

THE LEADER



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***Our next meeting is:
Thursday, February 15
Elks Lodge, 130 South Second Street
(upstairs - next to bar)***

February Meeting: Never Winter - Fishing in Argentina

Cale Vanelkburg of Yellow Dog Flyfishing Adventures will give a presentation on fishing the Patagonia region of Argentina. Bozeman based Yellow Dog Flyfishing Adventures gives excellent and entertaining presentations on fishing around the world. There will be free food and a raffle for many great prizes. The meeting will be Thursday, February 15 and will start at 6:30 p.m. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Donations for dinner would be appreciated. Livingston Elks Lodge-130 S. Second St., Livingston, MT.

Calendar of Events

- February 15 – General Meeting: Fly Fishing in Argentina - Yellow Dog Flyfishing Adventures
- February 17 - Madison-Gallatin Chapter Banquet, Bozeman, Gran Tree Inn
- March 14 - Chamber of Commerce After Hours Event, Elks Lodge, 5:00 p.m.
- March 15 – General Meeting: Fishing Alaska - Jamie Anderson of George Anderson's Yellowstone Angler
- March 24 – Beaver Dam Piping
- April 14 – Yellowstone River Clean-Up
- April 19 – General Meeting: TBA
- May 17 – General Meeting: History of Fly Fishing in West Yellowstone, Bob Jacklin
- Mid-June – TU Kid's Camp @ Georgetown Lake
- July 21 – First Cast at Livingston Summerfest

President's Message

The River Clean-Up is fast approaching, and this year it has become our annual fund raising focus. With that in mind, I hope every member can have a small part in the fund raising effort. There are many ways and opportunities members can participate. At the next two general meetings we will hand out fliers and donation sign up sheets. Chad and I will give presentations to local organizations including the Chamber of Commerce, the Park County Board of Realtors, The Livingston Rotary Club and the Madison-Gallatin Chapter of TU. If you are a member of any of these organizations or if you attend any of their events, it is yet another opportunity for you to grab a sign up sheet and participate.

Sincerely,

Tom Mason
President
Joe Brooks TU Chapter 25

Projects for 2007

Beaver Dam Piping on Fleshman Creek – Mid-March:

Since we finished our habitat project on Fleshman Creek years ago, beavers have continued to build dams threatening the ability of fish to spawn in the creek. We have piped two dams so far to allow fish passage. We need 3 to 4 volunteers to complete this task which usually takes 1 to 2 days. If you would like to participate, contact Tom Mason.

Annual River Clean-Up – April 14:

Fliers and donation sign-up sheets are now available, so members can start to collect fund raising monies. Members can also start to sign up for a section of river they would like to volunteer on for clean-up. The sooner you let us know, the more likely you will be able to clean-up your favorite section of the river. Event materials will be available at the February and March general meetings. The Clean-Up is set to start at 8 a.m. at Sweetwater Fishing Company on Highway 89 South just outside of Livingston. For those who participate, there will be a barbecue to follow at the same location. Expect to spend a good portion of your day on the river and enjoying the festivities planned afterwards. If you can't make it to the general meetings, you can contact Chad Yoakam or Tom Mason about participating.

First Cast Program at the Livingston Summerfest – July 21:

The chapter has reserved a spot at the Summerfest for this program. We have a booth located in an area with plenty of room to practice casting. Now we just need volunteers to man the booth. Volunteers don't need to be particularly experienced at fly casting or fly tying. Remember, you will be teaching children that have never done this before. If you are interested in participating, contact any board member.