



*"Fly Fishers of the Bitterroot is a nonprofit club dedicated to sharing our passion for fly fishing*

*by promoting fellowship, education and stewardship of our fishing resources."*

## **June 2018 Newsletter**

**Tuesday June 5th: Social Hour 5:30 pm Meeting starts at 6:30 pm**  
**BJ's Restaurant, Hamilton**

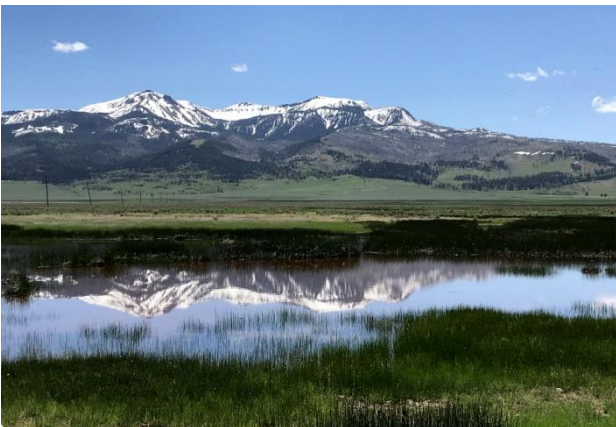
Hi Everyone

I don't know about you all, but this is a busy time for me. Lots to do outside in yards & gardens, fishing, birds and wildflowers everywhere and of course the visitors..... I just got back from a birding/wildflower event in the Centennial Valley's Red Rocks National wildlife refuge .The refuge is located about 50 miles west of Yellowstone, a stone's throw from Henry's lake. It is an incredible place with an array of habitats ranging from high elevation wetlands to prairie & sage habitats and mountain forests. This is where in the 1930's the heroic efforts to save the Trumpeter Swans started.

We stayed at the Elk Lake Resort, and I wished I had had my fishing gear- not that I would have had time to fish, mind you! If you have a chance- visit here. It is an amazing place. I would recommend a high clearance vehicle- the roads are a bit challenging & there is minimal cell service- a nice thing if you ask me. I plan to go back as soon as I can; the pronghorns are ready to calf.

This month we have two great programs for you, both on lake fishing. Great idea since the rivers are not available & we all want to get a line wet. Our own Denny Westover will be giving this month's program talk on lake fishing and at the end of the month we have Skip Morris doing a one day workshop of fly fishing lakes, with special emphasis on Georgetown Lake.

Special Needs day is the day after Skip Morris, and I need more people to commit to helping at this worthy event. I need at least 20-25 of you; at this point I only have 9 of you that have stepped forward. I know people are busy, but really guys, can't you spare a little time for this? Sounds like I am on my soap box again, yes....?



Until Tuesday-Tight Lines, Estelle

## June 2018 Program



*Guest Speaker*

*Our own famous club member*

**DENNY WESTOVER**

**Topic: LAKE FISHING**

The June program is titled "Lake Fishing" and will focus on equipment, locating fish, and specific methods and techniques for fooling fish in still waters. Although there are numerous food sources available to trout in lakes we will concentrate on three of the most abundant and usually available sources – Chironomids, leeches and Callibaetis mayflies. Although we will discuss several techniques for fishing imitations of each food source we will concentrate on a single technique that is effective for all three and is simple to learn and execute. Denny's talk is accompanied by more than 75 photos of fly patterns, charts and equipment and will include practical examples of rigging for lake fishing.

Whether you are an experienced still water fisherman or a curious beginner there will be something for you in our June program. Join us on Tuesday, June 5 (5:30) at BJ's Restaurant in Hamilton.

Denny is a member of Fly Fishers of the Bitterroot and has been fly fishing lakes, rivers and saltwater for more than fifty years. He is a summer resident of the Bitterroot (May to October) and then escapes to Sammamish, WA for the winter. Retired from the insurance business fifteen years ago he has ample time to devote to his fly fishing and wildlife photography hobbies

### ***Upcoming Programs and Events***

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Skip Morris workshop**

**June 24<sup>th</sup>: Special needs Day**

**July 11-15<sup>th</sup>: Georgetown Outing**

**August 19<sup>th</sup>: Annual Picnic at the Hannon House**

### **Recap of the May program**

The May program by Fred Telleen focused on fly fishing five rivers in southwest Alaska where Fred guided for twenty-six years. Currently he manages the North 40 Fly Shop in Great Falls. Fred gave us a wonderful account of fishing rivers such as the Kvichak, Togiak and Kenai and provided pictures of some unbelievable fish. We might call it "what guides do when they have time off." If you are into porn, fish porn, that is, you enjoyed this program.

## 2018 June Fly of the Month

### Psycho Ant

By

*Dennis Westover*

Hook - 3 xl light wire

Thread - UTC 140 denier, black

Body – 2mm foam, black. Cut a long strip of foam about the width of the hook gape, cut a point on one end and tie the pointed end down to the back half of the hook shank (A bit of super glue on the hook shank prevents the body from spinning)

Dubbing – Peacock Ice dub. Apply dubbing to the back half of the hook shank then bring the foam strip forward and tie down at the shank midpoint.

Underwing – Pearl Crystal Flash, about ten strands.

Over wing – MFC Widows web or EP Fibers, white.

Legs – MFC Centipede Legs, speckled white and red or orange, medium

Hackle – Black or grizzly.

Once the hackle is secure bring the tying thread forward and dub the remainder of the hook shank, Pull the foam forward and tie down – clip the foam off square about 2mm past the eye of the hook

The Psycho Ant is a popular Orvis pattern and is a good imitation of anything big and ugly that floats. It passes for ants, cicadas, grasshoppers, crickets, longhorn beetles and a half dozen other terrestrials. The foam body floats forever and the double white wing is kind to older eyes. There is a hint of flash under the wing and an authentic looking underbody of Peacock ice dub. Fish it dead drift or with an occasional twitch and ALWAYS twitch it just before the pickup to recast. If a standard presentation isn't producing, try a hard landing two inches from an undercut bank or fallen log. Surprisingly, takes are usually quite subtle with the fly just disappearing below the surface. Despite its foam construction the Psycho will float much higher and longer if you apply floatant. Try it – you'll like it!!

P.S. Put a couple in your lake box – you'll be surprised.



## NEWS AND NOTES

### Invasive Mussels

As club members are undoubtedly aware, the state of Montana and Salish-Kootenai government have established boat check stations in western Montana to prevent the spread of Zebra and Quagga Mussels. All fishermen and anyone that uses any kind of watercraft should cooperate with and support this endeavor.

Zebra and Quagga mussels are invasive species that have become a worldwide problem. Native to southern Russia and Ukraine, particularly the Black and Caspian Seas, they have been spread by the dumping of ballast water by ships. They were first discovered in the Great Lakes in 1988 and subsequently have been spread across the U.S. by recreational boats and trailers. In 2016 they were discovered in Tiber Reservoir, a Marias River impoundment near Shelby, Montana. Suspect water samples also were found in Canyon Ferry Reservoir on the Missouri River and the river upstream of Townsend, and in the Milk River. That led to the declaration of a state of emergency by Governor Bullock and to the creation of a Mussel Incident Response Team, the Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council and the state check stations, one of which is located at the Forest Service facility near Sula. Congress also passed the National Invasive Species Act in 1996 to deal with the problem.

The mussels are filter-feeding organisms, and each one can process up to one liter of water each day. As a result, water clarity in Lake Erie increased from 6 inches to three feet and continues to increase and the ecology continues to change. Some shipwrecks in the Great Lakes now are visible from the air. It is believed that improved water clarity has caused algal blooms that wash ashore and rot, leaving beaches unusable.

Each adult female produces over one million eggs a year. They attach themselves to both hard and soft surfaces, and in so doing are destroying native mussels. Quagga mussels can attach themselves to things in water up to 130 meters deep. Invasive mussels have very sharp shells and accumulate on beaches, making them unusable. They attach to ships and boats, docks and water treatment and power plants, clogging pipes. Some parts of Lake Erie are covered by 70,000 mussels per square meter. Power plants have noted a reduction in the diameter of pipes by two-thirds. Mussels cause a reduction of dissolved oxygen and chlorophyll. They are believed to be the source of a deadly avian botulism that has killed tens of thousands of birds in the Great Lakes since the late 1990s, and they are responsible for the extinction of many aquatic species in the Great Lakes. Scientists expect that invasive mussels will have a serious impact on fish populations wherever they take hold, and they already have caused the crash of the multibillion dollar salmon industry in Lake Huron.

The arrival of the mussels is so recent and their spread across most of the U.S. has been so rapid that scientists and economists and fisheries experts are just beginning to grasp the impact of the invasion of Zebra and Quagga mussels. One 2008 study concluded that they cost the Great Lakes region more than \$200 million a year in losses to commercial and sport fishing while a 2009 report concluded that \$500,000,000 was being spent annually to manage them in the Great Lakes. The economic harm to the U.S is thought to exceed one billion dollars per year. Some sense of urgency can be seen in passage of the 1996 federal legislation as the bill was introduced on September 28 and was signed into law on October 26.

Today invasive mussels have spread across the United States except for the Columbia Basin. They can survive out of water for up to seven days and have no predators. The larvae are microscopic. The little bastards ride on boats, trailers, ropes, waders, clothing if you wet wade. They have no known predator in the U.S. So if we define frontier as meaning a border, Montana is the last frontier, the protective line shielding the Columbia River Basin. Most of us would like to shoot the individual that introduced lake trout into Yellowstone Lake, so be careful that you do not spread invasive mussels and report anyone that evades one of the check stations.

## STATE OF WASHINGTON MOVES TO ELIMINATE ATLANTIC SALMON FARMING

The growth of commercial farming of Atlantic salmon in Washington waters has caused concern because Atlantic Salmon are an invasive species. That concern increased in 2017 when some 200,000 Atlantic salmon escaped from a farm in Puget Sound. Commercial and recreational fisherman, tribes and the general public united behind a legislative solution. With bipartisan support the legislature passed a bill to phase out Atlantic salmon farming by 2025.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WATER QUALITY IN THE BITTERROOT RIVER?

The Bitterroot River Protective Association, Corps of Engineers and State of Montana (DEQ) are collaborating in a program to check water quality in the river and are seeking volunteers to collect water samples. The goal is to identify existence of natural and chemical fertilizers, drugs, grey water and other materials.

***Volunteers must attend a training session.*** A list will be prepared listing dates and locations, and volunteers then can sign up for a specific date or dates. If you are interested, please contact me and provide your contact information. This will serve as an expression of your interest rather than a commitment. The training session should occur in the next four or five weeks. More information will be provided as it becomes available. Our river is important. Let's protect it.

Dick Ellis

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### JOB OPENINGS

**2019 PROGRAM CHAIR-is also a Board position**

**2019 RAFFLE CHAIR- is also a Board position**

**2019 Member at large- 4-5 Board positions Open**

**Come on people- we need your commitment & support to keep this club at the top of the game!**

**Contact a Board member for more info**



*It is with great sadness that we note the passing of our good friend and former FFB president, Professor Doug Duff. Doug was born in Burley, Idaho and went off to earn a PhD in comparative physiology and then to earn a reputation as a respected teacher and scholar at Indiana University South Bend. Doug and his wife, Susie, retired to the Bitterroot where he was able to explore the rivers and lakes of Montana. He once confided that the best day of fishing that he ever had was on a trip to Clark Canyon reservoir with other club members. Doug was also skier, hiker, birder, and gardener and enjoyed sampling the products of Montana's many microbreweries. He was able to go to the club gathering to Georgetown in 2017 but unfortunately was unable to go to the Missouri this year. Kind, generous, thoughtful and happy, Doug was one of the good guys. He is survived by his wife, Susie, daughter and two grandchildren.*

**A celebration of the life of this extraordinary gentleman will take place on June 3rd at the Bitterroot Brewery, Noon to 4PM.**



10/30/1932 – 5/14/2018

***"When the moon has set and the rising sun is a deep red, my stream will be there, still secret, under the river mists of next summer's dawns."* Datus Proper, Running Waters, 2001**



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## Trip report: Armstrong Spring Creek Livingston MT *by Greg Chester*

April 25 – 28, 2018

The Livingston Spring Creeks including Armstrong, one of my top 5 places to fish in Montana, maybe top 2. Take a trip over there and come up with your own assessment.

I picked up my California friend, Alan Masukawa, from Missoula Airport on the 24 and spent the day preparing for our trip, plus we scared up a few fish from backwaters around Blodgett Creek.

Early on Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup>, we hit the road with planned fishing stops on the way with the Beaverhead and Ruby prime targets. The water on the Beav was running high but we found nice braided water upstream from the green gate, for those who know the river. After a short walk we found high flows but willing trout taking #6 Black Buggers and #12 Prince Nymphs. Not red-hot fishing but we caught 3 each in about 2 hours.

Our next stop was on the Ruby at Vigilante - too crowded toward the dam. It's not the best water at that point but we scraped up a few on Black Zebras. Enough of that so we headed toward Ennis, then Norris Hot Springs and went east to the Madison at Bear Trap and Red Mountain. There was nothing happening there so we kept going to our hotel in Livingston, a Comfort Inn. Decent digs and a good value.

Early on Thursday we checked into Armstrong and having a nice visit with Judy, the owner. Only 2 other rods were scheduled so we had the place pretty much to ourselves. We started up stream at the culvert with a big, slow pool on one side and a nice riffle below. We split up and after comparing notes later we again caught equal numbers, 5 this time, on various midge pupas and emergers. Alan used a Tiger Zebra and I use a Black Zebra and WD 40 under an indicator. After eating lunch we went up to the reach near the red barn and caught too many to count, again on midge and baetis nymphs and dries. What a great creek! After a terrific dinner at the Rib and Chop house we hit the sack.

Up early on Friday for another day on Armstrong. This time we started in the mid section with slow, flat water. We drifted nymphs under dries with good luck until the sun got higher. Then it was only midge emergers, very small emergers I might add. I used #22 and 24 Scotties Midges and Alan a #20 Zelon Midge with a Griffiths Gnat trailer. It was very fussy fishing requiring perfect, fly-first drifts. But was it ever rewarding. We each caught 18"+ rainbows using 6, 6 ½ and 7X tippet. We broke off a few as you might imagine. We finished up the day back at the red barn but the fish were in full spawning behavior and not the least interested in our bugs. No matter, we had 2 memorable days on Armstrong.

On Saturday we headed back to Hamilton with a planned stop at Varney Bridge on the Madison. It was scary high for wading so we kept going west to the Ruby again, this time parking between Vigilante and the dam. Wow, what a terrific day that was! They were releasing water but it was clear and not too cold and edges and back waters produce very well with the small bugs again. We were also treated to about an hour of a huge baetis hatch, this time they were taking #18 Sparkle Duns – what a relief after the tiny patterns.

So, and end to another great trip in fabulous Montana. Alan is hooked and I stay hooked. Can't wait for the next adventure!

*Tight Lines, Greg*

***"The perfect river flows ever through my consciousness, a composite of the best features of all the rivers I have ever fished, a blend of fond memories of big fish and old friends, of dear places far and near. It is always there, ever murmuring in the background of my mind, ever waiting to be fished, always generous, never disappointing. I have only to close my eyes for a moment to see again its bright silver gleam, to watch my fly settle once more on its crystalline currents, to see the rise that will surely follow." Steve Raymond, Rivers of the Heart, 1998***







## Club Fish Reports & Grins Photos

### BROWN'S LAKE – No Worries!



### Fish report- Browns Lake *by Ed Gannon*

Just concluded a 2-day trip to the shadow of the Bob Marshall Wilderness (Browns Lake/ Harpers Lake). Took my little camper and a pontoon boat.

The "short" road into Browns has water running over in 2 or 3 spots, but still passable. The lake level is over the road in one spot. (Still good). Fished Browns Lake on Tuesday, and for 6 hours work, landed 3 Trout....a fat 14-incher, a 17-incher, and a 19-incher. (Just could not stretch it to 20-inches without dismembering it, which would have made the release messy.) Saw one other FFBers there (Pierre) don't know how he did.

Dead-flat much of the time...nymphs under an indicator as futile as a Hillary Clinton Inaugural Ball (...c'mon....that's funny...)



Started at Browns Lake Wednesday morning, and 3 1/2 more hours produced one 14-incher. Packed up and headed to Harpers Lake.. 4 more hours, and no fish landed. One hook-up. Plenty of fish rising, much more than Browns Lake. Only saw 1 fish caught, and it was with power bait, from shore.....)

My "fish landed/ per hours" ratio is ridiculous.....like a Trump comb-over.....(...c'mon....that's funny too.....)

Flies that hooked-up:

Water Temp at Browns: 54

Water Temp at Harpers: 62

Red Chironimid

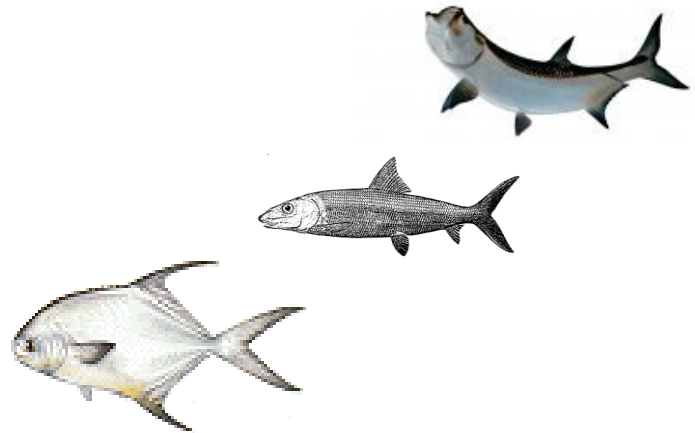
Black Micro-Leach

"Desert Storm" nymph

"Flex" Glo-bug

*["The lake is very high and probably going higher. The road will probably get muddier. Next week may bring on the bugs." Cheers, Jay Melzer]*

Club member, Donna W, was fishing recently in Honduras with husband Bill and caught this grand slam in one day! Tarpon, Permit and bonefish. Congratulations Donna!



Club member Jim K with a nice one caught in Holter lake- this one ended up as dinner!

## CLUB SLIDESHOW SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 2019!

Bob Prince has again graciously agreed to do a slideshow for us in 2019. I decided to get you all thinking earlier about getting those photos to him! Start sending them to him **NOW** ! ( *while you still remember the who, where and when.....* ) Let's see if we can get a lot of different folks contributing— doesn't have to be fish pics either- maybe a great sunset/landscape etc.....

Send in JPEG format, 1-1.5MB size to:

**robertwaprince@gmail.com**



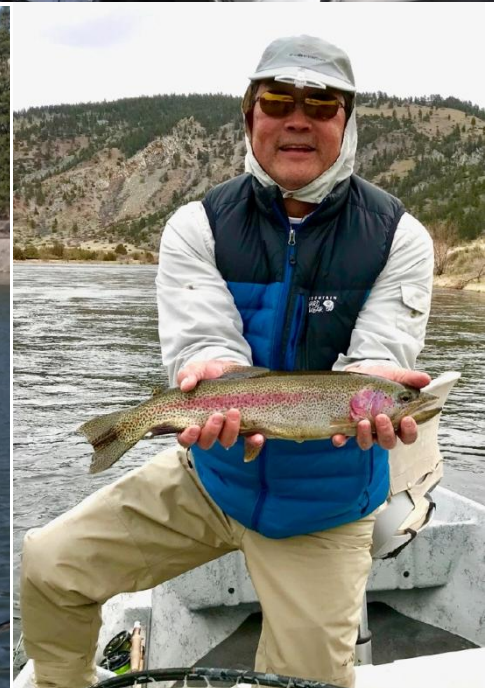
## ***OUTINGS AND CLUB EVENTS***

### **Missouri outing report**

The Club trip to the Mighty Missouri concluded on Friday the 27th....the "Big Mo".....you can fit about EIGHT Bitterroots into its channel, but- big water means big fish!

Club members brought some fat, sassy Trout to the boats, up to 22-inches! One member even landed an 8-pound Walleye...quite a feat on a "Ray Charles"-type scud fly!! Although it started slow on Tuesday with the "sub-Polar" weather conditions, the fishing picked up on Wednesday and Thursday, as the temperatures climbed towards 80 degrees.

So did the river flow, nearly 10,000 CFS, as they try to anticipate the runoff. Clubbers gathered for drinks and snacks at one of the Cabins we rented, and on Thursday, we had a "Pot-luck" food fest that could have fed the 82nd Airborne Division. A farewell breakfast on Friday morning sent us all off with full stomachs. All in all, it was good fishing, good food, good camaraderie, and lots of laughs, and another memorable club outing!









## Skip Morris Workshop – Saturday June 23, 2018

## Special Needs Day Sunday, June 24, 2018

*This date is now confirmed. Please contact me if you plan on participating in this worthy event. We need 20-25 people to make this event a success. Email me at: [je@shuttleworthje.com](mailto:je@shuttleworthje.com)*



## Georgetown Lake – July 12-15, 2018

**ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!** If you plan to attend this outing, **you must make your own reservations** for a campsite. Go to: [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) Search for: Campgrounds Georgetown Lake, Anaconda, Mt.Beaverhead National Forest. Then scroll down to: Lodgepole campground Make reservation, you will not be able to pick a specific site. IF you have a senior pass/golden age you will get a discount .

**Please contact Dorreen Romans if you plan to attend-she is in charge of coordination of the food & location of campsites. Cell: 406-239-7044, call or text.**

## Annual River Clean Sponsored by the Bitterroot River Forum :August 11, 2018

Each year our community helps pull thousands of pounds of trash out of the river during the Bitterroot River Clean Up in August. The Clean Up is a Bitterroot tradition that plays an important role in protecting the resource we all rely on.

Spurred by this event, we're launching the Year Round River Clean Up this month - a year round effort to keep our rivers and streams clean.

There will still be the annual event on August 11th, but by encouraging people to keep a handle on their trash as they use the river, we can reduce the amount of garbage that ends up in the river. Bag stands like this will soon be at fly fishing shops and grocery stores throughout the valley. Folks can then grab free reusable trash bag before they hit the river, and keep them in their boat or rig to use again and again.



**Annual Picnic Sunday, August 19, 2018** **Please contact Dorreen Romans if you plan to attend-she is in charge of coordination of the food Cell: 406-239-7044, call or text.**



## A Workshop with Skip Morris June 23, 2018

LEARN FROM THE BEST!  
**Fly Fishing Lakes  
for Trout**

**Saturday, June 23  
Bitterroot River Inn  
Hamilton, MT • 9AM start**

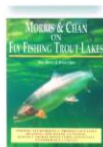
**TWO SESSIONS: register for either session or both**

Trout lakes are a wonderful resource particularly when the rivers are high. The Bitterroot Valley provides access to many wonderful lakes including the famous Georgetown Lake. Effectively fishing lakes depends on: knowledge of hatches, the techniques, sinking and floating lines, rigging and much more.



Fly Fishers of the Bitterroot is presenting an all-day trout lake workshop in two sessions. The morning is a 3-hour presentation by Skip Morris showing the techniques and featuring his favorite flies. Skip will also include a special presentation on how to make the most of the dry-damself action on Georgetown Lake. The afternoon is a 3-hour fly tying session featuring the flies he mentioned in the morning session. *The afternoon is limited to the first 20 to sign up.*

Skip Morris, author and speaker is co-author of *Fly Fishing Trout Lakes with Morris and Chen*, *Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple*, *Western River Hatches*, and 15 other fly tying and fishing books.



### REGISTER NOW!

**Morning Session \$35**

**Afternoon Tying Session \$35 (limited to the first 20 to sign up)**

Bring your own tools, vice and materials.

Registration forms will be available at the club meetings or can be downloaded from our website: [flyfishersofthebitterroot.org](http://flyfishersofthebitterroot.org)

**Club Patches  
are \$4.00 each  
or  
3 for \$10.00**



Hey everyone- There is a woman in town that will sew our patches on to just about anything for \$2.00/each.

Contact info: Susan at MONTANA SASSY SEWING CO. 329 Main Street, Hamilton. 406-961-9012

# Casting for Recovery

"Casting for Recovery provides free support and education retreats for women of any age and in any stage of breast cancer. The retreats incorporate fly fishing into the program! Celebrating 22 years with 60 retreats nationwide this year, if you know women survivors anywhere in the US who have or have had breast cancer, please refer them to the website to apply for a retreat in their area:

<https://castingforrecovery.org/>. The Western Montana program has been serving women from our area since 2011. Please refer any local woman you know to this webpage to apply online for the Western Montana retreat in September 2018. Application deadline is June 29, 2018.

<https://castingforrecovery.org/breast-cancer-retreats/glacier-country-montana/>

Participants are selected at random for the 2 1/2 day retreats with accommodations and all gear provided. **THE RETREATS ARE FREE TO ALL ATTENDING!** It's not always about fishing...but sometimes about being in the moment and in nature!"

**Club Decals are 4 for \$1.00**



**"Mountain trout spend their lives hiding in an environment that is perfect for concealment, and what I find so compelling and interesting in fishing for them is the trick of waving a fly across the water and thereby finding out exactly where they are. The fight, the actual landing--for fish this size, none of that counts. It's the first flash I'm after." W. D. Wetherell, *Upland Stream*, 1991**

## ***PFD or No PFD – You Decide***

- **Purpose:** This is an information paper that only addresses **inflatable Type II/III** Coast Guard approved PFDs.
  - **Use:** Good for conscious users in calm, inland water, or where there is a good chance of rescue
  - **Why:** A PFD provides flotation to help keep your head above water, help you stay face up in the water, and increase your chances for survival and rescue. Most adults need an extra 15.4 lb to 26.4 lb of flotation to keep their head above water.
  - **What:** Traditional PFDs are inherently buoyant, inflatable PFDs, rely entirely on inflation for buoyancy. Un-inflated PFD is a comfortable slim collar that can be inflated at any time with a 33-gram CO2 gas cylinder. The inflatable PFD is designed to offer maximum mobility with minimum bulk.
  - Did not address waist pack inflatable's
- **Advantages:**
  - Most comfortable type for continuous wear
  - Designed for general boating or the activity that is marked on the device
  - Available in many styles including vests and flotation coats
- **Disadvantages:**
  - Not for non-swimmers or weak swimmer
  - Not for long hours in rough waters
  - Needs regular inspection (maintenance) and rearming to be reliable
  - Not for use by children younger than 16 or by persons weighing less than 80 pounds
  - Not for white water, waterskiing, riding personal watercraft
  - When temperature is below freezing, the inflatable PFD should be worn partially inflated because a fully discharged cylinder may not adequately inflate your PFD
- **Inflated by:**
  - **Manually** by jerking a pull-tab
  - **Orally** (by mouth)
  - CO2 cylinder may not fully inflate the air bladder. Air bladder may hold 40 pounds of buoyancy; cylinder may only support the USCG minimum. Top it off if you have time or are a big boy
  - You also may inflate the device if you know you are going in the water
  - There is no USCG approved device that uses an oral tube only
  - **Automatically** during water immersion
- **Two types of automatics:**
  - Water-sensing bobbing (or pill canister) will disintegrate 10 seconds after the inflator is immersed in water, triggering a spring-loaded plunger, with punctures the CO2 cylinder to inflate the inflatable PFD. (Spring-pin is weak part of system)
  - Premature inflation may occur in certain conditions, including when the device is subjected to: heavy splashing, high humidity, heavy fog and heavy rain.
  - Care and attention should be taken to ensure that when the device is used in these types of conditions, auto-inflation does not occur

- **Newer technology:** Hydrostatic Inflator Technology will automatically inflate under water pressure, not inadvertently in rain, spray or humidity, Only Mustang MD3183, MD5183, MD currently has this technology.
- **Additional Features:**
  - Status indicator – green means ready to go
  - Padded collars, neck fatigue
  - Color: When inflated, PFD color is high visibility. Outside color does not matter.
  - Reflective tape: This adds visibility in low-light conditions
  - Pockets: Consider size and placement. Are there pockets to warm your hands or have easy access to small items?
  - Tabs: Tabs let you attach a knife, whistle, strobes or other accessories. Look at the number of tabs and their location on the front and back on the PFD.
  - Ventilation: Where will you be rowing? Do you need a little or a lot?
  - Fishing features: Some PFDs have multiple tool hangers, loops for a rod and a drop-down pocket table for working with lures and flies

## JUST FOR FUN

YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2018 when...

You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.

You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.

You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.

You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.

Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.

You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.

Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen

You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.

Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it. *From our 2/2008 newsletter*

If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

For every action, there is an opposite and equal criticism.

He who hesitates, is probably right. Never do card tricks for the group you play poker with.

No one is listening until you make a mistake.

The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body will be required on it.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.

Two wrongs are only the beginning.

The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.

The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.

The light at the end of the tunnel is the headlight of an approaching train. *From our 12/2008 newsletter*



## ○ 2018 schedule-tentative

- June 5<sup>th</sup> club meeting
- June 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting
- **June 23<sup>rd</sup> Skip Morris workshop**
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Special Needs Day
- No July club meeting: go fish!
- July 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting
- July 11-15<sup>th</sup> Georgetown outing
- August- no club meeting: go fish!
- August 19<sup>th</sup> – Annual Picnic
- September 4<sup>th</sup> club meeting
- September 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> club meeting
- October 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting
- November 6<sup>th</sup> club meeting
- November 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting
- December 4<sup>th</sup> **ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**
- December 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting

## 2019 schedule- tentative

- Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup>
- March 5<sup>th</sup>
- April 9<sup>th</sup>
- May 7<sup>th</sup>
- June 4<sup>th</sup>
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## CLASSIFIEDS

The Board of Directors set a policy concerning classified ads in our newsletter. We want to facilitate our members selling unwanted, unneeded gear. The following rules apply: (1) the seller must be a Club member; (2) the seller must be noncommercial; (3) this editor has full right to edit submitted materials; they should be "Tweet" size (4) the ads will run a maximum of two times and then be retired; (5) the thing or things to be sold must be related to fly fishing; and (6) we not will charge for the ad placement and take no responsibility for its accuracy

