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TO LEARN AND SHARE THE FLY TYING AND FISHING EXPERIENCE

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FROM THE EDITOR

Happy New Year To All Fly Fishers!

I hope you all had a fine Christmas and New Years and that you received a few fishing related gifts to try out in the coming season. The indoor season continues. This month we've got presentations on Hair Technique by yours truly and Tying the White Fly by Michael Dell plus a talk on the Edson are by the Edmonton Sun's Neil Waugh. Our annual general meeting with election of officers rounds out the month.

January is also the time when we start gearing up for our spring events. Soon we'll start planning our Beginner's Tying Seminar on April 17th and the Advanced Tying Seminar on May 1st. These sessions will give those who got some new fly tying gear from Santa a chance to try it all out with some expert instruction.

We'll also start organizing on our involvement in the Edmonton Outdoor Shows. Again this year there will be two, the Edmonton Sportsman's Show (March 11th to 14th at Northlands) and the Outdoor Show, sponsored by the Fishin' Hole and Camper's Village (April 1st to 4th at the Mayfield Inn).

Our spring Casting Seminars will follow the same format as last year with the Beginner's Seminar first and the Intermediate Seminar about two weeks later. They will occur in late May or early June. (Exact dates have yet to be worked out with our instructors.)

We'll need input and volunteers for all these events, so if you think you can help out, please let someone on the Club executive know.

There will be a contingent going to Calgary for the Western Fly Fishing Show February 6th to 8th. If you want to tag along and help with whatever activities we arrange with the Calgary folks, let Brian Bleakely know.

At the final January meeting we will elect the 2004 Club executive. This year, we're not looking for just the formal positions. All members will be asked to indicate on their membership renewal form how they could contribute. We want to involve more members either in a primary role, as a backup or on a committee. That way the burden on our regular volunteers will be lower and with input from more members, we can serve their needs better. So don't sit there quietly, tell us how you would like to get involved.

Club monogrammed clothing will be available once again this year including shirts and hats. Orders can be placed with Scott Campbell up to the last week of January.

One last thing. It's time to renew your membership! The Club is such a great value at \$20 per year that I know you'll be lining up at the first meeting to get that new membership card.

Wishing You Tight Lines ... and not due to Ice

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 January 19th 2004, 7:30 PM at Lion's Seniors Centre (11113 113 Street) in the Arts & Crafts Room. Topic and Speaker to be announced.

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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

JANUARY 7TH

Pattern Demonstration

Tyer: *Dave Robinson*

Topic: *Hair Techniques*

Hook: Streamer, 2x to 3x long, #12

Thread: Black 3/0

Material: Deer Hair in various colours

Techniques: Preparing, stacking hair and spinning hair

Comments: *Since Paul had difficulty in finding January volunteers; I've offered to do a session on basic techniques for tying with deer and elk hair.*

JANUARY 14TH

Pattern Demonstration

Tyer: *Michael Dell*

Pattern: *White Fly*

Hook: Dry fly size 14-16

Thread: White 8/0

Wing: Light grey antron, posted

Tail: White hackle fibres

Body: Haretron march brown dubbing or substitute light coloured dubbing

Hackle: white, parachute style

Comments: Mike will demonstrate this unusual but sometimes useful pattern.

JANUARY 21ST

Guest Speaker

Speaker: *Neil Waugh*

Topic: *Fishing in the Coal Branch Area*

Comments: *Neil is the outdoor writer for the Edmonton Sun. He covers fishing throughout the province but this presentation will be on the area that encompasses the McLeod, Embarrass and other Edson area waters.*



THAT "FAMOUS" POOL ON THE LITTLE SMOKY
Not to be confused with the "Bobber Pool" on the Red Deer

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 28TH

The annual general meeting is relatively informal, with a few brief talks from key executive members from last year, covering the Club's current status and an outline of what is proposed for the upcoming year. That is followed by election of officers for the New Year. The meeting portion is usually short with the normal gabfest preceding and following the meeting.

Agenda

- o Call to Order
- o President's Message
- o Program Report
- o Treasurer's Report
- o Membership Report
- o Library Report
- o Election
 - Presentation of volunteer slate of officers
 - Call for nominations from the floor
 - Election
- o Adjournment

Comments: *We're always looking for new blood, so if you think you would like to contribute to the operation of the Club, please let anybody on the current executive know and we'll find a spot for you.*

PHOTOS FROM THE PAST YEAR



YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOOD
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Sitting with his fancy rotary vise that everyone likes so much that now there's lots of cypocats

JACK DENIS' "AMY'S ANT"

Sort of a hopped up version of Dennis Southwick's favorite pattern



ONE OF OUR
COMPETITORS,
LUCKILY ON A
LOCAL LAKE
LACKING IN
GAME FISH

Brian, I smell another opportunity for the Muir Lake crew! You may need a shotgun first though.