

## **Bellevue/Issaquah Chapter Trout Unlimited**

### **1/23/08 Board minutes**

The James Bartron family of Sammamish had designated the Bellevue/Issaquah chapter for donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral. A letter of thanks was written to each donor with Mark Getzendaner's signature as president. The board voted to establish a Bartron scholarship fund for sending youngsters to the Northwest Youth Conservation Fly-fishing Academy. Shirley Vander Veen will contact James Bartron's widow (Darlene) to inform her of our decision.

Rik Silgar mentioned that the chapter has prepaid stamps online. We discussed alternative ways of mailing notices to find the least expensive.

The Bellevue Fly Fishing Show will be the next weekend. The schedule was discussed and it was decided that new t-shirts or hats would be given to new members.

The chapter will purchase a St. Croix fly rod to be raffled off as a chapter fundraiser.

The Issaquah Hobby and Volunteer Expo will be held on March 8 at the Pickering Barn. Our chapter will participate. Our activity may be fish painting.

Kokanee: the petition is in limbo at this time. Return data should be available by mid February. An emergency petition may be filed.

J.T. Farmer is available for an Eagle Scout project. Perhaps it could be a Laughing Jacob restoration project. Mark Taylor is discussing access to the creek with the property owner.

Fry trap: the state wants \$1800 to build the trap. Mark Taylor will speak with Ichiro to see if we can install the fry trap downstream of the bridge.

The national TU president was in Issaquah last weekend and Mark Taylor gave him a tour of Lewis Creek. TU national will hire a person to work on our local problems.

The board discussed how to get more local media coverage and interest in our chapter activities. It was suggested that a monthly column could be written for the Sammamish/Issaquah Press.

The board decided to hold a membership drive. It will begin with the Bellevue Fly-Fishing show and end on November 30, 2008. The award will be a fly rod. The new membership must be paid to qualify. The sponsoring member will receive one raffle ticket for each new member brought into the chapter. There will be a drawing for the fly rod in December 2008.

A TU chapter consolidation meeting will be held on Saturday, 2/9/08. The plan is to consolidate five chapters into two. The five chapters are: South Lake Washington, Bellevue/Issaquah, South King County, Elliott Bay, and Des Moines.

Future events:

The chapter will hold a Salmon Smoke-Off. It will be held sometime in the fall near Salmon Days.

A TU fundraiser night for Kokanee will be held in the fall at the Issaquah Brew House. We will have a special event to draw more people into the pub – such as brewing and naming a new beer. The chapter will receive twenty five per cent of the night's proceeds.