message to jbtu25@live.com and ask to be added. We will continue to use regular mail for our newsletter and don't send out a lot of messages.

Please join our contact list for important alerts and reminders.

What's Up with JBTU?

Upper Fleshman Creek: We are in the 2nd year of a 3 year project with Livingston Schools and the Voyich Ranch. Funded by the Mountain Sky Ranch Foundation, we are helping with equipment and supplies for weed management and stream studies. Come to our January meeting to see student presentations on their work.

Lower Fleshman Creek: We continue to monitor the progress of the FEMA Flood Mitigation project. At press time, the RFQ's are open and in legal review at Park County offices, we expect the selection of an engineer for the project soon.

Claiborne: JBTU is working with FWP to acquire the final funds for an irrigation dam repair project on the Shields River. This project, which will block non-natives and allow for passage of native trout, will protect 375 miles of Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout (YCT) Habitat.

Lower Deer Creek: JBTU donated money to FWP to create a fish barrier on this project which was completed this summer. This is now a great, remote stretch of protected habitat for native trout.

Natural Gas: JBTU submitted comments on the new “Fracking Rules” adopted by the Montana Board of Oil & Gas for chemicals used in the fracturing process for Natural Gas exploration and extraction . While the rules continue to allow the “proprietary exemption”, they are a step in the right direction. We are also working with the Park County Natural Gas Committee on funding baseline monitoring of water in the Shields River basin.

Mill Creek: JBTU and TU Water Project Office received an “Embrace a Stream” grant to help pay water rights users to keep flows in Mill Creek at a minimum of 11 cfs through the end of July. Sixteen water rights holders expressed interest. While good snow pack and slow melts kept the flows above that minimum, a process and agreement was worked out for the future.

HELP US CELEBRATE DON WILLIAMS'S LIFE

Trout Unlimited, the friends and family of Don Williams, and Montana's Rib & Chop House want to celebrate the man we lost to his fight with cancer during the full swing of our fishing season.

On Tuesday, Nov 15 at 7:00 p.m. TU's Joe Brooks Chapter and the Williams Family will have a gathering for all his friends and clients that could not attend his normal services during the busy fishing season. The evening will include free appetizers and beer as we share stories and celebrate a man that did so much for our community, the Yellowstone River, TU and the fly fishing world.

**Join us
Tuesday, November 15, 7:00 pm
Montana Rib & Chop House
Livingston**

**JBTU Annual Meeting
Thursday, December 8, 2011
6:30 PM, Elks Lodge**

Holiday Dinner hosted by the JBTU Board
2011 Report on JBTU Activities
Hear new stories from old friends

Vote on the 2012 Board of Directors Slate:

Tom Coleman

Paul Cotto

Kerry Fee

Cathy Johnston

Amy Shilling

Sharon Sweeney Fee

Betty Williams

Nominations from the floor



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JBTU Meetings

All Events 6:30 pm Downstairs at the Elks Lodge
579-7735 for more information

Board Meetings: 1st Thursday Oct - June
See www.joebrookstu.org for full membership calendar

Thursday, December 8
JBTU Annual Meeting

Thursday, Jan 19
JBTU and Livingston Schools

Thursday Feb 16
TBD

Thursday, March 15
"2011 Fly Fishing Film Tour (really)"

Saturday, April 14
YELLOWSTONE RIVER CLEAN UP

Saturday, June 2
CUTTHROAT BANQUET

Saturday, June 16
JBTU Youth Fishing Camp