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From the Editor

Fall Fishing Drawing to a Close!

Well, as I sit here doing my usual editorial, it's snowing outside and there's no sign of meting on the horizon. I've also heard reports that there's a skim of ice on some of the smaller local ponds. I've heard some recent reports that Hasse, Sprnig and Dohlberg are still producing fish for the determined angler, but it looks like it's almost time to mothball the canoe and haul out the vise for another winter. Our winter alternative is going full steam now, with Club meetings planned out as far as Christmas. We've got a good line up for you.

This month we've kinda put the "program corner" on hold due to a wealth of guest speakers. We've got Steven Spencer to tell us how to tell what kind of fish it is we just caught and Dave Jensen to give us the dope on his new "Stream Watch" program. Roman Scharabun will be getting rod building underway with a final preliminary meeting at the beginning of the month followed by building sessions as soon as the participants have acquired all the necessary materials. Roman will also pitch in with a tying session on wing posts and Mike Griffiths will show us the lengths to which the fly tyer's art can go with his Realistic Stonefly.

I have more sad personal news to report. My father passed away on October 4th, at the age of 83 from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). I have many fond memories of him introducing my two



brothers and me to fishing and of many outings to chase trout in eastern slope streams and interior BC lakes and rivers. Family was important for a man orphaned at 16. His service in the army medical corps during the war enabled him to go to university and get a B.Com. degree, which led to a long career as a Chartered Accountant. That career let him support Mary, his beloved wife of over 60 years and send his four

children to university. Dad (Robbie to his friends) was a man of strong family values, quiet generosity and community commitment. He instilled those values in me and my brothers and sister. We all miss him dearly.

Dave Robinson

Club Meetings

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: Water's Edge - 10149 - Saskatchewan Drive Equipment and Materials: Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.
Enter main door and go straight ahead
Bring your own or use the Club loaners

Trout Unlimited Notices

Trout Unlimited Events: Next meeting: November 18, 2002, Lion Senior Citizen's Center 11113 113 Street, Speaker: Paul Christiansen, Fisheries Biologist, DFO *What is the Department of Fisheries and Oceans doing in Alberta*

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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

November 6

Special Guest Speaker

Topic: Fish Identification Presenter: Stephen Spencer

Comments: Steven is a fisheries biologist with Alberta Environmental Protection. He will give us a short course in how to tell the various species of Albeta game fish apart.

Fishing Facts and Fundamentals A

Topic: HMH Pro Vise
Presenter: Roman Scharabun

Comments: Roman will give a short introduction to this new,

 $high\ quality\ but\ moderately\ priced\ rotary\ vise.$

Fishing Facts and Fundamentals B

Topic: Rod Building
Presenter: Roman Scharabun

Comments: Roman will have a short session with those who are planning to build rods to discuss materials and equipment required and to set up the schedule for instruction.

November 13

Tying Techniques and Tutoring

Level: General

Instructor: Roman Scharabun
Topic: Tying Wing Posts

Comments: Roman will show us six different methods for tying posts for parachute patterns. This is a must for anyone wanting to tie these low profile patterns.

Fishing Facts and Fundamentals B

Topic: Open

November 20

Tying Techniques and Tutoring

Level: Advanced
Instructor: Mike Griffith
Pattern: Realistic Stonefly

Hook: # 4 to #8, Wet Fly, 4x long,

Thread: 6/0 or 8/0

Tail: Black or orange turkey biot Ribbing: 4 pound test monofilament

Underbody: Black and orange dubbing mixed with black

swiss straw

Body: Light amber larva lace Thorax: Black dubbing

Wing Case: Pheasant body feathers colored with a black

felt pen

Legs: Burlap bag strands colored by black nail polish

Eyes: Black plastic craft bead eyes
Antennae: Black hackle stem or turkey quill.

Comments: Mike will demonstrate a rather complicated pattern, but it will be of interest to everyone, even novice tyers. The techniques used and effects created will give an idea of what is possible in the fly tyer's art.

Fishing Facts and Fundamentals

Topic: Rod Building
Presenter: Roman Scharabun

Comments: Roman may have a session with those who are building rods if materials and equipment required have been received in time.

November 27

Special Guest Speaker

Topic: Stream Watch

Presenter: Dave Janzen

Comments: Dave will describe the program that is designed to keep track of what is happening to our favorite streams and will describe fishign in th Nordeg area.

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Photo Gallery

Sleeping Beauties

Now what do you suppose these two are doing? Perhaps dreaming of the one that got away at Phyllis Lake? Or did that last large fish just plain tucker them out?



Ready To Go

Here's TU President Michael Dell about to set off in search of a few finny critters. Anyone interested in fish conservation should look him up at the next meeting.

