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FROM THE EDITOR

Busy Part of the Club Tying Season Upon Us

March is the month when organized club activities, aside from weekly meetings that is, start in earnest. The Sportsman's Show runs from March 13th to 16th at Edmonton Northlands. Final arrangements for location, program and passes have been made. There's still room for volunteers, so if you want to help, call Gord Boutette (437-3724) as soon as possible. The same can be said for the Outdoor show which runs from March 20th to 23rd at the Mayfield Inn Conference Center. Once again, there's room for more volunteers, so be sure to call Gord if you want to participate.

We are striking a Seminar Committee that will be responsible for organizing our upcoming seminars. The head of the committee is our Club President, Dennis Southwick. Dennis will shortly be looking for people to help with the host of small activities needed to make these seminars a success.

The Beginner's Seminar is April 12th and General Tying Seminar April 26th at Jasper Place High School from 8:30am to 3:30pm. For both the tying seminars, we need volunteers to sort and bag materials, handle coffee and refreshments, rearrange furniture in the room, and provide one-on-one tying advice and support to participants.

The two Casting Clinic dates have yet to be finalized, but will be all-day events, probably in early May. These clinics will need help with instruction and demonstration. And our big seminar with Jack Dennis (November 22nd and 23rd) will also need lots of volunteers. None of the jobs to support these events is onerous or needs great expertise, just willing workers. Helping out is a great way to get to know your fellow fly fishers better and maybe even find a new fishing partner. So don't be shy about volunteering.

For those of you who receive this newsletter by e-mail and have had trouble opening the attachment, I have good news. I think I have discovered and corrected the source of the problem. It seems that computer upgrades at my workplace resulted in an incompatibility between my e-mail software and my electronic address book. I've redone my distribution lists (several hours at the keyboard) so hopefully the attachment problem will go away. For those who have yet to renew their membership, the bad news is that this will be your last newsletter.

Dennis and I recently met with our web page manager and are in the process of making some minor changes to the web page. The software we can afford limits what we can accomplish, but we hope to improve its look, currency and operation. We'll keep you posted.

My snow blower says it's tired. The amount of snow we've had this winter is encouraging though. Lets' hope the extra moisture will melt slowly enough to recharge our waters.

Tight lines

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

TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: Next meeting Monday, February 17, 2003: Lions Senior Citizen's Center, 11113 113 Street, Speaker : *Joseph Nelson*, Topic: *How Fishes Get Their Names*
Annual TU Dinner And Auction, *Thursday April 24th, 5pm - Westin Hotel*

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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

MARCH 5

CLUB SPEAKER

Topic: *Reel Maintenance*
Presenter: *Danny Tonhauser*

Comments: Danny will cover the basics of care and maintenance of your precious fly reels. I for one, have a tendency to neglect this important task, so this should be a good reminder.

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tyer: *Dan Tulik*
Pattern: *Blue Winged Olive, Split Wing*
 Hook: Mustad #94840 size #18 to #20
 Thread: UTC 140 Tan or Olive
 Tail: Blue Dun fibers
 Body: Dubbing, gray or olive mixed with tan
 Wing: Blue dun hackle tips
 Thorax: Same as body
 Hackle: Blue dun hackle

Comments: I think this is Dan's first Demo. He's chosen an old standby that should form a part of every fly fisher's dry-fly box. Go to it Dan!

MARCH 12

CLUB SPEAKER

Topic: *Use of Llama ffor*
Presenter: *Dennis Southwick*

Comments: Dennis will demonstrate some interesting patterns he developed that use this unusual material. He has one he claims is a real killer.

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tyer: *Scott Campbell*
Pattern: *Peabody*
 Hook: Tiemco 200R #12 to #18
 Thread: Danville flat gray or Olive
 Ribbing: Fine copper wire, counter wrapped
 Body: four to six strands of peacock herl

Comments: Scott's first demonstration tie will be a venerable beginners fly and a close cousin to the Griffiths Gnat!

NOTICE

Renew Your Membership now!

If you haven't renewed yet, then it's high time to pony up that \$20.00. You won't want to miss out on the fun stuff getting going this spring. You can pay Scott Campbell at any meeting or give him a call at the number listed on the front page. While you're at it, make sure your personal information is up to date. For those with e-mail it's particularly important to check that your e-mail address is correct and current.

MEETINGS (CONTINUED)

MARCH 19

GUEST SPEAKER

Topic: *Cortland Fly Lines*
Presenter: *Steve Gower*

GUEST SPEAKER

Topic: *Mustad Hooks*
Presenter: *Al Belhumeur*

Comments: Brian Bleakley managed to corner these two manufacturer's representatives at the Calgary Show and convince them to come and talk to us when they are in Edmonton for the Sportsman's Show. I'm sure we'll get all the latest information on hooks and lines as a result.

CLUB SPEAKER

Topic: *Tying Midges*
Presenter: *Roman Scharabun*

Comments: Roman will demonstrate parachute and regular hackle methods for tying these flies in size ranges from #22 to #28. He has some new materials that may make this less intimidating.

MARCH 26

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tyer: *Danny Tonhauser*
Pattern: *Bunny Leech*
 Hook: Mustad saltwater size #4/0
 Thread: UTC 140 black
 Tail: Bunny leech and saltwater flashabou
 Body: Bunny Leech
 Eyes: Barbell (optional)

Comments: Danny will demonstrate a pattern that is not only good for pike, but I've heard tell it's a great Bull Trout attractor!

BEGINNERS FLY TYING SEMINAR

A one day Instructional Seminar
Saturday, April 12th, 2003

Featuring one-on-one instruction by members of
The Northern Lights Fly Tyers & Fishers

Jasper Place High School
Room 188, 8950 - 163 Street

From 8:30 am to 3:30pm

Cost: Members: \$10.00

Non Members: \$30.00

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