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FROM THE EDITOR

New Members on the Executive Team!

On January 19th we held our annual General Meeting. We have some fresh faces on the executive to add new energy to the club. Welcome to John Marple - Secretary, Rick Lang - Treasurer, Vince Schembri - Membership and Dave Murray - Program. They join returnees Dennis Southwick - President, Brian Bleackley - Vice President, Peter Schenk - Librarian and yours truly - Editor. Our sincere thanks go out to Dave Phelps, Ron Hagen, Scott Campbell and Paul Fitt for their terrific contributions in past years. Jobs well done guys!

The Brian Chan and Phil Rowley Seminar was a rousing success with over 80 attendees. All aspects of stillwater fishing were thoroughly covered. Everyone went home with heads stuffed with lots of information. Thanks to Brian and Phil and all the volunteers. Great Seminar!

This month kicks off on the 2nd with Les Campbell demonstrating some bull trout patterns. The second week, on the 9th, we have Jegg Sieffert and Greg Scratching talking about wader repair. That's followed on the 16th by the rerun of the Iron Fly Tyer. Check out page two for details. We end the month on the 23rd with Robin McKinley tying two of his favorite flies.

The salmon fly postage stamp tyers continue in their efforts to tie presentable replicas of the flies depicted on the stamps. The difficult Lady Amhearst will be up by mid month. If you ever wondered what went into a classic salmon fly, come as see us struggle with this puppy. The Magic Tool fly swap with Pacres as the "Swapmeister" is underway. Keep your eyes on the web page of the finished products.

Some intrepid members will be off to Calgary for the Fly Fishing Symposium to be held at the Max Bell Arena - February 3rd, 4th and 5th. We will be manning a booth for instructing kids in the basics of fly tying. Let Brian Bleackley know if you want to help out ASAP so he can arrange for a pass.

We're also gearing up for the Edmonton Sportsman's Show and Fishin' Hole Outdoor Show which come up in mid and late March. We will be looking for volunteers for booths at both shows. It's a great way to meet the public, promote fly-fishing and fly-tying and get a few flies done for the summer boxes. Let Brian Bleackley know when you can help.

The April Fly Tying Seminars (Beginners April 16th and Intermediate April 30th) are in the early planning stages, as are the casting seminars (no dates yet). We'll be calling for volunteers later on, when venues and program have been determined. I'll keep you posted. Also in April (21st) is the annual Trout Unlimited Dinner. Michael Dell may be looking for volunteers and definitely looking for ticket buyers and raffle contributors.

In the mean time, remember the Red Deer closes at the end of February, so if good weather comes along, take advantage.

It's time to get involved in Club activities to beat the Cold and Snow **Dave Robinson**

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions:
Lions Senior Citizens Center

Equipment and Materials:
The format is Informal Drop In

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.
11113 - 113 Street

Bring your own or use the Club loaners
Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: Next Meeting February 28th, 2005, 7:30 PM at Lion's Senior's Centre (11113 - 113 Street) (Room 1). Program to be announced.

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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

FEBRUARY 2ND

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tyer: *Les Campbell*
Pattern: *Bull Trout Flies*
Hook: Mustad 79480 (4x) - #2 to #6 and Mustad 340007 - #2 to #0
Bead: Large cone head
Leader: 20 lb wire
Weight: .025 lead wire
Tail: Rabbit strips (wide) white & yellow
Hackle: Grizzly – yellow & white
Accent: Crystal Flash
Wing: Deer hair or Bucktail, long – white, black & yellow

Comments: Les is a long time member. He probably knows many of the bull trout he's chasing by name. Come out and find what the monsters eat.

FEBRUARY 9TH

PROGRAM CORNER

Topic: *Wader Repair*
Presenter: *Greg Scratchley and Jeff Sieffert*

Comments: Did you bump into a raspberry bush or stick a #2 hook into the leg of your waders this year? Or have you taken off your waders to find half the river inside but have no idea why? Our two web page gurus will show that they aren't (just) computer nerds by showing you how to find and fix leaks.

FEBRUARY 16TH

IRON FLY TYER

Iron Fly Tyer: *Michael Dell*
Challengers: *Lance Taylor*
Dale Johnston
Patterns: *Dry fly, Wet fly and Nymph*
Hook: *Dry #12, Wet #8, Nymph #10*
Material: *Surprise!*

Format: The competitors will use their own materials and equipment to construct at least three flies in a one-hour time frame. A special "surprise" material will be given out at the start of tying that the participants will have to incorporate into each fly. The flies will be judged on: Appearance, Tying Techniques, Originality, Best Use of Mystery Material and Potential Catching Ability The winner earns the coveted title of "Iron Fly Tyer" until the next competition.

Comments: The smash success of last year returns with Michael Dell defending his title against two challengers: Lance Taylor (aka Ranger Bob also aka Spongebob Wetpants) and Dale Johnston (a founding NLFT member who has rejoined the motley crew). Each will test their tying skill against Master Dell in a trio of patterns. Come prepared to be amazed (and to heckle).

FEBRUARY 23RD

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tier: *Robin McKinley*
Pattern: *Quick Descent Nymph*
Hook: curved nymph 10-16
Tail: Partridge
Body: Quick Descent dubbing (any 'nymphy' colour)
Over body: Micro-tubing
Wing case: Flashback (colour to match body)
Thorax: Peacock over Quick Descent dubbing
Legs: Partridge

Pattern: *Steely's Nightmare*

Hook: Big and Long
Undertail: Flashy stuff
Tail: Pink Magnum Rabbit strip
Body: Black or Purple chenille
Hackle: Black or Purple Shlappen
Eyes: Dumbbell eyes or cone

Comments: Robin (aka Silver Hilton) says his Steely's Nightmare also works as a pike fly.

PHOTOS



Iron Fly Tyer Trophy with (from left to right) Michael Dell last year's winner, Dave Robinson emcee and last year's challengers Brain Hepperle and Dave Murray .

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 4th, 5th, and 6th
 Calgary Fly Fishing Symposium - Max Bell Arena
- March 17th to 20th
 Edmonton Sportsman's Show - Edmonton Northlands
- March 31st to April 3rd
 Outdoor Show - Mayfield Conference Center
- April 16th
 Beginners Fly tying Seminar - Venue To Be Announced
- April 30th
 Intermediate Fly Tying Seminar - Venue To Be Announced
- April 21st
 Trout Unlimited Dinner – Westin Hotel