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Mark Your Calendar

General Meeting
December 6th, 6:30
Billings R&GC

Board Meeting
December 12th
TBD

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December 6, 2011 Program

The Yellowstone after the oil spill
By Bob Gibson

July 1 2011 in the midsts of high water, the Exxon Mobile Silvertip pipeline running under the Yellowstone river sprang a leak and spilled approximately 42,000 gallons of oil into the flowing waters. The welfare of the river is a concern to all Montanans, but the sportsmen who enjoy the countless hours on the river are wondering what this means for the health of the ecosystem.

Come join us for a presentation from Montana FWP spokesman Bob Gibson on the impacts that the spill has had on the wild life of the lower Yellowstone River. How does the oil spill effect the fish, invertebrates and spawn in river? Come find out for yourself.

Ron Fisher Tying Demo

Ron Fisher, one of Montana's most versatile fly tiers and rod builders will add a dimension to tying the wooley bugger by demonstrating two different but equally effective styles of tying this December producer. First he will demonstrate the "spin dub" method using Doug Swisher's hackle mix negating the pricey hackle that is finding its way into young women's hair. His second bugger uses cross cut rabbit fur demonstrating a very simple way to tie this fly. This undulating rabbit fur creates a tantalizing effect that evokes vicious strikes when a more traditional bugger may simply evoke a yawn from the big guys.



Rock creek on the day of the clean-up that was sponsored by the MCFF



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“BELIEVE IN GIRLS” GIRLS SCOUT EXPO

By Kevin Davis

On Saturday, November 19, volunteers from Magic City Fly Fishers provided fly tying instruction and opportunity at the GIRL SCOUTS OF MONTANA AND WYOMING “BELIEVE IN GIRLS” EXPO at the Montana Convention Center. Over one-hundred excited young ladies (and a few young men) were introduced to basic fly tying by MCFF volunteers Hugh Huntley, Karen Page, Kevin Davis, Jo Stephen, Dick Wood, and Roland Short. Each youngster went away with a freshly tied wooly worm, a big smile, and information about our club’s conservation and education efforts! Each tier was invited to enter a drawing for a fly rod and reel combo. Eight-year old Jocelyn Wolcott of Silesia, Montana was the excited young winner. Other notable excitement during the event occurred when a turkey buzzard escaped from the confines of the ZooMontana exhibit and decided to visit our tables containing the necks & saddles of his feathered friends! During his flight to the table, Hugh Huntley served as an intermediate perch for the fugitive bird. Hot on his trail, the zookeeper quickly captured the buzzard before Hugh or any other volunteers could even secure a few new feathers or hackle!

Thanks to the Girl Scouts for inviting MCFF to participate in their Expo and thanks to the MCFF volunteers!

7th Annual MCFF Fly Fishing EXPO

If you joined the Magic City Fly Club to learn the sport of fly fishing, you need to put Saturday, February 25, 2012 on your calendar. It is the day of the 7th Annual Billings Magic City Fly fishing Expo, the largest fly fishing event of the year in our city. We will once again be hosting the expo at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. Join us that day from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM for a day of fly tying demos and workshops, fly casting instruction, fly fishing seminars and programs, fly fishing and tying products, kids fly tying lessons, demos and contest, raffle prizes throughout the day.

That night is our Expo Banquet and is the only fund raising event our club has for the year. Everyone has been very generous and gracious in the previous 6 Expos. This year we will once again have an auction featuring custom-framed artwork, fly rods, reels, equipment, guided fishing trips, and custom-tied flies by distinguished area fly tyers. In addition to the auction we will have bucket raffles and give away boards. The big ticket item this year will be a drawing of a beautiful drift boat. We will be selling only 100 tickets at \$100 each. Remember, the funds raised from this Expo enables our board of directors to support some the programs that have made the club what it is today.



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Magic City Fly Fishers member:

In order to comply with 501(C3) regulations, the bylaws of Trout Unlimited and our own chapter bylaws, Magic City Fly Fishers is required to make some changes to the way we do business, and more importantly, the way we raise money to meet expenses and carry on the very important business of conserving, protecting and restoring coldwater fisheries in Montana and continuing our award winning youth education programs and expositions. I'd like to take a moment to outline those changes.

We can no longer sell local MCFF memberships. However, there will be two ways for you to continue to support MCFF, and we hope you'll consider being a part of one or both. The first is to become a member of Trout Unlimited, and by joining TU you'll automatically become a member of MCFF. This is not new. However, MCFF is prohibited from having its own local membership dues, and in accordance with chapter bylaws, the ONLY way to become a member of MCFF is to join TU.

Unfortunately, MCFF receives less than \$100 each year from TU in membership rebates, which don't come close to replacing income from previous years' memberships. That's where we hope you'll choose a second way to help MCFF by becoming an annual supporter. Not surprisingly, annual support donations will be structured like this:

Individual supporter (\$20 suggested annual minimum)

Family supporter (\$25 suggested annual minimum)

Youth supporter (\$10 suggested annual minimum)

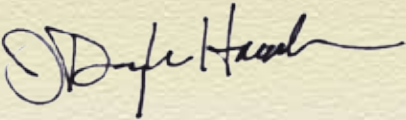
Lifetime supporter (\$500 suggested minimum)

What about current MCFF memberships? We plan to make all current members current annual supporters. Anyone who has paid a MCFF membership and does not want to become a supporter may request a prorated refund. Both TU members and annual supporters will receive the MCFF newsletter.

In closing, the MCFF Board of Directors sincerely hopes you'll embrace this transition. The revenues we used to receive from local membership dues and which now will come from annual supporters is vitally important to our mission.

Whether it be fighting to protect flows on the Bighorn River, protecting pure strains of Yellowstone Cutthroat trout in Region 5, holding countless youth and adult fly tying sessions, working kids fly fishing camps, trail maintenance and river cleanups, expos, or conserving coldwater habitat for trout, we need and very much appreciate your continued support.

Thank You!



Doug Haack
Vice President
Magic City Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited Chapter 582
FAQ

I'm confused. Can you explain it so that even a gear fisherman can understand it?

In essence, Magic City Fly Fishers membership dues will be replaced with annual supporter donations, and local MCFF memberships will go away.

Do I have to be a Trout Unlimited member to attend MCFF meeting and functions?

No. However, you'll need to be either a TU member or Annual Supporter to receive the MCFF newsletter.

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I bought a package at the expo last year that included a MCFF membership for next year. What happens to that membership?

We will automatically convert that MCFF membership to an annual supporter donation for next year, unless you contact us and request a prorated refund.

What happens to my lifetime membership in MCFF?

We will automatically convert that MCFF lifetime membership to a lifetime annual supporter donation, unless you contact us and request a prorated refund.

Doesn't Trout Unlimited rebate memberships back to MCFF?

Those rebates range from zero to one dollar per member per year. Currently, only 70 MCFF members are also TU members, so the TU rebate is less than \$100.

Do I have to be a Trout Unlimited member to serve on the MCFF Board of Directors and/or be an officer?

Yes.

I can only afford one or the other. Which helps MCFF save trout the most?

While we truly wish everyone could be both TU members and MCFF annual supporters, annual supporters directly help MCFF fulfill its mission by providing direct income.

Will I still get my discount at the fly shops?

Yes. They have indicated they will give discounts to persons carrying a TU membership card that states their chapter as Magic City Fly Fishers (Chapter 582) or a MCFF Annual Supporter card.

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- Individual Supporter \$20 Family Supporter \$25
 Youth Supporter (18 years & younger) \$10 Life Supporter \$500

How would you like to receive our monthly newsletter?

- US Mail Email

Would you be willing to help with our once a year fly fishing EXPO?

- Yes No

Would you be willing to help by manning a MCFF information/membership
table once or twice per year for a few hours at the Rocky Sports Show or
similar event? Yes No