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TO LEARN AND SHARE THE FLY TYING AND FISHING EXPERIENCE

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FROM THE EDITOR

It's going to be a busy month. March's first week gives us a chance to meet and greet the fishing public at the **Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show** at Northlands Agricom from **March 4th to 7th**. The dates were moved to accommodate the Brier. Volunteer tyers will be at the Fishin' Hole booth. If you're going to tie, contact Gord Boutette for details.

We're having a planning meeting on March 3rd to plan out year's trips and to discuss a possible club name change. I'll be standing in for Lance Taylor March 10th. Lance was going to tie a garden variety March Brown, 'till illness and work intervened, so I guess I'll have to go one better and throw in another variation.

Lance is also taking a break from the work he's done on the new, relocated Northern Lights web page (see the new URL and e-mail address in the box to the right). We now have our very own Web presence complete with Club information, events, newsletters, contacts and flyfishing links. There's even a "chat room" where we can lie to each other "on line".

Thursday of the next week (March 18th) is the main fund raising dinner for Trout Unlimited. See the bottom box for details. The Club has donated a box of flies to the silent auction and raffle. There will be a few members in attendance to wave the Club flag. The previous evening at the club meeting, you'll have a chance to show everybody all the neat gadgets you've acquired in the pursuit of fish. Personally, I'm kind of partial to chrome plated anything.

The following week the Prez will show us a neat new Caddis pattern. At the end of the month, Bill Robertson from Superfly will be by to show us how to select fly tying material.

We're gearing up for our Beginner's Tying Seminar to be held at the Water's Edge on Saturday April 3rd from 9 till noon. Cost is nil for members, a mere \$10.00 for non-members. We'll provide all the tools and materials for the session. We would like as many members to turn out as possible so as to have close to a one on one instruction ratio. If you can manage it, please come on out and give us a hand.

"Flyfishing - The Alberta Angle" on April 10th and 11th is our Major Seminar. We'll be spending a lot of time over the next little while getting ready for the big show. Details are on the next page. The price for seeing these two great Alberta Flyfishers is a bargain, so tell all your fishing and tying buddies and let's get a big turnout.

And lastly, to Lance Taylor... Thanks a million guy! The effort on the web page is very much appreciated! Fabulous job! Maybe you could earn your living at it?

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 March 15, 1999 Topic to be announced.
Grant Mc Ewan Community College Room 6-258
Trout Unlimited Dinner and Auction - March 18th, 1999, 5:30 pm @ The Westin

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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****MARCH 3****Planning Meeting**

We'll discuss and plan the upcoming fishing outings for the year and possible name change for the club.

MARCH 10

Guests: Dave Robinson

Topic: March Brown Variations

Comments: Since Lance Taylor jammed out on me, I'll try to pick up the slack by showing a couple of variations of the insect which, around here, would be better known as the May/June Brown. Bring orange 6/0 or 8/0 thread.

MARCH 17**Topic: Fishing Toys - Show and Tell**

Comments: Here's where you get to show off your favorite fishing gadgets and tidy up that vest for the new season. Bring your clippers, knot tiers, forceps, tippet dispensers, strike indicators and anything else you find of use on-stream. We'll compare notes on what works and what doesn't.

MARCH 24

Tyer: Dennis Southwick

Pattern: Extended Body Caddis Emerger

Comments: This is a neat pattern from the latest issue of American Angler using ultra-chenille, Dennis promises to master the technique and give us a demo.

MARCH 31

Guests: Bill Robertson of Superfly

Comments: Bill, our old friend and tying buddy, will come by to show us the ins and outs of proper selection of quality fly tying material. He promises to not be too biased.

FLYFISHING - THE ALBERTA ANGLE

The Northern Lights Fly Tiers Present
Jim McLennan and Bob Scammell
In a two day Flyfishing Extravaganza

Date: April 10 and 11, 1999

Time: 9 am to 4:30 pm - Doors open at 8 am

Place: Grant MacEwan Community College Room 5-142

Cost: \$35.00 per day or \$60.00 for both days

These two famous Alberta Fly Fishers will team up to give us a varied program. We'll learn a bunch about Alberta waters and insects, with tips on tying and fishing photography thrown in for good measure. You'll even have an opportunity to get them to autograph any of their books you own.

MEMBER PROFILE

**BIG SUCKER
LANCE!**

**GIVE US A
KISS EH??**

Name: Lance A. Taylor (a.k.a. Ranger "Astro" Bob)

Married: to Bev for . . . hm. one hand. and three fingers.

Has two keepers! **Age:** 31 (Just a pup!)

Address: 4540 - 127 Avenue, Edmonton
(Gonna send me a postcard?)

Phone: Home: 457-6407 **Work:** 447-1470 **Fax:** 447-2485
(Call me and we'll do lunch!)

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Occupation: Contingency Support Specialist, Information Services -- Sobeys West. Supplier of groceries to IGA -
(Now say that job title 3 times really fast!)

Other Interests: Hee hee. Astronomy, Golfing (yah like before he picked up a fly rod), 80's Video Games (built his own arcade machine), Computer Programming, Web Design, Photography, Camping, Hunting. . . and yah he does fish now and again then too! Though he's not been seen tying too many flies of late.

Fly Fishing: Caught the "bug" in Calgary (Bow Country) 7 years and four score ago. **Tying:** same as fly fishing

Favorite Patterns: San Juan Worm, Prince Nymph, Black Leech, and if those don't work try "A Nothing Special".

Favorite Location: "Frenchman's Creek."

Remarks: Lance was a past volunteer with Alberta Fish & Wildlife (at about the same time they transitioned to NRS) for two years at the Sam Livingston Fish Hatchery in Calgary. He was a tour guide operator at the facility, and would have you know that seeing 5 million trout rising daily and not having a flyrod in hand can be very nerve racking! While he was there he also became an "Alberta Certified Fishing Education Instructor" vis a vis the Alberta Fishing Education Program. As well he became an instructor in the "Project Wild" course. While there he got to stock a few lakes in Kananaskis Country, and partake in some triploid fin-clipping projects which he rumors to have video on both. (Can you say video night!) He is the past editor of "Broken Threads" newsletter, and administers the club website.

FISHING REPORTS

The Red Deer, just downstream of the Dickson Dam is reported to be quite fishable, if you wrap up in neoprenes and winter woolies.