

FLY FISHERS OF THE BITTERROOT

NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER, 2008

THE MEETING

We once again start our monthly meetings. Hurray! Our September meeting will be held Tuesday, September 2, 2008. **BUT**, we have changed our meeting location. Because the Exchange Club has closed for business, we will meet at BJ's located at 900 N. 1st Street (that's Highway 93 folks) in Hamilton. General fish tails start at 6:00 pm and the program starts at 7:00 pm. Dinners and your favorite libation are available. As a rule, the Club meets the first Tuesday of every month except for the months of July and August, when there will not be any meetings (nor were there any).

THE SPEAKER

September's meeting has traditionally featured a general lie-in. Members are expected to bring stories, photos, dvds or whatever to enhance the believability of the summer's fishing trips, or, we can simply smile knowingly. Electronic gadgets will be available to show monster fish on the big screen.

On a more dour note, we will also discuss some recent organizational issues with which the Board has been involved.

THOSE WHO SPAKE

I can't remember; can you?

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From the Presidents Raft.

At the board of Directors meeting on August 26, your Officers and Directors passed a resolution to sever and terminate out affiliation with F.F.F. and dissolve the old club. The Board of Directors authorized me to send the following letter to President Van Gytenbeek:

*August 27, 2008
Mr. Pete Van Gytenbeek
Chief Executive Officer/President
Federation of Fly Fishers
215 East Lewis Street, Ste 305
Livingston, MT. 59047*

Dear Mr. Van Gytenbeek:

On August 26, 2008 the Board of Directors of the Fly Fishers of the Bitterroot met and voted unanimously to sever and terminate our affiliation with the Federation of Fly Fishers. The Fly Fishers of the Bitterroot Inc. is hereby dissolved. Please use this letter as our official notification concerning this matter.

*Sincerely;
C. E. Gibbons, President
Fly Fishers of the Bitterroot*

The action taken by the Board and Officers has been a long and difficult decision to make and there were many hours of deliberation to reach this conclusion. I will fully explain all the details at our September meeting. As I write, the wheels are in motion to form the new club with all the legalities and government requirements being addressed. I personally do not think the general membership will see a nickel's worth of difference in the new organization. We will be the same old club having fun that you love, but with some new whistles and bells.

Cliff

THE EVENTS

Cleanup of The Bitterroot:

As a reminder, the date for the river cleanup this year is September 6. There will be a barbeque following the cleanup at 4:30 pm and **Anglers Roost** has generously donated their site. If you have not done so, call Phil or Dorreen Romans (363-0744) to sign up to clean a stretch of our backyard river.

THE ERRATA

Fly Tying:

Fly tying, Wednesday evenings at the Brewery in Hamilton, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Be there or be square. Bring your favorite pattern or just come to observe. Greg Chester and Phil Romans are usually there. We hope to see some of you. Any fly you are afraid to throw into heavy cover is good only for an ornament, so you know you need to tie more.

For Fun:

Will Rogers, who died in a plane crash with Wylie Post in 1935, was probably the greatest political sage this country has ever known. Enjoy the following:

- 1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.*
- 2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.*
- 3. There are 2 theories to arguing with a woman...neither works.*
- 4. Never miss a good chance to **shut up**.*
- 5. Always drink upstream from the herd.*
- 6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.*
- 7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.*
- 8. There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.*
- 9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.*
- 10. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.*
- 11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.*
- 12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.*

ABOUT GROWING OLDER...

First ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

Eighth ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Tenth ~ Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft.

Today it's called golf

And finally ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when

you are old.

THE AUTHOR

Well, I'm still composing this ode to failing memory. However, because my phone decided to imitate the infamous Bitterroot Dunk this summer (without its owner attached), I have procured a new phone and new number. You can now reach me at 406- (Yes, Martha, I am now officially a Montana resident with a real Montana type area code) 406-381-5611 or **rich@rkymtn.net**. I encourage (I'm going to regret saying this) newsletter ideas.