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FROM THE EDITOR

Christmas is coming! Compliments of the Season to All!

It looks as if we're into winter fishing for sure now, despite the recent spell of warmer weather. There have been reports of mixed success on the Red Deer, with some doing well and some not so well. I heard one report of a large brown being caught recently. A few anglers have been to the Bow with moderate success.

Lorne at the Fishing Center says that there are a few lakes where anglers have been drilling holes. A word or two to the wise ice fisher. It's still pretty early in the season, so make sure of your ice thickness before venturing out onto the lakes. For walking, a minimum of 4" is needed. I won't give a minimum for vehicles, as no insurance company will cover your vehicle if you drive it on the ice and it goes through. Also, do not venture onto any lake with open water. Lake currents can thin the ice in unpredictable locations. And of course, Muir Lake is CLOSED to ice fishing. If you see anybody out there, call the "report a poacher" line.

The Club Member Only Beginner Fly Tying Seminar has been temporarily postponed pending arrangements for a proper venue. Information on that event will come shortly. We also now have tickets available for our major January Seminar entitled "Stillwater Spectacular" featuring Brain Chan and Phil Rowley. These two BC anglers are experts in their field and excellent presenters. The two-day event promises to be fun and informative.

This month's meetings are a shortened program due to the holiday season. On the first of December, yours truly will talk about leaders and, with the assistance of Brain Hepperle, will discuss knots for terminal tackle. On the 8th we get a bit of an advance feeling for the January seminar when Phil Rowley pays a visit to talk about the material line he and Brian Chan originated. December 15th will be our Christmas wind-up. Pizza and Pop will be on the menu. Better get there early though, as past experience shows fly fishers are a hungry bunch.

It's also time to think about renewing your membership for next year. Membership cards for 2005 will be available in December. When you renew, or join up for the first time, we will be asking for everyone to consider volunteering for a committee. Committees include things like library, seminars, program, newsletter, outdoor show help etc. This club runs on volunteer effort, and being as active as it is, we need lots of help to keep things going smoothly. Helping out will also give you chance to get to know other members better. We will have sign up sheets by mid month where you can indicate your preference. Our annual general meeting will be later in January. If you really want to help out, consider offering your services in an "executive" capacity. Extra hands and fresh ideas always welcome.

Remember our new location at The Central Lions Senior Citizens Center at 11113 - 113 Street, just off Kingsway near the City Center Airport.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: *Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.*
Lions Senior Citizens Center *11113 - 113 Street*
Equipment and Materials: Bring your own or use the Club loaners
The format is Informal Drop In Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: Next Meeting December 14th 2004, 7:30 PM at Lion's Senior's Centre (11113 - 113 Street). Brian Meagher, from Trout Unlimited Canada (Room 1)

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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

DECEMBER 1ST

PROGRAM CORNER

Speaker: *Dave Robinson and Brian Hepperle*
Topic: *Leader and Knot Basics*

Comments: A question regarding leaders at a meeting last month prompted Dave to agree to do a session on the whys and wherefores of leaders and the knots used to construct them. Brian will assist by demonstrating terminal tackle knots.

DECEMBER 8TH

PROGRAM CORNER

Speaker: *Phil Rowley*
Topic: *Stillwater Solutions Tying Materials*

Comments: Phil is the well-known BC tyer, fisher and author who will be one of the featured presenters at our January Seminar. He has recently moved to Edmonton to take a position with Superfly. He will discuss the fly tying material line that he and Brian Chan co-originated

DECEMBER 15TH

CHRISTMAS WIND UP

Comments: Come out and join your fellow fly fishers in a seasonal celebration. Pizza and Beer will be provided. Those who want stronger beverages will adjourn to Runway 29 after the meeting.

DECEMBER 22ND & 29TH

NO MEETINGS

JANUARY 5TH

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tyer: *Dan Tulik (dipperdan)*
Pattern: *"Pink Thing"*
Hook: Mustad C53S (curved nymph) #14
Bead: Gold Tungsten to suit hook size
Thread: Red 6/0
Tail: Red Yarn
Dubbing: Bighorn Pink Sow Scud
Hackle: White hackle

Comments: Dan claims that this "hot pants" pattern is deadly for Rockies on the Red Deer River.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 22nd & 23rd
 Brian Chan and Phil Rowley Seminar
 Grant McEwan Community College, Main Campus

March 17th to 20th
 Edmonton Sportsman's Show
 Edmonton Northlands

March 21st to April 3rd
 Outdoor Show
 Mayfield Conference Center

CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST
FOR FLY FISHERS

Under \$20 (stocking stuffers)

Ceramic tipped Bobbin
 Three or four packaged leaders – 7ft and 9ft with 3x and 4x tippet
 Small plastic fly box with an assortment of strike indicators (1/4" to 1/2") and split shot (BB and two sizes up)
 Fingerless fishing gloves

\$20 to \$50 (for those who are budget minded)

Subscription to "Fly Tyer" Magazine
 Knot Tying Tool and Loon Knot Sense
 Wooden landing net
 Mesh Duffel from Mountain Equipment Coop for waders

Under \$150 (for those who really care)

Number 1 Whiting Farms grizzly saddle hackle cape
 Weight forward sinking fly line – high sink rate (DI5+) in weight to suit rod
 Pair of "Cocoons" or "Fitover" sunglasses
 Rainproof Casting Jacket

Over \$150 (one might as well dream)

Dyna-King "Barracuda" Vise
 Belly boat
 Electric trolling motor
 Sage Xi2 Fly rod

JANUARY SEMINAR



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Trout Unlimited Canada
 Edmonton Chapter

Present

A Stillwater Spectacular

with

*Brian Chan & Phil Rowley***Two Days** January 22nd & 23rd, 2005

Grant McEwan Community College – Main Campus
 Room # 6-212 - 9 am to 5 pm
 One day \$35.00 Both Days \$50.00

Come out and hear from two well-known BC anglers, guides, authors and renowned experts on Stillwater angling.

Tickets available at Club meetings, at all locations of the Fishin' Hole and at the Fishing Center.
 Single day tickets only available at the door

NORTHERN LIGHTS NEW LOCATION

