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FROM THE EDITOR

You may notice a few changes in the newsletter. If you look under Contacts, you'll see that it has a new editor. Lance Taylor found his time commitments too heavy to continue to do all the work necessary to put a monthly publication together. When he asked for help, I volunteered assistance. Actually, I'm the only sucker to get hooked and landed.

I've agreed to act as typist, editor and distributor, with Lance continuing as Webmeister. With that, there will be a few changes in the newsletter, mostly to accommodate my limited writing and typing skills, but a few to add interest.

Contact and membership information get only minor changes. However, you will notice a section on this page labeled Other Events. Watch that space for information on upcoming Trout Unlimited activities, fishing seminars, equipment sales, trade shows and any event of potential interest to members.

My monthly rantings will appear in this space or, if you get tired of me, you can write your own guest editorial. I'm easily supplanted.

On page 2 you will still find information on each month's meetings with the names of demonstration tiers accompanied by the pattern names and lists of relevant materials. Other program events for each month will also be listed as they are developed. If you have any sterling ideas, please feel free to make suggestions. We're very open to enhancement of our program. It also makes it easier on our demonstration tiers.

A significant addition on page two is the member profile. The idea is for us to get to know each other better. So, when asked for information, don't feel shy. Just let us know a bit about you. All I need is a photo, preferably with fish, and some biographical information. One warning though. If you don't provide something, I'll make it up as I go along.

There is also a space for Fishing Reports, which can be local or elsewhere, and I've added a Liar's Corner where you can brag about your accomplishments.

So get off your soon-to-be-frozen backsides and send me your cards and letters. I've got lots of room. Otherwise I'll start writing about Beethoven Symphonies.

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: Every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm
Water's Edge - 10149 - Saskatchewan Drive Enter main door and go straight ahead
Equipment and Materials Bring your own or use the Club loaners
Coffee and cookies served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

OTHER EVENTS

Trout Unlimited Meeting Nov. 16, 1998 7:30pm Grant McEwan College Rm 6-291
Daryl Watters from Environmental Protection.
Fish Tails in Calgary has a Sage Rod sale on now

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MEMBERSHIP

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prorated discount this fall

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"



MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 4

Tyer: *Mike Heemskerk*
Pattern: *Turk's Tarantula*
Hook: 3 X Long
Thread: Black
Tail: Moose Hair
Legs: Rubber Legs
Body: Hare's Ear Dubbing
Under Wing: Pearl Crystal Flash
Over Wing: White Calf Tail
Head: Spun Deer Hair
Comments: Just another bit of fur and feather from our youngest tier.

NOVEMBER 11

No meeting in observance of Remembrance Day
 Lest We Forget!

NOVEMBER 18

Tyer: *Gord Boutette*
Pattern: *Muddler Minnow Supreme*
Hook: #4/0
Thread: Black 8/0 monocrord
Tail: Ostrich Biots (Gord has lots of these)
Body: Gold Tinsel
Wing: more Ostrich Biot
Head: Spun Deerhair
Comments: Gord says that this monster muddler only works on sea run cutthroat in the Kitimat River. Try it elsewhere and - nada. I think we'll have to get him to show us that it does work, in person, on stream.

NOVEMBER 25

Tyer: *Dave Robinson*
Pattern: *Grizzly King*
Hook: Tiemco 101 dry fly, 12 to 16
Thread: Black 6/0 monocrord
Tail: Red Duck Quill Fibres
Rib: Fine Gold Tinsel
Body: Green Floss
Wing: White Antron or Calf's Tail
Hackle: Grizzly
Comments: A fly from my youth. Used many times on B. C. interior high mountain lakes, in the late evening when nothing else worked. The originals were tied with old style quill wings.

* The poem is to let you know that almost anything can go in that space, so don't be shy about your bragging.

MEMBER PROFILE



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 Married to Julia with one 9 yr old daughter, Victoria
Occupation: Electrical Engineer @ Alberta Public Works
Other Interests: Astronomy, Soccer, Music
Fishing: 45 years **Fly Fishing:** 40 years **Tying:** 35 years
Favorite Pattern: Whatever works , usually a Doc Spratley
Favorite Location: Wherever I can get to most often. Usually that means the local ponds.
Remarks: I started when glass rods and level lines were all you could get. I learned from Henry Wachniky, an old resort owner who flew for the Polish Free Air Force in WW2. He was a fine fisherman, but his casting made you duck if you were in the same boat. I started tying at the Calgary Hook and Hackle at about age 16. Stopped fishing during University years, but resumed on moving to Edmonton. I find that technology makes casting easier now, but catching has gotten harder due to the increased pressure, fewer fish and infirmities of old age.

LIAR'S CORNER

I know an old lady who swallowed a fly
 She became a flyfisher, rather than die
 The fly traveled through the poor lady's gut
 And hung there, just 6 inches down from her butt.

A passing trout came, for a look at the air
 And noticed the fly, just swinging there
 He remarked that the fly tier must be plain nuts
 If he thought that trout fed on old women's butts. *

FISHING REPORTS

Last month, over 100,000 fish were saved from certain death by irrigation canal dewatering thanks to TU volunteer efforts. Our own Shelley Robertson took part. She'll regail you with the details either at a meeting or in next month's newsletter. Way to go Shelley!