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TO LEARN AND SHARE THE FLY TYING AND FISHING EXPERIENCE

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FROM THE EDITOR

Happy New Year!

Welcome to a New Year of fly tying and fly-fishing! I hope your Christmas and New Years were safe and happy. We had a nice Christmas Wind Up at the Ritchie Mill on December 19th. There were a few familiar faces from years past. I hope they enjoyed the outing and will become more regular attendees.

I understand that Santa was quite generous to several members. At our Saturday "Open Tye" on December 29, I noticed a new book or two, some new materials and a couple of new vises, including my own new Dyna-King Barracuda. Thanks in part to a generous gift of cash from my Mom, I'm now discovering the benefits of a true rotary vise.

The Water's Edge is in the process of fixing up the room a bit. There's a new door on the storage closet, so as soon as Gord finishes the cabinet, we'll have a permanent storage spot for our TV, video camera, and tape library. It also looks as if the new tables will be in soon and the room may be getting a coat of paint and new carpet.

We have a jam-packed program for January with a special guest speaker, lots of patterns (both new and old) plus novice corners. So there will be something for every fly fisher including the usual quota of tall tales.

Our annual General Meeting will be held January 9th. While the meeting will be short, it has several important aspects. Firstly, you get to choose Club officers for the next year and review the Club accounts. Also on the table will be motions for altering the Club fiscal and membership years to more closely coincide with the active Club season (September to August). This is your chance to have a real voice in how the Club is run, so please come out.

We had planned a one-day fly fishing seminar in conjunction with Trout Unlimited Edmonton for mid February. Unfortunately, due to a cancellation by our guest presenter, the seminar has been cancelled. We are reevaluating the content and timing of a possible replacement seminar. We'll let you know the outcome as soon as possible.

We're in the final stages of planning our involvement in the annual Edmonton Sportsman's Show (March 7th to 10th) and the Outdoor Show (March 21st to 24th). We'll need lots of volunteers to man booths, so don't be shy if somebody taps you on the shoulder asking for help. We'll have more "show" news in the next newsletter.

Finally, two more events are in the early planning stages: our annual "Beginners Fly Tying Seminar" (Tentatively Saturday April 6th) and a "Casting Clinic" (date to be determined). I'll have more on those events later. In the mean time, keep those tying fingers nimble, there's lots more patterns to try out and all those fly boxes to fill before the "hard water" softens up.

Tight lines all!

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions:

Water's Edge - 10149 - Saskatchewan Drive

Equipment and Materials:

Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Enter main door and go straight ahead

Bring your own or use the Club loaners

OTHER EVENTS

Trout Unlimited Meeting: January 21, 2002, 7:30pm: Lion's Seniors Centre, 11113 - 113 Street. Speaker: **Dr. David Schindler:** "Biological Pollutants: The effects of alien fish species on the communities of alpine lakes."

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MEMBERSHIP

Only \$20.00

January to December

Benefits Include:

- Regular meetings and tying sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- Club event discounts
- Selected retailer discounts (with card)
- Access to club library
- Fellowship of like-minded fishers
- Tying and fishing "secrets"

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MEETINGS

JANUARY 2

Novice Corner: *Palmering Hackle*

Tyer: *Dave Murray*
Pattern: *Olive Hair Wing Dun*
Hook Mustad 94840 or 80000BR (1x fine) #10 to #20
Thread Olive 6/0 or 8/0
Tail Hackle fibers, blue dun dry fly, splayed
Body Olive Dubbing
Hackle Blue Dun dry fly, 5 turns, clipped on the bottom
Wing Elk Hair

Pattern: *Blue Dun Quill Parachute*
Hook Mustad 94840 or 80000BR (1x fine) #10 to #20
Thread Grey 6/0 or 8/0
Tails Hackle fibers, blue dun
Wing Post Mallard Flank, gray
Body Hackle stem, dyed gray
Hackle Blue Dun dry fly, parachute style

Comments: *The first is an advanced beginners fly because of the hair wing. The second fly is more for intermediate tiers. Both can be found in the Winter2002 Fly Fishing and Tying Journal, Mayflies Booklet section.*

JANUARY 9

Event: *Annual General Meeting
Free Tying Night*

JANUARY 16

Speaker: *Stephen Spencer
Fish Biologist*

Topic: *Stephen talks about the sores on trout in our local pot hole lakes and other interesting things.*

JANUARY 23

Novice Corner: *Spinning Hackle, Wet and Dry*

Tyer: *Michael Dell*
Pattern: *Tarcher Green Drake Nymph*
Hook Mustad 37160, #10 and #12
Thread Olive 6/0
Tail Green dyed grizzly hackle
Wing Case Dark pheasant tail
Legs Green dyed grizzly hackle
Thorax Peacock herl

Pattern: *Fast Water Green Drake*
Hook Mustad 94840 dry fly, #10 and #12
Thread Olive 8/0
Tail Moose
Wings Black calf tail
Body Peacock herl
Hackle Green & brown dyed grizzly

Comments: *Don't worry about having the right materials. Substitutes can be used for the same effect.*

JANUARY 30

Tyer *Mike Griffith*
Pattern: *Lafontaine Sparkle Pupae*
Hook Mustad 94840 Dry Fly #14 to #18
Tail Antron Trailing Shuck
Body Dubbed Beaver
Wing Elk or Deer
Head Peacock Herl

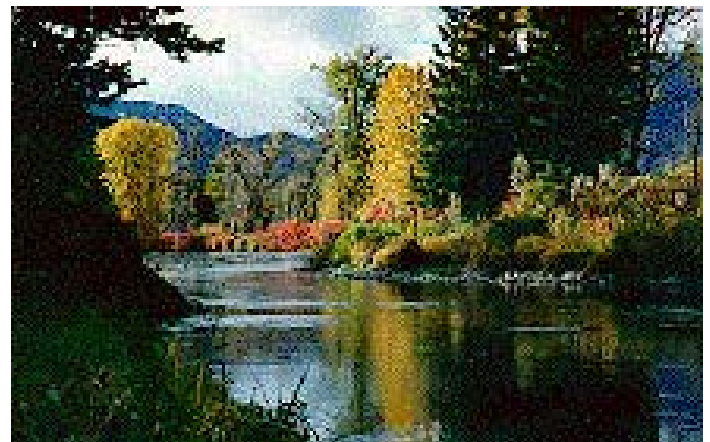
Pattern: *Spent Partridge Caddis*
Hook Dry Fly Mustad #94840 #14 to #18
Body Antron to match natural
Wing Brown Partridge Flank
Hackle Grizzly & Brown or Cree

FISHING HUMOUR



Crankshaft Cartoon from Edmonton Journal Dec. 22, 2001

MEMORIES FOR WINTER



The Crowsnest River in the fall, from Alberta Flyfishing web page

ADDRESS CHANGE

Note that in mid January, The Fishing Center will be moving. The new address is: 12920 - 82 Street, Edmonton
Phone 4473-4498