

Joe Brooks Trout Unlimited Chapter 25

May Newsletter

May Meeting:

Bob Jacklin Fly Tying and The History of Fly Fishing in West Yellowstone
Bob Jacklin will present an updated version of his popular History of Fly Fishing in West Yellowstone program. Bob will tie flies leading up to the presentation. All flies tied will be donated to the meeting raffle. The meeting will be Thursday, May 17. As always, there will be a raffle of items donated by local businesses and food. Raffle tickets for the general raffle 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

May 17 – General Meeting: History of Fly Fishing in West Yellowstone – Bob Jacklin
Mid-June – TU Kid's Camp @ Georgetown Lake
June 16 – Weed Pull with Park County Board of Realtors
July 21 – First Cast at Livingston Summerfest
October 4 – Board Meeting
November 1 – Board Meeting
December 6 – Board Meeting
December 13 – Christmas Party and Board Elections.

President's Message

Our meeting year is coming to a close and we have accomplished quite a bit. We had a very successful River Clean-Up as a conservation event, but as a fund raising event, it was not as successful as we hoped. Financially the chapter's funds are slowly dwindling, rather than increasing from year to year. With the momentum we have developed from the popularity of the River Clean-Up we hope to focus more effort on fund raising. We have otherwise had a very successful year so far. We have funded projects to improve Armstrong and DePuy Spring Creeks with assistance from Madison-Gallatin TU and Montana TU. To continue funding such projects, we must build our fund raising efforts. To that end, I ask all members to keep in mind our chapter is always able to raise funds. In the months leading up to our next River Clean-Up, all members should think about who or what businesses can be approached for funds or product donations to be used in raffles. Hope to see you at the last general meeting until December. Otherwise, enjoy your summer and fishing.

Sincerely,

Tom Mason

President

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Board of Directors and Officer Nominations

Following is a list of new and current Board of Directors members. Included in the list is each member's information concerning nominations for officer positions. This list is only a start to the board election process to be finalized at the Christmas Party. Nominations are open to all chapter members until the Christmas Party. Chapter members are welcome to nominate anybody to the board of directors inside and outside the membership.

Although, if members would like to nominate a person for an officer position, the person must be or become a TU member. Board of Directors positions are unlimited. Officer positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The President is responsible for direction of all chapter meetings and oversees the Board of Directors as an administrator. The President also coordinates with the Secretary on content of the newsletter and other correspondence with the membership. Once a year the president also helps the Treasurer submit the financial report to National TU. The President is the first point of contact for correspondence and interaction with people, organizations and agencies outside of TU. The Vice President is second in line to all of the President's duties and assists the President in his or her responsibilities. The Treasurer is responsible for all financial matters relating to the chapter including management of accounts and investment funds, budget, money transactions and the annual financial report. The Secretary is responsible for taking minutes at board meetings, and working with the President on all newsletters and chapter correspondence.

If any body in the membership has suggestions for positions on the Board of Directors, please contact the current President, Tom Mason; his contact information is on the back of this newsletter.

Jamie Anderson – New board member open for officer nominations unless he declines

Kerry Fee – New board member open for officer nominations, currently open to taking over as President

Don Williams – Remaining on the Board but not open for officer nominations

Ted Williams – Remaining on the Board but not open for officer nominations

Tom Mason – Remaining on the Board, has accepted nomination for Treasurer, but has declined nomination for President

Jeff Welke – Remaining on the Board, but not open for officer nominations

Dave Goff – New board member open for officer nominations unless he declines

Chad Yoakam – Remaining on the board but not open for officer nominations

River Clean-Up Recap

This year's Clean-Up was an even greater success than the two previous years. We had 76 volunteers from the chapter, the community and the fly fishing industry. Among the 76 volunteers were 25 boats. In all, 6,340 lbs. of garbage were collected. There were numerous businesses and financial sponsors which will be thanked in a forthcoming ad in the Livingston Enterprise. We especially wish to thank Sweetwater Fishing Company for providing the use of their facilities as our base of operations and our barbecue afterwards. We covered large sections of the river, with most of our efforts focused upstream of Livingston. In future Clean-Ups we will likely rotate our efforts from upstream to downstream and back again from year to year until we have enough volunteers to cover

both sections at once. We have already begun planning for next year, so keep your calendars open for April 12, 2008 for the next Clean-Up. In the next year leading up to the Clean-Up, keep in mind possible donors and don't hesitate to put a bug in somebody's ear this early.

FWP Seeks Input on Fishing Regulation Changes

The local state Fish and Game Commissioner, Dan Vermillion has approached the Board of Directors, seeking input from our chapter on the possibility of changing some of the fishing regulations on the Yellowstone River. This request is part of a state wide drive by FWP seeking suggestions for regulation changes. FWP hopes to make the regulations easier to understand and wants to update the regulations to reflect the current impacts of use. There are currently no proposed changes on the Yellowstone, but our chapter has the power to suggest changes if it is deemed necessary. Please forward suggestions to our chapter e-mail: info@joebrookstu.org. All suggestions will be collected by the Board of Directors and will be submitted to the state. The deadline for submission is June 1, 2007. If you would like to make personal submissions directly to the state, please send them to:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Attn: Fisheries
1420 East 6th Avenue
PO Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620-0701
or E-mail: fwpfsh@mt.gov

2007 Project Updates

Weed Pull with Park County Board of Realtors – June 16: We will likely be pulling weeds on one or more of the Spring Creeks in Paradise Valley. In the past the Weed Pull took place at fishing access sites, but due to the success of previous pulls and persistence of eradication by FWP, there are few weeds left at fishing access sites. In the next few years of weed pulls, we hope to focus our efforts on private lands along the river that are overlooked. If you would like to volunteer for this project, contact Tom Mason.

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.

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