

Headwaters Fly Fishers Newsletter

May 2007

Editor: Dick Monroe

Coming events: June meeting - Tuesday June 5th, starting at 6:30 PM at the Grand Tree with Election of the Board of Directors and mini clinics and Kris Humlien talking about Montana Fishing.

Headwaters Annual Summer Picnic at Lindley Park Pavilion, Sunday June 24th starting at 3:00 PM.

Fall Festival of Fly Fishing with Legends of the Headwaters Dinner, October 27th.

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Lest We Forget!

History is a will of the wisp, hard to catch hold of, even harder to keep hold of!

Headwaters Fly Fishers has a rare opportunity with the establishment of THE LEGENDS OF THE HEADWATERS to honor and remember people who have had a dynamic impact on the sport of fly fishing. It was with a sense of wonder that we heard one of this year's "Legends" say that younger people frequently ask him what he did before he retired. The original thought behind establishing the Legends of the Headwaters was to recognize and honor those individuals in southwest Montana whose contribution to and advancement of the sport of fly fishing deserved to be recognized by their peers and the local community. That purpose needs expanding to include a preservation of their efforts and the maintenance of their histories and accomplishments. Five years from now, when someone wants to know what they have done, there will be an oral history available on the internet for all to view. ***Please plan on joining us at the dinner on Saturday, October 27th*** when we honor Darwin Atkin, Bud Lilly and Tom Morgan, the first three individuals to be elected to the Legends of the Headwaters.

June meeting will be held on Tuesday June 5th at the Gran Tree.

We will have a double barreled treat for the final meeting before the summer vacation, Kris Kumlien will talk about fishing Montana Waters starting at 7:30PM. What's hot and what's not! **And** the Dry Fly Hour starting at 6:30PM will be devoted to "mini" workshops on Casting, Fly tying, Knots and leaders, and tackle considerations (tired of hauling around your hot,dirty,thirty pound vest?).

Headwaters Fly Fishers Picnic

The Annual HwFF BBQ will be held on Sunday, June 24th starting at 3:00 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Lindley Park Pavilion. Food service will begin about 5:00 p.m. This year's menu includes barbequed pork, pepperoncini beef, potato salad, cole slaw, and "lotsa beans" all made by the hostess with the mostess, Susan Woods. Desserts will be provided by the ladies of the Club. Water and soda is included. **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN ADULT BEVERAGES.** The cost of this great meal is \$7.00 per person with children under 12 free. There will be fun games with prizes for the winners. There will be a rod raffle (recommend that Anna Atkin touch your ticket).

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE AND PAID FOR BY JUNE 21ST. PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK TO: ED AND SUSAN WOODS, 390 CAYUSE TRAIL, BOZEMAN, MT 59718. YOU CAN ALSO PAY FOR THE BBQ AT THE JUNE CLUB MEETING. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS; CALL THE WOODS AT 586-7533.

THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR.

Board of Directors election will be held at the June Meeting

Headwaters Flyfishers officers and Board of Directors – Oct. '06 to June '07

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Fly of the Month

Bead Thorax Partridge and Red – Our own Syl Nemes made great strides in resurrecting soft hackle flies from the ash heap of history. The bead thorax Partridge and red is a modernization of the centuries old soft hackle. *Give it a shot* – it is a very cool looking fly and as we know, Cutts, even more than other trout, love soft hackles and the Yellowstone should be clearing down near Gardiner about the time of our June meeting.

Hook: Nymph, 2X heavy, size 14

Thread: Red 8/0

Rib: fine silver Mylar tinsel

Abdomen: Red floss

Thorax: Brass bead sized to match the hook

Hackle: Grey partridge

Note: You will need to tie off the thread after finishing the floss and tinsel wrap, push the bead to the rear so it is snug against the body, covering the thread wraps. Tie in the thread in front of the bead and do the hackle wraps between the hook eye and the bead.

This is your last opportunity before the summer break to tie a winner for the 2007 Fly Plate. There was no winner last month, you missed a great opportunity, and nobody submitted a scud. Don't be shy, become the go to gal or guy!

What's Happening at the Local Fly Shops

The River's Edge is having its annual Demo Day on May 26th with all the major brand names being represented. We'll give away a few prizes as well as have a lot of fun. Stop by May 26th from 10-4. 2012 N. 7th Ave Bozeman, MT 59715 406-586-5373 Shop online at www.theriversedge.com

Montana Troutfitters, 1716 West Main, in Bozeman will have a big event coming up June 14th. It's a BBQ taking place in the parking lot on the evening of Thursday June 14th from 5:30 – 8:30pm. There will be a live broadcast with the Moose Radio; they will have some prizes and a raffle. Burgers and beers will be available. Product reps will be on hand as well as their entire staff to answer questions on any product and there will be Winston and Echo rods to demo as well as Ross & Lamson reels, Scientific Angler, Rio & Airflo lines as well as our full lineup of products. Exclusive packages, pricing and sale items the night of the event only.

Casting lessons and tips will be free and open to the public. Enter to win Six Winston Rods in the Cast a Winston Contest. Come kick off the summer with Montana Troutfitters and go fishing father's day weekend!



FLY LINES

The Monthly Newsletter of Headwaters Fly Fishers

March Meeting Set For Tuesday, the 4th

Tom Travis is this month's featured presenter. Tom will present a humorous, insightful and inspiring dissertation titled: "**Something About Trout.**" It's a must for all!

Tom, former owner of the Master Angler fly Shop in Livingston, is known as a "guide's guide" and is considered one of the very best guides in the Rocky Mountain West. An expert steelhead guide he also spends many springs in Michigan guiding for his beloved steelies. Tom is an accomplished, innovative tier and has developed patterns for Orvis where he is often featured in the Orvis Fly Fishing Catalog. He co-authored the must-have book Fly Fishing the Yellowstone River with Rod Walichus. A devoted fly fishing teacher as well, his philosophy is to instill within students enough key knowledge to enjoy catching fish right away on their own and then to also become their own teacher and, hence, a life-long learner. A true gift!

Please join us at the Riverside Country Club for Tom's super presentation. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. **Recall, please**, that starting with this month's meeting the RCC will credit all food and drink charges against our monthly minimum of \$150. \$16.46 per person which includes the tip for **the supper buffet of prime rib or Mexican**. Help us put our financial resources on education, restoration and conservation. The social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with the program at 7:30 p.m. Great raffle items as usual. Open to all.

The Montana Hunting & Fishing Show

The **Montana Hunting & Fishing Show**, held February 21st through the 23rd at the Brick Breeden Field House on the Montana State University campus, was a big success. Bill Reier, Jr., show promoter, was very gracious to us. Our booth was well attended and we raised significant funds for club's efforts. **Chris Bulger** of Bozeman won the raffle for the 8 ½ ft. 4 wt. Winston rod (donated by Josh Stanish of Montana Troutfitters) and the Orvis bar stock Battenkill reel with matching line (donated by Toby Swank of Fins & Feathers Fly Shop). **Fred Egan** won the second raffle for the specially tied flies by Don Heyden. Other members of our club (including Josh, Matt Wilhelm and Server Sadik) provided fly casting lessons. And, the following good folks tied in our booth: Chuck Ansley, Nick Ganser, Tom Mason, Dick Monroe, Mike O'Hara, Don Heyden, Katie and Bill Kluch, Jackson Darham, Max Darham, Matt Wilhelm, Ron Steinberg, Dan and Doug Daufel. Working in the booth were: Rick Weisend, Jeff Larmer, Val Monroe, Jim Van Burgh, Art Nielsen, Kelly Tilleman, Ed and Susan Woods and Fred Egan. As usual Darwin Atkin sold raffle tickets. We thank these HwFF members, volunteers and Board of Directors members.

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Club Activities & Events & Opportunities

Conservation News In early February HwFF was informed by **Bob Burnham** of the FFF's Western Rocky Mountain Council of a proposed ESPN fly fishing competition to occur in mid-April on public waters near Missoula and ESPN's and John Barrett's (of Barrett Productions) pursuant request for suspension of Montana fishing regulations which prohibit fishing competitions for trout on public waters. The Board of Directors of HwFF reached a quick consensus opinion in opposition to this proposal and filed our comments (below). We were gratified to learn on February 16th that the proposal had been denied by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. In the AP news release it was reported that some 400 written comments were received and that they ran 2 to 1 in opposition. "It's the most comments we've gotten on anything in the 13 years I've worked here." Said Chris Hunter, MT FWP Fisheries Division Administrator. Jeff Hager, MT FWP Director, informed ESPN and John Barrett that, "To these anglers, fly fishing on Montana's rivers for wild trout does not lend itself to the competition envisioned in your proposed contest. . . fly fishing is not about competition for the biggest or most fish and that Montanans have worked hard to nurture and protect its wild trout fishery." We at HwFF celebrate this rare victory of ethics over dollars!

February 7, 2003

Karen Zackheim, Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks
1620 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Karen,

We request that the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks deny the application by ESPN for a fly fishing contest in the Missoula area in April. As a charter club of the Federation of Fly Fishers the Board of Directors of Headwaters Fly Fishers, Inc. – a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit – is strongly opposed to this request.

Our public river fisheries are already under stress from overuse and our club is increasingly concerned about use allocation. The ESPN proposal represents a request for a type of commercial use of a public resource that we find particularly objectionable. While we regard the services of ethical, professional outfitters and guides very positively and one which provides a benefit to the general public and the resource, we view the ESPN competition request with its attendant corporate funding and cash prizes as excessive greed and not to the benefit of the general public nor resource.

Additionally, a televised fly fishing contest from Montana is certain to: a.) increase the potential for additional such requests of similarly unacceptable commercial use of public resources; b.) set a dangerous precedent making it hard for MT FW&P to deny similar requests; and, c.) draw additional anglers to increasingly crowded Montana rivers thus adding to the existing challenges in providing science-based criteria for regulating fair opportunities for all.

More troubling is the lack of ethics of this contest, itself. For our club, contests of this sort that actually involve public resources paying cash for the catching of fish – especially trout – as opposed to innocuous fly casting, fly tying, rod building, art or charity contests – are inherently unethical, demeaning of the fish and the angler, and are not in keeping with the historic ethic of fly fishing as a contemplative sport providing a much needed respite from the day-to-day world of making a living and personal issues.

The Headwaters Fly Fishers Club, a charter club of the Federation of Fly Fishers, strongly requests that Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks deny this inappropriate request by ESPN. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeff L. Larmer, President of The Board of Directors Headwaters Fly Fishers

More Conservation News As reported last month, Charlie Sperry, MT Fish Wildlife & Parks Recreation Management Specialist (406-949-0105) is setting up a March 11th meeting in Bozeman starting at 7:00 p.m. at the MT FW&P offices at 1400 South 19th to report on the River Recreation Advisory Council's recommendations for managing river recreation in places of high use and conflict among user groups. This 22-member council is to complete it's work in the spring of 2003. Charlie will present an overview of the Council's charter, its issues, and public involvement into the Council's recommendations. Charlie may also discuss the Beaverhead and Big Hole biennial rules.

Classes *Beginning Fly Tying* A five session clinic limited to 10 attendees will start on Wednesday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. and meet each Wednesday thereafter for a total of 5 weeks. All sessions will be held at the Fins & Feathers Fly Shop in the Bridger Peaks Town Center on North 19th. This is a great opportunity to begin tying. Rick Weisend, manager of Fins & Feathers and HwFF Board of Directors member, is leading this clinic. You can reach Rick at either the shop (586-2188) or his home (388-2706). Tell Rick it is the HwFF Club program that you want.

Intermediate Fly Tying Ed Thomas will begin this class when he returns from Palm Springs in early April. The group will be limited to 5 participants so that the maximum benefit and attention can be derived by attendees. Ed is a superb tyer and specializes in flies for the Mother's Day hatch. Call Ed at 585-0256.

Intro to Ladies Fly Fishing The first of four sessions was held on Saturday, January 25th as taught by Val Monroe. The basics of knots was covered on the 25th. Next session will be on March 1st and will deal with tactics. The third session focuses upon casting. And, the final session will be a real time fishing expedition either to the Madison River or a spring creek in May. This series is so popular that many graduates sign up again just to get out on the water with the group.

Intro to Fly Fishing This two-day class will be offered March 22nd to 23rd. The session on the 22nd will be held at the IFCC in Livingston from 9 to 5 p.m. The session on the 23rd will meet at the Beartrap Canyon Trailhead on the lower Madison River for a full day of instruction. Topics include: casting, reading water, gear, knots, ethics, catch and release and safety. Call Matt at the IFCC to sign up (522-9369).

Note: Class Fees Policy – the HwFF Board of Directors in effort to provide additional membership benefits will consider the following new policy at its next BOD Meeting, scheduled for February 26th:

For non HwFF members: \$40 for any class which includes a "regular" one-year membership (a \$29 value); or, if the non-HwFF member is a senior (65 or older) the class is \$33 which includes a "senior" one-year membership (a \$22 value). Anyone wanting to upgrade simply adds on the extra amount (e.g., from a regular individual to a "family" membership (a \$35 value) just add on the \$6; so the class and family membership fee would be \$46. And all HwFF members pay \$10. Refunds to those currently involved in a class will be made on a per case basis.

Shows & Events The *Eastern Idaho Tying Expo* will be held April 18th and 19th. Ed Woods, Darwin Atkin and Don Heyden usually attend this expo. So if you have aspirations of becoming a great tier you will want to attend. The Expo will be held at the Shilo Inn in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Contact these members for more info.

Last Month's Meeting The February Club Meeting on Wednesday the 12th was very well attended. **Chad Olsen, of The Greater Yellowstone Fly Fishers** fly shop gave a wonderful presentation on fly fishing the back country of Yellowstone National Park. Chad's photographs and knowledge were super! Thanks, Chad. It was a pleasure to have Katie Kluchow win the Behnke & Tommerlery Trout & Salmon book as part of the membership survey.

News from the IFFC

Greetings from the International Fly Fishing Center (IFFC). There are some great things happening at the IFFC to help you shake the winter blues. There is room left in the remaining One Night Fly Tying Programs. Join some of the best fly tiers in the world and learn their fly tying secrets. Tom Travis will be sharing some of his favorite steelhead and tube fly patterns on Feb. 26th. Richard Parks will tie quill bodied flies on March 12th. On March 26th Scott Sanchez will be teaching his favorite Yellowstone patterns. Last but certainly not least Brant Oswald will be sharing his favorite flies for the salmon fly hatch. Class fee is \$20 and all materials are provided, call Matt at 222-9369 to sign up. On Feb. 25th there will be a report from the Governors Yellowstone River Task Force in regards to fish habitat studies that have been completed on the Yellowstone River. This public meeting is a great chance for Yellowstone anglers to learn more about the ecology of the Yellowstone. This meeting will take place at the Best Western in Livingston at 7:00.

Our Gratitude To The Following

Andy Pflueger Memorial Youth Benefit Fund We thank the following friends of Andy for their recent donations: Alan and Jean Kahn and Nan Darham (on behalf of Max and Jackson Darham). Bless these friends of Andy.

Members and Supporters Without the support of our members our good work would not be possible. Special thanks to: **Fins & Feathers Fly Shop** (Toby Swank), **Montana Troutfitters** (Josh Stanish), **Fred Egan** and **Don Heyden** for their donations for the Montana Hunting & Fishing Show. We can each show even more thanks by shopping both Montana Troutfitters and Fins & Feathers. And, if you happened by our booth at the Show you no doubt were "accosted" by **Darwin Atkin**: he is the master of raffle ticket sales. We all express extreme gratitude to Darwin (and his understudy, Fred Egan) for making the raffle so successful. Super thanks to all!

A Correction: Val Monroe heads up the ladies fly fishing classes. And, we're darn glad she does, too! However, she is not the chair of the Public Relations & Marketing Committee as erroneously reported in the last newsletter. Our apologies.

President's Message

Rick Weisend is President-Elect of Headwaters Fly Fishers and a guide with the Fins & Feathers Fly Shop of Bozeman, Montana. All who know Rick appreciate his soft-spoken manner and professionalism. He is a credit to our sport. It's a pleasure to include his guest column. Tight lines . . . Jeff L. Larmer, HwFF President

"Beating the Crowds"

By Rick Weisend

A lot of emotions revolve around the crowding of our local rivers. There has even been some legislation limiting outfitter and non-resident access. The truth is, yes, overcrowding has become a problem, but it is only a problem if you choose to become a part of the problem. Some southern states are only blessed with a few miles of fine trout stream. Here in southwest Montana, we have thousands of miles and hundreds of lakes. It is easy to get away when you have the options we do.

The first option is obvious. Fish the smaller streams and tributaries. Tributaries and mountain streams flow through each mountain drainage. Most are fine trout streams that don't receive the attention they deserve until they meet the main river. These streams don't always have the largest trout around, but are bright, eager, healthy fish that love dry flies. During and after spawning runs, the size of fish in these streams will surprise you.

The next option is alpine lakes. If you are willing to hike away from your car and camp overnight, you will be privy to the finest fishing in the world. Our Beartooth Wilderness Area is littered with hundreds of trout lakes, many that have trophy Cutthroat, Rainbow, Brook, and even Golden Trout. You can easily find total solitude and the most breathtaking landscapes in the world. Many other mountain ranges offer fine fishing and even trophy trout potential. Buy some maps and guide books and explore! Some can even be fished with just a short day hike.

Another option is to fish the less popular sections of the rivers. The Yellowstone River's Paradise Valley is sometimes crowded in mid summer, but near Gardner and down near Springdale, you will find very few people, and the fishing is great. There are many such examples, but as a general rule, the farther you get from a major town the fewer crowds. Also, on tailwaters such as the Bighorn, Missouri, and Beaverhead, the farther you get downstream from the dam, the fewer people you will find.

The least obvious option is one of my favorites, the kick boat. Kick boats will get you away from the access points and give you miles of options. With a small pontoon boat, you can float rivers that are too low or small for drift boats. You can also feel comfortable floating down small side channels. If you find shallow water or an obstruction, you can just walk the boat downstream. Kick boats are durable, collapsible and stable. My favorite is the Water Otter, which weighs only a shade over 20lb., making it easy to walk when you need to.

With a little bit of creativity and a sense of adventure, you can find not only fewer crowds, but also total solitude. On opening day of the Beaverhead River below Clark Canyon Dam you will find many people shoulder to shoulder, but somewhere in the distance, you will find me fighting large fish with only the birds to hear my joyful cries.

Directors & Members Profile

This month's featured BOD member is Ed Thomas. Ed has been active in FFF since the early '80's and is a life member. He has acted as the auction and raffle chairperson during two National FFF Conclaves. On the council level Ed served three terms as President of the Western Rocky Mountain Council (the council of which HwFF is a member). He has tied at the National FFF Conclaves since 1990 and has tied internationally at the Fly Fair in Holland four times. Ed modestly claims that he is not a great tier yet he is consistently is asked by many organizations to demonstrate and teach. Currently, he is teaching HwFF's intermediate tying course. Minnesota born and raised and after graduating from the University of Minnesota with a degree in civil engineering, he served five years in the U.S. Army where he discovered the joys of flying. Ed was a captain and simulator instructor with Northwest Airlines for the next 30 years. In addition to fly fishing he enjoys golf and is a model railroad enthusiast. Sandra, Ed's decidedly better half and whom many have met at HwFF Club Meetings, keeps his many interests in check. We are lucky to have Ed's experience on our Board.

Welcome To Our Newest Member

We also want to welcome our newest HwFF member, Terron Enbysk of Big Sky. Terron joined up at the Montana Hunting & Fishing Show. Many others showed interest and we look forward to their future membership. Say, hi, to Terron at the next Club Meeting.

More Than To Fish

“... 'tis not all of fishing to fish. . .” - Izaak Walton

“... any spirit of competition in hunting or fishing dishonors the prey. It means that you are either unaware of, or have no feeling toward, your fellow creatures. Fishing tournaments seem a little like playing tennis with living balls, say, neatly bound bluebirds. Competition also engenders anger, and there's little point in being out in the forest, in a river, or on the ocean if you're going to be pissed off.”

from “The Tugboats of Costa Rica” in Just Before Dark by Jim Harrison, 1991

“I still don't know why I fish or why other men fish, except that we like it and it makes us think and feel. But I do know that if it were not for the strong, quick life of rivers, for their sparkle in the sunshine, for the cold grayness of them under rain and the feel of them about my legs as I set my feet hard down on rocks or sand or gravel, I should fish less often. A river is never quite silent; it can never, of its very nature, be quite still; it is never quite the same from one day to the next. It has its own life and its own beauty, and the creatures it nourishes are alive and beautiful also. Perhaps fishing is, for me, only an excuse to be near rivers. If so, I'm glad I thought of it.”

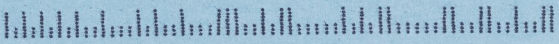
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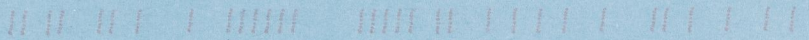
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Legends of the Headwaters,

**The Fly Fishing Hall of Fame
Inaugural Banquet, October 27, 2007**

6:30 No Host Cocktail Hour

7:20 Silent auction closes

7:30 Dinner is served

8:15 Presentation Ceremony

Bob Jacklin, Master of Ceremonies

Recipients:

Darwin Atkin

**Presented by: Tom Leach and
Wayne Luallen**

Bud Lilly

Presented by: Paul Schullery

Tom Morgan

Presented by: Art Coffin

9:15 Dessert and Coffee

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RIVERS" WILL BE SHOWN CONTINUOUSLY
UNTIL 4.00 PM***

FLY TYING DEMOS ALL DAY BY SOME OF THE REGION'S PREMIER TYERS. MANY OF THE FLIES TIED WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SEMI-HOURLY RAFFLES.

10:30-11:30 GUEST SPEAKER

12:00- 2:00 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION BY LOCAL GUIDES. DISCUSSED WILL BE A VARIETY OF LOCAL FISHING TOPICS

12:00, 2:00, & 4:00 RAFFLES ITEMS WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN LOBBY. CHANCES \$1.00 EA.

2:30-3:30 TROUTFITTERS WILL DISCUSS KNOTS AND LOCAL FISHING ACCESS POINTS.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS WILL BE ON DISPLAY ALL DAY.

EVENING PROGRAM

6:30-7:30 SOCIAL HOUR. NO-HOST BAR

7:30 DINNER SEATING. SIT-DOWN PRIME RIB DINNER, 3 BOTTLES OF WINE PER TABLE. SILENT AUCTION WILL CLOSE UPON SEATING.

INDUCTION PROGRAM AND PRESENTATIONS AFTER DINNER WITH BOB JACKLIN AS M. C.

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY 10/23. NO SALES AT DOOR. PRICE- \$45.00 EA. ALL LOCAL FLY SHOPS CARRY THEM AS DO ALL CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS OR ORDER BY MAIL FROM HEADWATERS FLY FISHERS, P.O. BOX 10428, BOZEMAN, MT. 59719

WE HOPE YOU WILL ATTEND THIS FESTIVAL AND FIRST ANNUAL "LEGENDS" BANQUET!

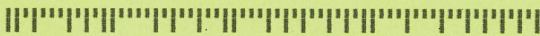
Headwaters Fly Fishers Newsletter

April 2008 Issue

Editor: Dick Monroe

This is the last issue that Val and I will be putting out. We will be in Mexico next month and will not be involved with the management of the club after June 3rd. We've been involved in Val's case for ten years and in mine for eight years, on and off. It has been an interesting period and we have met some wonderful people whom we have enjoyed greatly, however its time to go fishing and to spend more time with our kids and grandkids. Thank you all for great memories.

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*Bud + Esther -
Maybe you're heard about
this. It sounds like the
club may close down.
Paul*

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The May meeting will be at the Gran Tree on Tuesday May 6th
With Dry Fly Hour starting at 6:30 and Bruce Rich at 7:30.

Bruce Rich of FWP is the speaker for May 6. Bruce will give us a run down of the fisheries in our region. Recently a focused effort was completed on inventorying the Hegben Lake Basin and its smaller tributaries. This will be one set of new information Bruce is presenting. Summaries of fish surveys and shocking in all the Region's areas will be presented. This should be interesting to anyone who wants to understand the general health of our local waters. I also think it's a good time to come forward with any suggestions or concerns you may have about the Region's resources. Think about it and make mental notes so you can pass along your thoughts to Bruce.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members,

This letter will be my last as I am retiring from both the Board of Directors as well as the officers at the end of my term on June 3, 2008. This letter addresses an immediate issue which the membership needs to focus on relative to the continuation of the Headwaters Fly Fishers, Inc. as a viable organization.

First and foremost, come June 3, 2008, all of the officers will need to be replaced as well as their positions on the Board. There may be additional slots on the Board as well. If you, as members, do not step up to fill these positions, the club as we know it will cease to function and the current Board will distribute funds in our treasury in accordance with our Articles of Incorporation and By – Laws. We will need at least four officers and up to six new Board members. If you care about the survival of the club, contact one of the current Board members to let them know of your willingness to volunteer and be present at the last general meeting on June 3, 2008 for a vote by those members present.

Secondly, the Board has tabled any further discussion of breaking from the ranks of the FFF, believing that this matter should more properly be in the hands of the next Board and officers.

Third, the Board has chosen the recipients of the next Legends awards, but will hold back announcement of the names until a new Board and officers have been elected. If members do not volunteer for the above spots, the Legends program as started by our club will cease. This would be a real shame as we have some great people in our area who have made a significant contribution to our sport in southwest Montana and deserve recognition.

In the general news, Bob Lay from Helena, Montana is looking for volunteers to assist in helping with the West Yellowstone conclave / expo set for June 27 and 28 . Please call him at 406-227-5956 if you can help.

Please note that the meeting scheduled for May 6 , 2008 will be a joint meeting with Trout Unlimited at the Gran Tree at our usual time.

It has been a pleasure to serve in a leadership role with the rest of the Board and officers. Remember though, our club is a volunteer organization and can only exist and survive through the efforts of its members who are willing to donate their time and efforts.

Harvey Harris, President

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Kids at the Boys and Girls Club need helpers

Last year the kids at the Boys and Girls Club enjoyed the fly fishing classes that we set up for them. They have asked us to set up beginning fly fishing classes again this summer.

It only involves a time commitment of 1 ½ hours of your time on the day of the week that you choose excluding Friday. You may also choose to do your class in the morning or the afternoon of that day. I need to fill some slots in the schedule and would appreciate an e-mail telling me that you can help the kids this summer in this way. Either e-mail me at valmonroe2@littleappletech.com or call me at 388-9510.

Thanks in advance for you help. Val Monroe

What is happening at the Local Fly Shops?

Every Saturday throughout the month of May, Montana Troutfitters will be offering **FREE** fishing seminars at the store from 11am – 1pm. The seminars will include knot tying, bug identification and fly selection, advice on where to go and fishing tips, gear check and selection, as well as basic casting instruction.

Weekend and time to be announced, Gayle Whittenberg and Montana Troutfitters will be offering an on stream ladies and or couples only fly fishing lesson. Learn the basics of everything you need to know to be a proficient fisherman or fisherwoman in a relaxed atmosphere with your partner or with a friend! Call the store for more details at 587-4707.

We will also be putting on another BBQ taking place at the Troutfitters parking lot in June. There will be a live broadcast with the Moose Radio, we will have a ton of prizes and a raffle. Burgers and beers will be available. Product reps will be on hand as well as our entire staff to answer questions on any product and there will be Winston and Echo rods to demo as well as Ross & Lamson reels, Scientific Angler, Rio & Airflo lines as well as our full lineup of products.

The Bozeman Angler is offering two classes in May. The full day beginning fly fishing class will be on May 10th with instructor, Brant Oswald. On May 31st we will be holding a Spey/Switch Rod Casting Clinic. Space is limited for both classes, so please sign up in advance at the shop by calling 597-9111.

The River's Edge will be having its twenty five year anniversary event on May 10th. In celebration, almost everything in the store will be 25% off. We will also have all of the industry reps there with all of the latest gear on display. There will be food and drink available along with some great give aways. We have recently remodeled and we are anxious to show off the shop and give the locals some great deals. Our hours will be from 9:00am to 5:00 pm.

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Final Comments: I would like to thank several folks who were of great help to us during the past year. Bob Ritter, Rich Michau, Ed and Susan Woods, Art Nielsen, Howard Bethel, Katie and Bill Kluchko, Anna Atkin, Harvey, Server, Bryan and of course Val. The efforts of the above made a world of difference and without who's encouragement and efforts the Legends of the Headwaters Banquet would not have been nearly so successful. My thanks to them for their hours, days, and weeks of effort. Dick Monroe

Headwaters Fly Fishers Newsletter

March 2008

Editor: Dick Monroe

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Fly Tying Hour – 6:30 to 7:30pm with meeting starting at 7:30pm

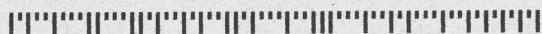
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Members Important Notice

Read the Presidents Message as we will be discussing this issue further at the April 1st Meeting. The Board of Directors needs our membership to be at this meeting so we can get all the input from members.

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April Meeting

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The speaker for the April (April 1) meeting will be Josh Stanish.

Most of you know Josh - he is one of the most knowledgeable anglers in this area. He has been outfitting for a number of years and his in-depth knowledge of the big local hatches - the Blue Wing Olive, the Mother's Day caddis, the Salmon Fly, the molting Crawfish of the lower Madison, etc. is legendary. He will be building a presentation for us from his large selection of slides. Josh also spends time outfitting//guiding on the Bighorn River and no doubt he will have some photography and something to say about this fishery. His presentation comes at a great time because the trout fishing season is fast approaching and there is no better brain to pick than Josh's. While we may have lost track of the complete fishing cycle that is approaching I suspect that Josh will help put us back in the game and rev-up our juices for the up-coming season.

Legends of the Headwaters

The club needs to get started on the Legends of the Headwaters project for next October. The Board has created a list of candidates and we voted on the final five for this year. They are: Dan Bailey, Bob Jacklin, Sylvester Nemes, Jim Goetz and Al Troth. The final vote will be held at the April board meeting.

Contact your Board Members to put your requests in.

Yellowstone River Cleanup

The Joe Brooks chapter of TU needs volunteers for a Yellowstone River cleanup on April 12th 2008. Participants will meet at the Sweetwater Fly Shop in Livingston at 8:00 am. Adults and children are welcome, with or without drift boats/rafts. Free vehicle shuttling will be provided. A free BBQ follows. Call Chad Yoakam for more info. 406-222-7154.

Don't Miss this One!!!!

April 22nd – Jim Schollmeyer - 6:00pm Bozeman Public Library. Jim is going to put on a fly Tying demonstration & talk about Western fly Hatches...

Jim Schollmeyer is a profession fly fishing photojournalist from Salem, Oregon. Raised in North Dakota where he fished for bullhead, yellow perch, and pike (one of his favorite fish). He picked up his first fly rod in the late 60's and since then has been chasing hatches, tying flies to match them, and fishing for trout throughout the West. He sold his first photograph (a picture of a March brown mayfly to Field and Stream in 1981, was a guide on the Deschutes River in Oregon for 9 years, and is a Life Member of the FFF. He has written for most of the fly fishing magazines and is the author of *Hatch Guide for Western Streams*, *Chasing Western Hatches*, *Nymph Fly-Tying Techniques*, *Hatch Guide for Lakes*, *Hatch Guide for the Deschutes River* and co-authored with Ted Leeson *The Fly Tier's Benchside Reference*, *Tying Emergers* and *The Benchside Introduction to Fly Tying*. Jim feels that Montana is his home waters and most of the information in his Hatch books have been collected from Montana.

President's Message

Dear Fellow HwFF Members,

I am writing this letter with reference to an extremely serious issue which now confronts our fly fishing club. That issue is whether we should choose to withdraw from being a charter member of the Federation of Flyfishers. Your Board of Directors has given this much thought and deliberation and has voted to begin taking steps to withdraw as a member of the FFF. Let me tell you some of the reasons behind your Board's decision.

The primary reason for our decision is that the leadership of the FFF (CEO and BOD) has failed it's members across the nation in achieving any significant objectives of the organization for at least if not more than the four years during which the present leadership has been in power. There has been almost no growth in funding or significant increase in membership. In fact, approximately 70-80% of income raised from any sources (dues, gifts, or donations) is used to just pay for operating expenses. That means in simplified terms that only 20-30% of any moneys given to the FFF are available to further teaching and very minimal amount/effort at conservation issues. Do we want our donation, dues & gifts to primarily used for salaries, rent & travel expenses and not for the reported mission of the FFF.

Because of the shortfall in raising funding, the leadership has been borrowing from the life membership fund, which has decreased from about \$250,000. to about \$70,000. This fund has not been replenished even with the small increase in life members who have joined the federation over the last 4 years. There has also not been any type of major fund raising drives over the last 4 years. Any effort at increasing membership has been nothing more than a loss leader type of program, with a negative drain on FFF reserves. And speaking of reserves and our economic situation, the FFF has lost money in each of the last 4 years. For 2007, this would be disputed by our CEO, who claims a profit of about \$50000. However, the accounting used to project this so called profit lacks the transparency which we as members are entitled to. That so called profit omits to take into account approximately \$30,000 in accrued but unpaid debts, bringing the figure to \$20,000. It apparently also does not account for \$20000 in funding which the FFF was given to be used exclusively for a conservation project in Idaho. Lastly, there remains the issue of not setting aside moneys for the life members signed up for 2007 leaving us in the hole once again.

You might ask how all this came to be. It started with the determination by the FFF leadership to move the headquarters to Loveland, Colorado. I personally believe that this could be very good for the FFF, as well as the transfer of the museum assets which the FFF leadership has never promoted. But, we must remember that the FFF is a business organization. A business must be able to run profitably, no matter how noble it proclaims its mission, or it will fail. AS many of you have heard, Bob Wiltshire, the former CFO of the FFF, was recently fired by our CEO. I have been told that the salary formerly used to pay Wiltshire is now being used to fund a PR person and a fund raiser. If this is the case , why do we need to pay the current CEO somewhere in the neighborhood of \$80,000 per year plus expenses? What in the world does he do? This is one more example of mismanagement by our leadership.

The HwFF receives no dues or benefits from the FFF. In order for our club to continue to function, we, as any business, must raise funding. A Charter club of the FFF can only have members who are also members of the FFF. Our club is about teaching, some small amount of conservation, and introducing people to the sport of fly fishing. We have successfully founded the first Legends of the Headwaters program which we would hope to continue .Your BOD would much rather have your dues paid to your own hometown club than wasted on funding the operational expenses of a poorly managed parent organization .This does not mean that we cannot support activities that we feel would benefit water conservation, clean-up, and the sport of fly fishing sponsored by any other organization It does mean that we can choose where our moneys can be best spent and not wasted.

We will be taking a vote at our June , 2008 annual meeting. Our by-laws require a 2/3 approval of all club members in order to seek a withdrawal from the FFF. We then, if you can believe it, must obtain approval to withdraw from the FFF! It will be fairly simple to form a new corporation, obtain our own not-for-profit tax status, and run our own show benefiting our club and whomever we choose to support. We have already had members withdraw who do not support the FFF. If we do not get the support needed to become independent, the future of our club is in jeopardy. We will prepare proxy and mail in forms for you to sign for those of you unable to attend the June, 2008 meeting.

Your Board of Directors requests your support in continuing to make our local fly fishing club an example of excellence and pride to our community.

Thank you for taking your time to think seriously about this is issue.

Harvey Harris, President - Headwaters Fly Fishers, Inc.

Spring Fly Fishing Classes with The River's Edge

Join us for a fun and exciting day of learning the basics of fly fishing. Our classes include: Equipment Selection, Basic Entomology, Fly Selection, Fly Casting and Basic Knots. This class is designed to give beginning anglers a great start to fly fishing or polish the skill of novice anglers as well. Each student will also receive an informative booklet of the topics covered during the class. Classes begin at 9:00 am and conclude by 4:00 pm. All classes are free, all ages welcome and all the necessary gear will be provided by The River's Edge. Give us a call or stop by to reserve a spot. The classes will be offered on the following Saturdays: April 19th, May 3rd, and May 17th.

Fins and Feathers

Fins & Feathers continues their Free Saturday Fly Tying Seminars every Saturday from 10:00am till noon. Each week features a different skilled fly tyer. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Seating is limited. Fins and Feathers is located on the SW corner in 4-Corners.

Rick is putting together a Bahamas Bonefishing trip for January '09. Let him know if you are interested and he will get you the info.

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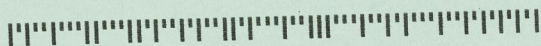
May 2008

Editor: Dick Monroe

My apologies for this newsletter arriving so late, Val and I were in Mexico and thought that the publication had been taken care of but only learned on Saturday 5/24/08 that nothing had been done.

This is a particularly important newsletter since it announces the June 3rd General Meeting with the election of Members to the Board of Directors and the election of Officers. If, at the June 3rd meeting, HwFF is unsuccessful in finding folks to sit on the Board and to be the incoming officers it will mean that the club will cease to function.

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June Headwaters Fly Fishing Club Meeting Announcement

The meeting June 3 will have the mission of helping club members with their fly fishing skills as well as the annual election to the board of Directors. Members of the board and others of the more experienced club members will be manning stations where questions regarding equipment, properly balancing equipment and terminal tackle, knots for fishing, popular modern equipment options, fly casting (beginner, intermediate, and advanced) questions and personal instruction, and fly tying and flies will all be addressed. The format of the instruction will be informal and personal to the needs of those with questions or seeking instruction. If you are wondering about the state of your equipment bring it along to get a second independent opinion. Also since there is no formal speaker for this meeting of the year it provides even more opportunity to discuss fishing aspirations for the current trout season. I would feel free to sound out any of the helpers (as well as other club members at the meeting) for help in planning future fishing trips or perhaps suggestions on connecting with important hatches. When and where you fish is important to maximizing the experience and this meeting should provide opportunity to hear some sound opinions.

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Of Great Interest! These are the Minutes of the Federation's National Board of Directors latest Meeting

**Special FFF Board
Conference Call
May 22, 2008**

Call to Order 8:05 PM

Attendance

Present

Don Bishop
Ron Cordes
Richard Diamond
Dave Duffy
Keith Groty
David James
Herb Kettler
Roger Maler
Paul Moseley
Rick Pope
Mike Stewart
Bill Stroh
Pete Van Gytenbeek
Carl Zarelli
Rick Williams

Council Presidents

Jim Schramm
Bud Frasca
Roger Miller

Absent

Rip Cunningham
Gary Grant
Phil Greenlee
Del Kauss
Bob Long
Diana Rudolph
Tom Sadler
Bob Shirley
Tom Small

This was a special call to focus on the proposal made by Roger Maler. The proposal and the most recent document which attempts to quantify the impact of the proposed changes are attachments 1 and 2 on the end of the document.

Roger has proposed a series of steps to move the organization forward. These proposals included approving the move to Loveland, moving the Heritage Center and tax all board members, council and club. These items were deferred; the discussion centered on the need to convert all clubs to 100% FFF membership.

There was substantial support for the proposal to shift to a requirement of 100% membership for all FFF clubs. In an informal vote 10 of 14 board members supported the proposal. It was felt that this restructuring was necessary for the organization to move ahead.

Chairman Cordes and CEO Van Gytenbeek will form a group to create a proposal that focuses on the direction of the FFF and the resulting need to restructure our club relationships. This proposal will be reviewed at the board of directors meeting at the conclave.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Herbert Kettler
Secretary
Federation of Fly Fishers

Attachment 1

CALL THE QUESTION

Respectfully tendered by Roger Maler

It is apparent that we, as the FFF board, are failing in our responsibility to move the corporations business forward in a prompt and diligent manner. This is not exclusive with this board as the procrastination bug seems to have affected many, or all BODs before us. We exhibit this failing whenever hard and untested decisions face us.

These are disguised by the processes of "further discussion, committee formative studies and tabling of issues" that are too difficult to bring to a conclusion. I therefore wish to make a written motion to settle three issues immediately.

- 1- Approve the move to Loveland allowing our officers to negotiate the terms to the best interest of the FFF.
- 2- Close and or move the Heritage Center. Again, allowing our officers to proceed at their discretion.
- 3- Get this organization up to and on a financial plateau to allow our BOD to act as they were elected to perform their duties.

There are three options to item # 3

A- Assess all parties as follows:

Each board member will advance their Prez club commitment in full up to \$5000. Those not willing will be asked to step down. Others not in the Prez club will also make the same contribution.

FUNDS \$120k

Each council will be expected to fund \$5 per FFF member in their council.

FUNDS \$55k

Each charter club will be expected to fund \$10 per member up to a max of \$1000 each.

FUNDS \$15k

All other clubs will be expected to fund \$2 per non FFF member.

FUNDS \$50k

All CCI and FFF guides will be expected to fund \$25 each

FUNDS \$30k

TOTAL FUNDS \$270k

The BOD has to set an example and the bar to get the ball rolling and therefore they must step up FIRST, then the councils, clubs and special interest groups. Unless ALL are part of this there is no vested interest in our organization. HOWEVER no money will be donated, not one dime, until all the factions above is (sic) willing to come to the trough.

B- Augment the above with the 100% plan as submitted below:

Confirm a formal 100% affiliated club status and possibly give it a new name like "Founder Club" since many, or most, are very old going back to the FFF beginnings themselves. (Perhaps those chartered over 10-15 years old would only be in this select group)
Allow 2 years to bring the club to this level with 100% FFF membership.
During this 2 year period club dues would be forgiven
A special rate for all the clubs members would be \$25.

Clubs of 150 or more the rate would be \$20

For 300 or more \$15

Provide discounted club insurance to these clubs after they achieve 100%. If they are 100% within the first year an additional club rebate of \$10 per FFF member would be paid.

These rates would be for the 2 year period. Beyond that standard rates would prevail. The clubs would collect the dues and send them in.

They would provide E contacts for all members but could sell new members at the reduced rate too in the first 2 years.

PROFORMA:

Hypothetical 165 member club 15 years old with 15 life members and 30 paying FFF members

Considered at the end of the 2 year period:

165 less 15 lifers = $150 \times 2 \text{ yrs} \times \$20 = \$6000$

Less $30 \times \$35 \times 2 = \2100 (reduced standard rate)

Net = \$3900 gain

At 3 years the gain/set off would be an additional $120 \times \$35$ (full rate) or \$4200.... total \$8100

The club dues forgiven would be \$720 deducted also or a suggested gain of approximately \$3000 with the Flyfisher cost deducted.

All other promotions at cost should be deducted from the gain as well as the Flyfisher cost for 1 year

Note: as the club increases or decreases in size the gain is greater by virtue of the special rate size breaks

Nationwide if we have 250 such clubs the overall gain would be slightly under \$2 million dollars in 3 years.

Even if we paid the bonus rebate the cost of \$1650 would be offset by the dues paid by the new FFF members in year 2 at \$4200 (full rate)

C- All board members commit to a \$25,000 contribution within one year.

Please vote for or against plan 1, 2 or 3 and under (3) A, B OR C and copy all other board members. You may wish to also vote for more than one plan. Plan C is subject to some modification but the concept is what you are voting on.

Folks, this organization has been wringing its hands for too many years over this issue. Its time we get some backbone to finally turn the page and

CALL THE QUESTION!

Respectfully, Roger Maler

HwFF Editors Note! So much for the membership input! Thanks to an attendee for sharing these minutes with us.

What's happening at the local Shops?

Thinking about Father's Day? How about a float trip with a Montana guide? Dad would love it.

The Bozeman Angler, will be offering spey casting classes starting on 5/31. For anyone who would like to cast across the Madison or the Yellowstone or has a rotator cuff problem, spey casting is the answer! Give it a shot. Class size is limited so call Pam or Rod at 587-9111.

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All officer jobs will become vacant on June 3rd, 2008 as well as several Board of Directors openings.

Headwaters Fly Fisher Newsletter

January 2008

Editor: Dick Monroe

The Sportsmen Show will be held at The Gallatin County Fairgrounds from Friday 2/8 till Sunday 2/10. We are still in need of some tiers for the Headwaters Booth during the show and if you have time available and would enjoy tying for the public, please call Dick Monroe @ 388-9510.

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February Meeting- February 5, 2008
At The GranTree starting with Dry Fly Hour at 6:30P
And the Speaker at 7:30P

February's speaker is our good friend and fellow club member **Molly Semenik**. Molly gave us an entertaining program a couple of years ago on fishing in British Columbia. I particularly enjoyed the beauty of her photography of that verdant landscape – it was refreshing to see the brilliance of summer in her photography given that we were in our winter. **This year she takes us to the Yucatan for Baby Tarpon**. The Yucatan is a very neat area and I suspect that many club members have traveled there in the past, possibly to Cancun, Playa del Carmen, or points further south within Quintana Roo. Molly however will be traveling West and slightly north into the more remote and sparsely developed Yucatan state. Her destination is a small community on the **Gulf of Mexico called San Felipe** which is 4 hours of driving from Cancun. This is an area where the locals know only Spanish and there appears to be only a single resort which, by the way, caters to fly fisherman. Fishing can be exciting in the Gulf for full size Tarpon on windless mornings but the bread and butter fare is to prowl for Baby Tarpon along mangrove shorelines which offer water protected from the sea breezes. Baby Tarpon are fish of about 30 lbs and less which jump like crazy but are much more plentiful than the full size version and refuse the fly much less frequently. We are looking forward to getting a glimpse into what this area and its fishing are like.

What is happening locally?

Beginning and Intermediate fly fisher's classes.

Last chance to sign up for the 2008 fly fishing classes. Classes will begin on February 16 and February 23rd. See the January newsletter for more information or call: Val Monroe at 388-9510 or e-mail at valmonroe2@littleappletech.com

TU Banquet-Fundraiser, Saturday Feb. 16th starting at 5:00Pm. Tickets to a grand evening are \$45. Call Travis @599-3356 or Matt @ 522-0446

Montana Troutfitters has a busy slate coming up in the month of February as we kick off the month starting Saturday February 2nd at 12pm with Weekends with the Legends. These unique and intimate tying sessions are *Free and Open to the Public* and feature some of the areas most famous and renowned fly tiers including Bob Jacklin, Tom Travis, Trapper Badovinac, and others. The Weekends with the Legends begins on February the 2nd and continues every weekend through the month of March on every Saturday from 12pm to 3pm. Here is the lineup of tiers for the Weekends with the Legends:

Saturday February 2nd Trapper Badovinac – Fantastic author and a Missouri and High Mountain streams expert.
 Saturday February 9th Tom Ehlert – Local Master Woodworker and Fly Tier and a good friend.
 Saturday February 16th Mike Williams – The most innovative tier I have seen, possibly ever don't miss this one!
 Saturday February 23rd Kris Kumlien (Hey I have to tie at my own shop right???)
 Saturday March 1st Tom Travis – Published and world renowned fly tier from Livingston, MT.
 Saturday March 8th Bob Jacklin – Doesn't need an introduction really...
 Saturday March 15th Mike Connolly – Friend of my fathers and expert fly tier for over 30 years.
 Saturday March 22nd Dan Delekta – Innovative and always entertaining, Dan's a favorite of ours!
 Saturday March 29th Bob Krumm – Bighorn river expert and master fly tier from Wyoming.

NEW!!! MSU Tying Classes with Montana Troutfitters - Wednesday Evenings Starting February 6th and running for 5 weeks through March 5th Kris will be teaching beginner fly tying lessons from 6:30-8:30PM for MSU Students and Faculty and anyone interested in signing up. Class size will be limited to 10 participants can be registered by calling 994-4806 to check on availability and special pricing for MSU faculty and students. Don't miss this opportunity if you are a member of the MSU faculty as the classes are less expensive and feature the same knowledgeable tiers in Dave and Kris Kumlien!

Also in February starting February 12th and running through March 4th we will have our first set of Intermediate/Advanced fly tying classes. The classes will run Tuesday's from 6:30-8:30PM. Limited to 6 Positions to Ensure a Quality Experience. The cost of class is \$65 for 4 separate 2 hour sessions. Materials and Tools are included in the cost of the class. Participants receive a discount on materials purchased during the class as well! This class will feature special streamer techniques, as well as tying parachutes, extended bodies, weaves, and many other advanced techniques for the seasoned tyer. *Call the shop to sign up at 587-4707.*

Thursday Nights all Winter Long – Suds, Bugs & BS: A night of fly tying fun, join guys and gals of all ages as we sit around and talk fly fishing and fly tying and enjoy being out of the house in the winter!!! This is free and open to the public and all we ask is that you bring your own fly tying materials and vice and enjoy yourself. It's every Thursday night from 6:00pm till Kris closes the doors! So stop down some time and check it out this winter.

An E-mail from Molly Semenik regarding the Proposed Move of the Federation Of Fly Fishers from Livingston to Loveland Colorado.

Hi All,

A letter from Ron Cordes is now posted on the FFF website. Go to www.fedflyfishers.org Click on site map, scroll to the bottom and you will find the Forum. Register your name and password. Click on letter.

At this point you can read and comment. If you should write your comments first in WORD then you could send me a copy and I could be the keeper of all our comments. Then maybe I could put them all together and send them on to the board and council presidents.

Please do this and do this soon!!!

Discussion about membership responses will occur during the spring meeting. A Board vote may occur during the Conclave meeting. Your opinion is important!

MollySemenik@tietheknotflyfishing.com

Sportsman's Warehouse

Fly Tying Demonstrations- Saturday, Feb. 2nd from noon until 2:00P presented by resident tiers.

Beginners Fly Tying- An in-depth eight week course during which attendees will become proficient at tying basic streamers, nymphs, and dry flies. The eight week course costs \$85 and does not include tools or materials. The class will be taught by Rich Michau, FFF Conclave Fly Tying Chairman. Class runs from Sunday Feb. 10 to Sunday Apr.6 from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. There will be no class on Easter Sunday.

Fly Fishing Essentials- These workshops are designed to offer specific topics to help you with your fly fishing skills. All classes are taught by the Yellowstone Fly Fishing School and will take place at Sportsman's Warehouse. Cost per workshop is \$35. Classes will be held on Monday Feb.25 from 6:30 PM – 8:30PM. Topics will include setting up your fly rod, fly lines, leaders, tippets and essential knots. To register Contact Molly @406-220-5234 or Matt @406-223-0918 at the Yellowstone Fly fishing School or visit the web page at www.yellowstoneflyfishingschool.com .

Legends of the Headwaters- The Fall Festival of Fly Fishing and the Legends of the Headwaters Banquet are tentatively scheduled for Saturday October 25, 2008. Would you like to nominate someone for consideration as a Legend?
Call any Director or Officer and let them know who you nominate.

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Headwaters Fly Fishers Newsletter

August 2007

Editor: Dick Monroe

A Special Plea!

We badly need contributions for the raffles that will be held during the daytime activities of the Fall Festival of Fly Fishing and contributions for the silent auction that will be held prior to the Legends banquet. Please support the establishment of the Legends of The Headwaters Fly Fishing Hall of Fame and make a tax deductible contribution of any type, flies, art, or memorabilia. Contact either Art Nielsen or Bryan Atwell whose phone numbers are listed in the Board of Directors listing.

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September Meeting **Great Speaker/Changed Date**

Jim Goetz, Esq., the gentleman, who won our right to stream access before the Montana Supreme Court, will be the Speaker at our first meeting of the fall at the **Grantree** on **Sept. 11th, 2007** starting with Dry Fly Hour at 6:30 PM and **Mr. Goetz speaking at 7:30 PM.**

His subject will be:

“Montana’s Stream Access Law – Legal provisions, History, Dilemmas, and the Future”
Judging from talking with many anglers, stream access is one of the topics at the top of their interest list. Many are wondering what the public’s rights actually consist of and how the current dilemma might be resolved in the future, facts are hazy to many.

James Goetz and his firm, the Goetz Law Offices in Bozeman, have been representing recreational organizations seeking, for over two decades, to maintain and clarify stream access rights as provided in Montana’s State Constitution. The Goetz law firm has been involved in all the major legal actions which led to the current interpretations of stream access for Montana. Legal action is still ongoing, in part, because Montana’s counties have sole jurisdiction at bridge right-of-ways and some counties are allowing landowners to place barriers to stream access at public bridges. Citizen’s stream access rights are protected in an inconsistent manner across the state and State government does not have a simple, direct statute which can be used to maintain consistent compliance with the constitutional mandate. Individuals seeking to access a public waterway do not look forward to confronting access barriers or having a conflict with landowners. So, many Montanans’ are wondering about their stream access rights, and what needs to be done to assure that these rights are consistently maintained across the state.

James Goetz has been a focal point in representing and clarifying the rights of the public in stream access. He will discuss the impact of the State constitution on stream access, the major legal decisions subsequent to the constitution, and the areas where dilemmas still exist in achieving stream access.

Citizens feel that in certain instances access has been arbitrarily impeded or denied. Mr. Goetz will respond to questions regarding possible legal routes aimed at preventing future denial of access. **To our knowledge a presentation by a true authority on the subject has never before been made to the Gallatin County public so this is a truly special opportunity.**

Fall Festival of Fly fishing and The Legends of the Headwaters Banquet October 27th, 2007

We will be celebrating our fly fishing heritage with the Fall Festival at the GranTree on 10/27/2007, with a full day of activities, culminating in the Legends of the Headwaters Awards Banquet starting with a no host cocktail hour beginning at 6:30PM and the dinner starting at 7:30PM. The dinner will honor the first inductees, Darwin Atkin, Bud Lilly, and Tom Morgan into the Legends of the Headwaters with Bob Jacklin, Master of Ceremonies. Admission during the day is free to the public, the Banquet tickets are \$45. Per person, or a reserved table for eight for \$400.

Tickets may be obtained at selected Fly Shops or by sending your check to Headwaters Fly Fishers, Inc. P. O. Box 10428, Bozeman, MT 59719

Tickets are limited so please send in your checks early in order to guarantee seating.

Summer Doings

It seems like a long time since the last newsletter went out in May. That may be because of the emphasis on "To Preserve and to Educate." The number of volunteer hours that went into education projects and working on the Fall Festival of Fly Fishing and The Legends of the Headwaters Banquet, since our last meeting in June is very impressive.

To all those who worked with the Bozeman High kids, the kids with cancer, both at Camp Braveheart and at Camp Mak A Dream, the Watershed Festival, (particularly to Don Heyden). To Ed and Susan Woods, Dick and Val Monroe, and Howard Bethel who were joined by Dan Lohmiller from The Rivers Edge, Kris Kumlien from Montana Troutfitters, and Lawrence Steumke from The Bozeman Angler and Scott Manley from the FFF Discovery Center, to make an eleven week program on fly fishing for the kids at the Boys and Girls club a real success--thank you to all those who helped. We know that the kids at the club really enjoyed the classes—particularly looking at the "gross bugs." To all a very hearty and well deserved "OUTSTANDING".

To **Ed and Susan Woods** for their exceptionally fine efforts at the Picnic, Thank You! It was a great time.

New Board/New Officers

We have a new Board of Directors that was elected at the June General Meeting by the membership. And we have a new slate of officers who were elected by the Board after the June general Meeting.

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Our thanks to **Katie Kluchko**, **Jeff Stutts**, and **Ron Steinberg** for their fine efforts as past members of the Board. Thanks for all your help, you will be sorely missed.

What's happening at the local fly shops?

The Bozeman Angler is having a Downtown Construction Sale with select items up to 50% off. Check with us about the Beginner Fly Fishing Class in September. This is the last one of the year with instructor, Brant Oswald. Pam and Rod King (Editors note. Destruction of Downtown is more like it, if anybody deserves our sympathy; it is the folks on Main Street.)

Greater Yellowstone Flyfishers will be having its Chuck 'N Duck Fall Sale October 5th-7th. Stop by for 20%-70% discounts all the best name brands in the fly fishing industry. This will be a huge sale with great buys on rods, reels, waders, clothing and much more. Stock up for your fall and winter fishing adventures." Chad Olsen

Montana Troutfitters-At this point, we don't have anything set in stone for the fall, we will be having a streamer fishing clinic held on several weekends in October – as far as September goes, nothing on the books! Kris Kumlien

These folks and **Toby and Rick** at **Fins and Feathers** and **Dan and Steve** at **The Rivers Edge** support Headwater Fly Fishers all year with donations, attendance and efforts on our behalf and they deserve our full support. Please tell them that you appreciate their efforts when you are next in their shop.

Headwaters Fly Fishers Newsletter

May 2007

Editor: Dick Monroe

Coming events: June meeting · Tuesday June 5th, starting at 6:30 PM at the Grand Tree with Election of the Board of Directors and mini clinics and Kris Humlien talking about Montana Fishing.

Headwaters Annual Summer Picnic at Lindley Park Pavilion, Sunday June 24th starting at 3:00 PM.

Fall Festival of Fly Fishing with Legends of the Headwaters Dinner, October 27th.

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Lest We Forget!

History is a will of the wisp, hard to catch hold of, even harder to keep hold of!

Headwaters Fly Fishers has a rare opportunity with the establishment of THE LEGENDS OF THE HEADWATERS to honor and remember people who have had a dynamic impact on the sport of fly fishing. It was with a sense of wonder that we heard one of this year's "Legends" say that younger people frequently ask him what he did before he retired. The original thought behind establishing the Legends of the Headwaters was to recognize and honor those individuals in southwest Montana whose contribution to and advancement of the sport of fly fishing deserved to be recognized by their peers and the local community. That purpose needs expanding to include a preservation of their efforts and the maintenance of their histories and accomplishments. Five years from now, when someone wants to know what they have done, there will be an oral history available on the internet for all to view. ***Please plan on joining us at the dinner on Saturday, October 27th*** when we honor Darwin Atkin, Bud Lilly and Tom Morgan, the first three individuals to be elected to the Legends of the Headwaters.

June meeting will be held on Tuesday June 5th at the Gran Tree.

We will have a double barreled treat for the final meeting before the summer vacation, Kris Kumlien will talk about fishing Montana Waters starting at 7:30PM. What's hot and what's not! **And** the Dry Fly Hour starting at 6:30PM will be devoted to "mini" workshops on Casting, Fly tying, Knots and leaders, and tackle considerations (tired of hauling around your hot, dirty, thirty pound vest?).

Headwaters Fly Fishers Picnic

The Annual HwFF BBQ will be held on Sunday, June 24th starting at 3:00 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Lindley Park Pavilion. Food service will begin about 5:00 p.m. This year's menu includes barbequed pork, pepperoncini beef, potato salad, cole slaw, and "lotsa beans" all made by the hostess with the mostess, Susan Woods. Desserts will be provided by the ladies of the Club. Water and soda is included. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN ADULT BEVERAGES. The cost of this great meal is \$7.00 per person with children under 12 free. There will be fun games with prizes for the winners. There will be a rod raffle (recommend that Anna Atkin touch your ticket).

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE AND PAID FOR BY JUNE 21ST. PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK TO: ED AND SUSAN WOODS, 390 CAYUSE TRAIL, BOZEMAN, MT 59718. YOU CAN ALSO PAY FOR THE BBQ AT THE JUNE CLUB MEETING. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS; CALL THE WOODS AT 586-7533.

THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR.

Board of Directors election will be held at the June Meeting

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Fly of the Month

Bead Thorax Partridge and Red – Our own Syl Nemes made great strides in resurrecting soft hackle flies from the ash heap of history. The bead thorax Partridge and red is a modernization of the centuries old soft hackle. *Give it a shot* – it is a very cool looking fly and as we know, Cutts, even more than other trout, love soft hackles and the Yellowstone should be clearing down near Gardiner about the time of our June meeting.

Hook: Nymph, 2X heavy, size 14

Thread: Red 8/0

Rib: fine silver Mylar tinsel

Abdomen: Red floss

Thorax: Brass bead sized to match the hook

Hackle: Grey partridge

Note; You will need to tie off the thread after finishing the floss and tinsel wrap, push the bead to the rear so it is snug against the body, covering the thread wraps. Tie in the thread in front of the bead and do the hackle wraps between the hook eye and the bead.

This is your last opportunity before the summer break to tie a winner for the 2007 Fly Plate. There was no winner last month, you missed a great opportunity, and nobody submitted a scud. Don't be shy, become the go to gal or guy!

What's Happening at the Local Fly Shops

The River's Edge is having its annual Demo Day on May 26th with all the major brand names being represented. We'll give away a few prizes as well as have a lot of fun. Stop by May 26th from 10-4. 2012 N. 7th Ave Bozeman, MT 59715 406-586-5373 Shop online at www.theriversedge.com

Montana Troutfitters, 1716 West Main, in Bozeman will have a big event coming up June 14th. It's a BBQ taking place in the parking lot on the evening of Thursday June 14th from 5:30 – 8:30pm. There will be a live broadcast with the Moose Radio; they will have some prizes and a raffle. Burgers and beers will be available. Product reps will be on hand as well as their entire staff to answer questions on any product and there will be Winston and Echo rods to demo as well as Ross & Lamson reels, Scientific Angler, Rio & Airflo lines as well as our full lineup of products. Exclusive packages, pricing and sale items the night of the event only.

Casting lessons and tips will be free and open to the public. Enter to win Six Winston Rods in the Cast a Winston Contest. Come kick off the summer with Montana Troutfitters and go fishing father's day weekend!

Headwaters Fly Fishers Newsletter

October/November 2007

Editor: Dick Monroe

There is no First Tuesday Meeting In November.

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November General Meeting is Cancelled

The meeting that would normally be held on the first Tuesday of November (11/6/2007) has been cancelled because we are pretty well pooped after the Fall Festival of Fly Fishing and The Legends of the Headwaters Banquet.

As far as a November meeting is concerned we would encourage HwFF members to attend the **November 14** Trout Unlimited meeting. TU did a fine job of promoting The Legends of the Headwaters Banquet and we would like to reciprocate. We are going to bill it as an unofficial joint TU-HwFF meeting. It provides the opportunity to hear what should be a very informative talk. The **November 14** meeting is the annual **Madison-Gallatin Trout Unlimited Chili Feed**. TU meetings are normally free to the public but this one is an exception and a \$5 donation is requested for those that participate in the Chili Feed. **It takes place at 7:00 PM at the Lindley Center**. The speaker is **Neale Streeks** of Great Falls. He's one of the reigning experts on the Missouri River which will be the subject of his talk.

Jenny Grossenbacher December Speaker **The Headwaters Fly Fishers December Meeting** **Will be held on Tuesday December 4th at the main** **Conference Room of the New Bozeman Public** **Library**

Our December 4 meeting will feature Jenny Grossenbacher who will be our first female speaker of the year. Jenny was on Headwaters Board of Directors until she had her first baby. Jenny, and husband Brian, have an outfitting business and are also professional photographers. They have recently published a fishing guide book for Montana based on their Montana guiding experiences. Jenny will talk about Montana trout fishing and will have copies of their book available for purchase at the meeting.

We are doing the December meeting at the Library this month because the GranTree was booked for the month with Christmas parties.

MSU Library Trout and Salmon Series

There will be an outstanding expert in trout conservation speaking on Nov. 8, 2007 at the Hager Auditorium in the Museum of the Rockies. Dr. Robert Behnke is the Inaugural Lecturer of the Trout and Salmon Lecture series of the Bud Lilly Trout Initiatives of MSU Libraries. Dr. Behnke is perhaps our nation's most eminent authority on trout biology and is Professor Emeritus at Colorado State University.

Dr. Behnke is the first invited speaker for the MSU Trout Collection "Invited Speaker Series". Dr. Behnke is acknowledged as an international expert on Trout Biology and this will be a unique opportunity to hear him speak on the subject. The area of highest interest to him, recently, has been trout subspecies which are extinct or nearly extinct. He has been responsible for finding remnant populations of at least one subspecies that was thought to have been completely extinct.

Dr. Behnke has written on such topics as native trout, improving habitats, angling tips, genetic markers in trout and native species introductions. For many years his research has focused on the biology of rare and endangered species of trout. He writes a popular column in *Trout Magazine*. His selected columns have been collected into a new book: ***About Trout: The Best of Robert Behnke from Trout Magazine.***

This should be an excellent lecture to enjoy. Our thanks to the Trout Library of MSU for the opportunity to hear Dr. Behnke. The event is free to the public.

Fall Festival of Fly Fishing And The Legends of the Headwaters Banquet

Now that's what I call a Festival! From the start at 10:00AM on Saturday Morning of October 27th until the last guests departed around 11:00PM Headwaters did itself proud. Casting, tying, round table (actually a too small oblong table) of true fishing talent entertained the public throughout the day. Dozens of the area's best tiers from Wyoming, Idaho and Montana, representatives from local shops, members of Headwaters all worked to make the day truly memorable. I would like to name everybody who participated but time and space limit the opportunity – if you participated, **THANK YOU!**

The "Legends of the Headwaters" Banquet was attended by more than 150 folks who came from near and far to honor Darwin Atkin, Bud Lilly and Tom Morgan. Bob Jacklin did a fine MC performance. The presenters, Tom Leach and Wayne Luallen, Paul Schullery and Art Coffin were just great, hitting the right notes all the way through. Damm, there were so many people who busted their pick to make it a great evening that there is no adequate way to thank them for their efforts. A copy of the evening's program is included so that you can see what occurred and caused it to be so successful.

Headwaters Fly Fishers, Inc.

Presents

Legends of the Headwaters,

The Fly Fishing Hall of Fame

Inaugural Banquet, October 27, 2007

6:30 No Host Cocktail Hour

7:20 Silent auction closes

7:30 Dinner is served

8:15 Presentation Ceremony

Bob Jacklin, Master of Ceremonies

Recipients:

Darwin Atkin

**Presented by: Tom Leach and
Wayne Luallen**

Bud Lilly

Presented by: Paul Schullery

Tom Morgan

Presented by: Art Coffin

9:15 Dessert and Coffee

**This event would not have been
possible without the generosity and
efforts of the following supporters of
The Legends Project.**

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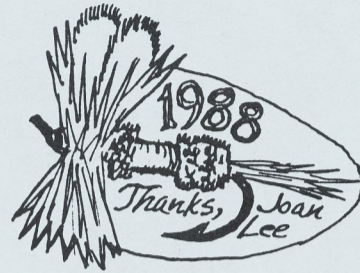
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to enlist at least one new FFF member before December 31, 1988.

In recognition of your effort, you will receive the **special limited-edition hat pin** available only through this program. The pin as shown here is a Royal Wulff dry fly struck in low relief in antique silver finish. This is a one-time edition of a pin which will never be sold or re-issued.

Here's what you must do:

- Talk to a fly fishing friend who is not an FFF member.
- Tell them what we have done on catch-and-release, vibert box and other FFF conservation programs.
- Explain the importance of all flyfishers supporting the Federation.
- Show a copy of our excellent magazine.



(Approx. 2.5 x full size)

When you have a new member, don't simply hand them a brochure. You must **fill out the attached form and mail it in to West Yellowstone with your endorsement as the sponsor of a new member.** Enclose your, or your new member's, check for the first year's dues, or have the new member sign the form with a credit card number for payment.

Get started today! It is important that this program be concluded by the end of this year. Remember, renewals don't count; only new members in categories Associate and higher will earn you the pin. But any former member who has been on the inactive list for over a year may be counted as a new member.

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Sponsoring Member's Name.....
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 City..... State..... Zip.....
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Please enroll the following as a new FFF member in the category checked: Associate (\$20)
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