

December 13, 2021

Hi folks,

"We think it's about time to **a meeting at BJ's at 5:30** and hope to see you

As you probably know, the almost two years. We've had campers at such places as Hebgen Lake but we have community outreach until lot of fishing on the Bitterroot including the Madison in the spawn from Hebgen Lake. managed to go on a float in the Rogue River with a group "Half Pounders". What a that most of the people in the me about it...

I've done a lot of local fishing fished the "dark side" with

nymphs. I've been very successful at that so I don't have to go too far from home to catch some nice fish. A few have been equal to the Madison fish. I usually fish all winter if the weather permits. That's any day with the temps above 38. If the river's clear of ice, I'll float too. The best part of the fishing is that you usually have the river to yourself. It's not for the faint of heart. It can be cold and tough but it often pays off with a few nice fish. If you haven't tried it, it can be really rewarding.

Phil

So, here's the details for the Feb. 8, meeting;

Our speaker will be Bryan Dufresne.

He's a lifetime Bitterrooter who teaches English in Darby. He's recently begun to fuse his two passions (the English language and Fly Fishing) by sharing his adventures with the readers of the Ravalli Republic and "American Fly Fishing". His presentation "The Remarkable Power of the Annual Trip" will explore how peppering his life with annual fishing trips has given him enough memories to fill the night air of a thousand campfires. Along with finding himself waist deep in some of the most magical places on Earth, the "Annual Trip" has led to new friendships, new fishing destinations, new fishing knowledge, and opened the door to sharing his adventures to freelance writing.

We are hoping that most of you are vaccinated so we can all be safer. Masks are optional

We will have a really nice raffle, and we'll continue to sell tickets to a "board" raffle that includes an Orvis rod and reel. The tickets are \$5.00 each of five for \$20.

We'll start at 5:30 with some club business and a cocktail hour, the speaker will give his presentation at 6:30 and we'll have the raffle.

Dues will be collected for the 2022 year and your membership will begin on Jan.1. Single members dues are \$25, and a family membership is \$35. There are a number of positions open on our board and I hope that some of you will consider taking part in the club functions. There's a small group of us who have been doing this for a long time. It's time for a few new folks to step up.

It will be great to see all of you.

Thanks,

Phil Romans

President Fly Fishers of the Bitterroot

January 27, 2022

Due to Covid, and the extreme jump in cases here in Ravalli County, we will postpone our meeting until such time as the epidemic is somewhat under control, or at least leveling off.

I'm sure all of us would like to resume our monthly meetings but a lot of us don't feel safe in even small groups. That said, as soon as we feel comfortable and the numbers are down, we'll set up a meeting. I will keep you posted.

Phil

test the waters. **We will host restaurant on February 8,** there. More details to follow...

club has been in limbo for some activity with a group of Georgetown Lake, and curtailed meetings and now. I have been getting in a and some other places Fall for the fish heading up to That's a treat. I also the "Wild and Scenic" area of called Helfrich Outfitters for great experience. That's one club would surely enjoy. Ask

on the "Root". I mostly have rubber legs and smaller