



Broken Threads

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FROM THE EDITOR

Year End Near - Y2K Coming Fast!

As I write this, the second snowfall of the year has hit town. Somehow, I think it will be staying this time. The local ponds are pretty much frozen over. But for intrepid die hards, the Bow looked very low and clear when I was in Cowtown the other day and there are reports of good fishing still to be had in the Red Deer area. Before too long though, I suspect it will be time for those wanting to cast a fly to have to trek all the way to the Crow.

Due to the holiday season, we have a short month of meetings coming. We start the month December 1st with a presentation on materials from Dennys. We follow that December 8th with another set of demos of slightly different flies by Mike Heemskerck. Then, in the seasonal spirit of things, so to speak, we'll be having a year end wind-up on December 15. Bring some "coolies" and stories (we'll provide the chips and dip) for a "millenium ending" Bulltrout Saving session.

As I reflect on the year past, personally, I wish I'd spent more time on the water. But vacation, soccer and a cartload of refugees from Kosovo kind of cut into the fishing time. But I guess we can all lament about too little fishing time. Hopefully next year will find me fishing more and working less.

The Club is entering the new Millenium in great shape. I think the slight change in direction to more general fly fishing activities coupled with some new members has helped the Club become pretty stable and kept it from becoming stale. While our foray into major seminars was not a financial success, the other activities were well attended. Our sessions this fall have been enjoyable and the club outings were quite successful. The challenge is to make next year as good as the last one. With the fine folks involved on your executive, I'm sure that's a given.

Don't forget that this also marks the end of our membership year. Your annual dues are due starting January 2, 2000 (a day late just in case Y2K causes computer problems with your bank machine). We'll continue sending you newsletters for about 1 more month, then if you don't pay up, you'll lose the pleasure of my editorials. (Come to think of it, that may not be such a great threat.) Perhaps I should say: You'll lose the club discounts and the chance to hang out with Northern Alberta's "Finest Fly Fishing Friends". Anyway, please renew your membership at the earliest opportunity. We want to keep you as a valued member.

In closing, from both from me and my family and the executive of the Northern Lights Fly Tyers we wish all of you a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!**

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.
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 Meetings December 13, 1999: TBA in Room 6-132
Grant McEwan Community College, Contact Michael Dell for information @ 488-1966

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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"

MEETINGS

DECEMBER 1

Event: *Tying Materials and Devices Update*

Tyer: *Denny's Fly Tying Specialties*

Comments: Ian and Debbie Denny will be coming in to show us what's new to their product lines and what their shop has to offer. If we talk real nice, maybe we can convince Ian to demonstrate how some of the new materials can be used.

DECEMBER 8

Tyer: *Michael Heemskerk*

Pattern: *Purple Cone Head Buzzer*

Hook: #6 - 10 3XL Nymph
TMC 5263 or Mustad 9672

Head: Silver Cone Head

Tail: Sparse purple marabou
with a couple of strands of purple flashabou

Body: Thin dubbed underbody of purple haze Lite Brite
thin dubbed overbody of purple marabou

Pattern: *Lightning Bug*

Hook: #16 - 18 Curved Caddis
TMC 2457 or Mustad AC800250BR

Head: Copper bead

Tail: Dyed green pheasant tail fibres

Rib: Fine green wire

Back & Wing Case: Strand of peacock saltwater flashabou

Legs: Grouse hackle fibres

Comments: Once again our "young expert" will entertain us with a couple of whizzy patterns using colors and shapes not usually thought of as standard fare.



DECEMBER 15

Event: *Christmas Cheer*

Comments: Come celebrate the end to a fine fly fishing and tying year with the Y1.999K crew (that's shorthand for "not quite ready for the millenium" fishermen). We'll have a short business meeting followed by a wind-up celebration. Bring your own Christmas cheer. We'll supply the snacks.

DECEMBER 22

No Meeting

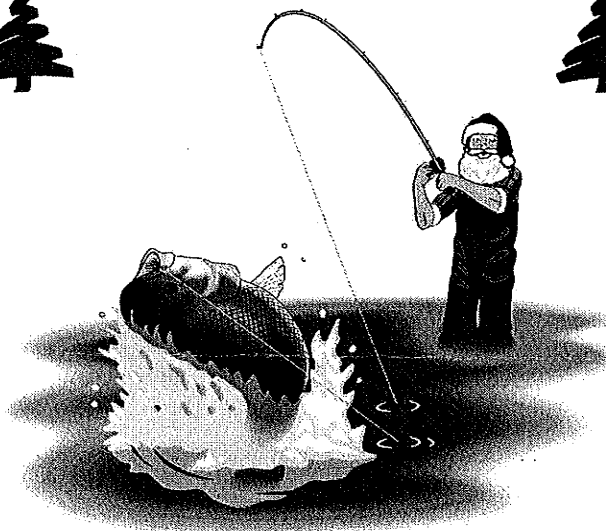
Merry Christmas to All!

DECEMBER 29

No Meeting

Happy 2000 !

MEMBER PROFILE



Name: Sant E. Clause

Married: To Mrs. Clause "for 2 many years 2 count"

Address: 90 degrees North of Everywhere.

Home Phone: 780 - 4HO-HOHO

E-mail: Have@merry.christmas.org

Occupation: Toymaker, Giftgiver and Mirthmaker

Flyfishing: All summer for 2000 years

Flytying: All Winter for For Special Fisherman

Favorite River: Milky Way.

Preferences: Any fly that works. He's particularly fond of a certain red bead-head nymph made with reindeer fur and lots of tinsel.

Largest Fish: I can't tell you that, because I wouldn't want you to think he stretches the truth like other fishermen do.

Remarks: Old St. Nick is as fine a fisherman as there is. He's always concerned with the welfare of our finny friends.

"I can't think of a better Christmas present for a fish than being released after a great fight. If they're so generous as to give me all that fun, the least I can do is give them their freedom."

FISHING REPORTS

Dennis was down on the Red Deer River near Innisfail. He reported finding some real trouty looking warter, but only reported catching Rockies. However, the Rockies were said to be large and fat.