

Challenge Chapter Meeting

September 9, 2008

Members Present: Jon Griffin, Jim Zyla, Doug Shore, Ed Coe, Bill Womack, Bill Thorsted, Greg Baughman, Nancy Spence, Dave Shantz, Maureen Shoup, Julio Mazzoli, Bob Wittbold, Robert Sparks, and Shawn Keenan.

We had a picnic at Riverwood Park in Auburn Hills.

President: The September outing at Rayburn Lodge was fun and successful. There were 3 projects: cleaning up the river, posting more signs, and checking the bugs, etc. in the river. A fun time was had by all. Rayburn Lodge has been reserved the same time next year.

Brainstorming sessions were held at the last two outings. Julio Mazzoli has offered a trip for 2 to Argentina to be used as a money-raising raffle. Please be thinking of ways to promote and sell tickets as we will be discussing this at our October meeting. The plan is to have the drawing at the Trout Unlimited 50th anniversary celebration next August in Traverse City. Julio needs the first \$2800 to cover the outfitter's expenses and the rest would be profit to the chapter. We discussed having a prize for the person who sells the most tickets and also one for any chapter which sells the most. We also discussed letting another chapter or chapters go in on the raffle with us and split the profit. A decision needs to be made. Other ideas are most welcome.

Jim Zyla – fundraising: Jim said the new book/map project is on track to be ready for Christmas sales. He has also contacted an art gallery in Santa Fe which has a lot of Prozak prints about selling our original of the coaster brook trout at their gallery.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 14 at 7:30 P.M. at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center, 3326 Franklin Rd. This is west of Telegraph and south of Hickory Grove Rd. on the east side of the street.

Our speaker is Dr. Dan Hayes from MSU. He will talk to us about river dams and dam removal and their effects on trout fishing.