



## FROM THE EDITOR



### Compliments of the Season to All!



Christmas is fast approaching. It's time to start dropping those hints to Santa. I bumped into a fellow at a tackle shop the other day. He was trying on waders and boots and making notes for his spouse. That's kinda direct though. Perhaps, if one left a highlighted list where a loved one could see it, nice things would appear under the tree. Or maybe you have a fishing person on your gift list. If so, there're lots of things to wrap up. Here's a short list of suggestions for unique gifts for a fly fisher:

- Fishing Calendar with color photos of trout streams in New Zealand.
- Subscription to Fly Tyer, Fly Fishing or American Angler Magazines
- Polarized Sunglasses with side shields (or Fitovers for glasses wearers)
- Fluorocarbon Tippet Material- 3x, 4x and 5x Spools
- Dyna King "Barracuda" Fly Tying Vise (Why not the best?)
- Ceramic or Ruby Tipped Bobbin
- Dubbing Pack (Squirrel Blend from Spirit River or Bug Dub by Davy Wotton)
- Thompson "Ice Tempered" Scissors (the ones with micro-serrated edge)
- Whitting Farms No2 Grizzly Saddle Hackle
- Rio or Scientific Anglers "Intermediate" Fly Line (to suit rod weight)



If not equipment or materials, then a gift certificate for the Fishin' Hole or Fishing Center and a dram or two of one's favorite "antifreeze" would do in a pinch.

On that note, please join the crew for our "Christmas Get Together" as noted elsewhere in the newsletter. No tying or demonstrations offered, just snack's and fine company. Bring along those fishing photos, stories and memories from the past year.

To make new memories, we have an exciting event in the planning stages. We're organizing a one-day fishing seminar tentatively for February 23rd. The guest of honor is Vic Bergman of The Crowsnest Angler. Vic brings a wealth of knowledge and experience on fishing in southern Alberta to the table. The exact program, venue and cost are still to be determined. We'll let you know more as soon as things are finalized.

Also in the planning stages are the Club's participation at this years' Sportsman's and Fishing Shows plus a spring casting seminar. For the former two, we'll soon be asking for volunteers to man booths. I'll provide further information in the January Newsletter.

In spite of the recent snow, fishing hasn't ceased entirely. The Red Deer, Bow and Crowsnest Rivers are still fishable, so if you have a hankering to wet a line, ask around at the next meeting. Maybe somebody else has what Rocky calls the "Fish Pox" and needs a fix on stream. Oh yeah, STAY OFF THE ICE! Remember, minimum 4 inches to walk!

**Tight lines all!**

*Dave Robinson*

## 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 served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

## OTHER EVENTS

**Trout Unlimited Meeting: Monday, December 17, 2001 - 7:30 PM in Room 7-227**  
at Grant MacEwan Community College, "A Look Back at TUC Edmonton Chapter"

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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 5

**Guest Speaker:** *Daryl Watters*  
**Topic:** *Pothole Lakes*

**Comments:** *Daryl is a fish biologist with Alberta Environment. He's going to describe the local pothole lakes, their ecology, what's in them and stocking plans.*

### DECEMBER 12

**Tyer:** *Florin Sabac*  
**Pattern:** *Woolly Buggers (Olive or Black)*

**Hook:** Mustad 9672 size 8-10 or equivalent  
**Thread:** Olive (Black)  
**Tail:** Olive (Black) Marabou and Crystal Flash  
**Body:** Olive (Black) Chenille  
**Hackle:** Olive (Black) Saddle or cheap neck

**Pattern:** *Water Boatman*

**Hook:** Mustad 9671 10-12 or equivalent  
**Thread:** Brown  
**Body:** Embroidery floss: light tan (100% cotton from the crafts section of your favorite store)  
**Back:** Pheasant tail  
**Legs:** Brown goose biots  
**Bubble:** Mylar tinsel

**Comments:** *The first pattern was David Phelps's suggestion for Dolberg Lake, and I had success with it on Hasse Lake as well. The other one is a work in progress and is the result of tinkering with boatman patterns.*



### DECEMBER 19



**Event:** *Christmas Get Together*  
**Venue:** *Ritchie Mill Lounge*  
*10171 Saskatchewan Drive, downstairs*  
*7:00 p.m. - No Host Bar Service*

*Come and share the fellowship of the Christmas Season with your old fishing friends and make some new ones. The Club will provide snacks. You provide the atmosphere. Bring your photos and stories.*



### DECEMBER 26

**No Meeting**

**Ho! Ho! Ho!**

**Merry Christmas!**

**And Happy New Year!**



## FISHING HUMOUR

### TWENTY REASONS WHY FISHING IS BETTER THAN SEX

- 1 You don't have to hide your Fishing magazines.
- 2 No need for the Playboy channel to watch Fishing on TV
- 3 At work you can have a Fishing calendar on your wall, tell Fishing jokes and invite coworkers to Fish with you, without being sued for harassment
- 4 If your partner takes videos or pictures of you Fishing, you don't have to worry about them showing up on the internet when you become famous
- 5 It's perfectly acceptable to pay a professional to Fish with you once in a while.
- 6 When negotiating price with a Fishing pro, you don't have to worry that they're really an undercover cop
- 7 The 10 commandments don't say anything about Fishing.
- 8 There are no Fishing transmitted diseases
- 9 No one says you'll go blind if you Fish by yourself.
- 10 A soft rod tip is no impediment to enjoying the Fishing.
- 11 You can wear rubber pants while Fishing without being accused of being kinky.
- 12 It's perfectly acceptable to Fish with a total stranger
- 13 Your Fishing partner doesn't get upset about people you Fished with long ago
- 14 Your Fishing partner will never say: "I can't Fish today, I have a headache."
- 15 If your regular Fishing partner isn't available, there's no problem if you Fish with someone else.
- 16 You can swap regular Fishing partners without a lawyer
- 17 When you see a really good Fisher, there's no guilt in imagining the two of you Fishing together.
- 18 Nobody expects you to Fish with the same partner for the rest of your life
- 19 Nobody expects you to give up Fishing if your partner loses interest in it
- 20 Your Fishing partner will never say: "Not again? We just Fished last week! Is Fishing all you think about?"

## NZ CHRISTMAS MEMORY

Chistchurch Botanical Garden Christmas 2000



The first ever brown trout in New Zealand were released here.