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FROM THE EDITOR

New/Old Executive Elected!

Well, the annual general meeting of the Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers went off without a hitch. I delayed the newsletter a bit to make sure I had the election results for publication. However, as it turned out, I needn't have. The 2003 executive chose to stand for reelection, and was unopposed, so was put back in office by acclamation. That is a terrific vote of confidence for a bunch of dedicated and hardworking volunteers.

Prior to the election we had a short business meeting. Dennis Southwick gave a president's report, thanking all the volunteers for making our events last year such a success. He particularly mentioned the fly tying and casting seminars, the help at the outdoor shows, the volunteers for the Jack Dennis seminar and those who volunteered to present over the course of the year. We'll need more of the same for this year.

Our treasurer, Dave Phelps, reported that the Club's financial position is good with adequate money in the bank. Scott Campbell reported that membership renewals are at about 70%, which is typical for this time of year. Paul Fitt reported that the February program is full with March getting organized. He urged beginners to not be shy about presenting. We also had short reports on the newsletter and library, both of which are in good shape.

New business included a report from Dennis that he's working on getting Brian Chan for a seminar next year, some minor acquisition requests (floodlight and cleaning supplies) plus a motion approved to spend up to \$500.00 on acquiring a small PA system, to help with hearing speakers in the meeting room.

With the TU dinner coming up on April 29th at the Westin, it's time for the Northern Lights to start putting together our annual donation of flies. Last year our box raised over \$400.00 for trout conservation. We may have one meeting in March dedicated to tying flies for this.

We're thinking of having a couple of Saturdays of open tying the Water's Edge, where you can start to fill your boxes, pick up some tying tips and, at the same time, tie a few for the TU box. Keep your eyes on the Club's bulletin board for further information.

One fun program called "The Iron Fly Tyer" has been suggested for March. Those who have caught the "Iron Chef" program on the food channel understand. We would select three "house tyers" (each with expertise in one fly style) and one challenger. Each tyer would get a bag of material to use to tie one fly. One "theme" material would need to be incorporated into each fly. Impartial (?) judges would score the results with the winner holding the title of "Iron Fly Tyer" until the next contest. Sound interesting?

Wishing You Warmer Weather

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 February 23rd 2004, 7:30 PM at Lion's Seniors Centre (11113 113 Street) in the Arts & Crafts Room. Topic: The great mayfly debate featuring Barry White and Malcolm Knopp.

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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

FEBRUARY 4TH

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tyer: Greg Sterparn
Pattern: Griffith Gnat
Hook: Dry fly #12 to #20
Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0
Material: Peacock herl
Hackle: Grizzly, palmered

Comments: This is Greg's first try at demonstrating. He'll do a basic beginner style fly that is a proven fish catcher, particularly on the Little Smokey

FEBRUARY 11TH

GUEST SPEAKER

Speaker: Dave Jensen
Topic: Fly Fishing Alberta's Hatches

Comments: Dave is about to release a series of CD ROM's on the fly hatches of Alberta. Come on out and get a sneak preview.

FEBRUARY 18TH

GUEST SPEAKER

Speaker: Bill Gauge
Topic: Cameras and Binoculars for Fly Fishing

Comments: Our resident photography expert and manufacturer's representative will talk about what type of cameras and binoculars are particularly suited for the fly fisherman

FEBRUARY 25TH

PROGRAM CORNER

Topic: Tying With CDC
Presenter: Dennis Southwick

Comments: Dennis will discuss CDC; what it is, its history and the equipment and material for tying with it. To demonstrate its use, Dennis will tie the following patterns:

Fly Pattern: CDC Elk Hair Caddis

Thread: Your choice to match body color
Hook: #12 dry fly type
Body: CDC Feather (color of caddis that you tying)
Wing: Elk hair

If time permits, Dennis will also tie the fly listed below.

Fly Pattern: CDC Parachute Adams

Thread: Your choice to match body color
Hook: #10 to #18 dry fly
Tail: Natural or blue dun hackle tip
Body: CDC Feather (color of caddis that you tying)
Post: Can use foam, antron yarn.
Hackle: Light blue dun dry fly hackle

PHOTOS



Your Editor Making the "Snow Fly"

In case you find that too depressing, you can always tie a few flies intended for summer salmon fishing



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 6th. to 8th.
Western Flytying Show
Calgary

March 11th. to 14th.
Edmonton Sportsman Show
Edmonton Northlands

April 1st. to 4th.
Outdoor Show
Mayfield Conference Centre

April 17th.
Beginner's Fly Tying Seminar
Jasper Place High School

May 1st.
Advanced Fly Tying Seminar
Jasper Place High School

May to June ?
Beginner Fly Casting Seminar
Intermediate Fly Casting Seminar