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Broken Threads

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FROM THE EDITOR

The Outdoor Season Is Drawing to a Close. Time to Tie Flies

A couple of us made that "one last trip" to the Little Smoky River last weekend. It was an outstanding day! Dennis and I dragged Jean-Michel from Belgium along on Sunday. As an indicator of how the day went, he caught a fish on each of his first three casts. Dennis had an inspired idea at 4pm to try his favorite dry fly pattern. It was hard to pack up and leave as the fish started fighting over the offerings. It was a beautiful sunny fall day to boot. For me, it was a great way to wind down the outdoor season. Memories will make winter easier to bear.

Our November Program starts at the Lions Center at 7pm on the 2nd. It finds Michael Dell talking about the fly-fishing and tying gadgets he's bought over the years. Our second meeting on the 9th features Dan Tulik tying up a Wiggler. On the third Wednesday, November 15th we have Phil Rowley from Superfly in. At the meeting on November the 23rd Lance Taylor will demonstrate a Pyro Ant and a Puff Ant. And the last November meeting on the 30th features Mike Montieth demonstrating two of his own chironomid patterns.

We have scheduled a Beginners Fly Tying Seminar for Club Members Only on November 5th. From 9 am to 3pm. Cost will be \$5. The location is the Intuit Center at 75th Street and Roper Road in the cafeteria. We are also planning an intermediate tying course. The program is not determined yet; so let Brian Hepperle know what you want to see. It's likely to be at the same location as the Beginners one, but the date has not been set. We'll need volunteers for both programs. If you can help, contact anyone on the executive or sign up at a meeting.

Remember that our silent auction is on November 12th at Schanks Athletic Club in the west end. As this is our major fundraiser for the year, we need everyone's support. Try to solicit a donation (see Brian Bleackley for introductory letters) and buy and sell some tickets. They are \$10 each and will cover admission and snacks.

We're still looking for some help for Dave Murray, our program chair. If you can help either with the organizing or by offering yourself as a demonstrator, please contact any executive member or "Wooly" at a meeting or via the forum on the web page.

Preliminary planning has started for a major seminar in the New Year. I can't divulge details yet as arrangements are still being made, but it's looking like an interesting two days. Also in the New Year we will have our annual general meeting and election of officers. We're going to appoint an Election Officer to run the show and ensure it's an open and fair process.

We've set up donation pots for both the Library and Coffee. Funds donated will be used specifically to support those parts of the program. So far, the volunteer clean up at each meeting is working. It's efforts like this that keep the wheels greased. Thanks to those who have contributed to the club in this fashion.

Yes, it's Rocky Time on the Red Deer, if the weather holds!

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions:
Lions Senior Citizens Center

Equipment and Materials:
The format is Informal Drop In

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.
11113 - 113 Street.

Bring your own or use the Club loaners
Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: November 21, Don Anderson on Ironside Pond a new C&R lake near Red Deer @ Lions Senior Citizens Center - 11113 - 113 Street - Music Room @ 7:30 pm

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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 2ND

PRESENTATION

Topic: *"Useless stuff that I bought, that you probably don't have to"*

Presenter: *Michael Dell*

Comments: *Michael Dell will open up his cache of fly-fishing and tying gadgets and gizmos and show what doesn't work and what does work. Bonus presentation: How to dye fly lines.*

NOVEMBER 9TH

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tier: *Dan Tulik*

Pattern: *The Wiggler*

Thorax: Hook size 6
 Thread: your choice
 Tail: 3 glo-hair and tuft of filoplume
 Body: yarn or floss
 Rib: gold tinsel
 Gills: 5 strands of ostrich herl
 Head: Hook 8 or 10 caddis
 Thread: your choice
 Eyes: optional
 Hook to hook connection: 10 lb mono
 Gills: filoplume
 Thorax: yarn or floss
 Legs: hackle
 Back: turkey or pheasant

Comments: *Dipper Dan as he's known on the web will demonstrate a two-part fly for us.*

NOVEMBER 16TH

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tier: *Phil Rowley*

Pattern: *To Be Announced*

Comments: *I don't know what Phil will be talking about at this point, but you can rest assured it will be entertaining.*

NOVEMBER 23RD

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tier: *Lance Taylor (aka Ranger Bob)*

Pattern: *Pyro Ant (by Ranger Bob)*

Hook: Dry Fly #14 to #16
 Thread: Black
 Body: Melted Monofilament
 Color: Black Marker or Gloss auto touchup paint
 Legs: Black Hackle
 Wing: White/gray poly yarn (flying version)
Pattern: *Puff Ant (by Gordon Manking of fff)*
 Hook: Mustad 3906 #14
 Thread: Black
 Body: Expanded tulip puffy fabric paint, black
 Legs: Black Hackle
 Wing: White/gray poly yarn (flying version)

Comments: *Stand Back! Ranger Bob brings his penchant for fire to the table with ant patterns that use open flame or indirect heat in their construction.*

NOVEMBER 30TH

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tier: *Mike Monteith (aka Doc)*

Pattern: *Redd October*

Hook: Size #8 dry fly 94833 Mustad
 Thread: Black 3/0
 Bead: Gold Billes Ronde 3/32"
 Rib: Fine gold wire
 Body: Red holographic Tinsel

Pattern: *Christmas Chironomid*

Hook: Curved Nymph #8 to #24
 Thread: Black 8/0
 Gills: White calf tail (optional)
 Head: Silver Bead
 Rib: Fine gold wire
 Body: Red and Green Holographic Tinsel
 Thorax: Peacock Herl

Comments: *Doc will demonstrate two of his original chironomid patterns*

SILENT AUCTION

Date: *November 12th, 2005*

Location: *Schank's Athletic Club*

Cost: *\$10.00 per person*

See Brian Bleackley for tickets and donation letters

MISSING BOOKS

There are some books that have gone unaccounted for from our library. Please check you collection to see if you may have inadvertently kept one. Here's the list of the MIA books:

Hard Cover Books

Fishing's Best Short Stories
 Fly Tying Bible
 Life of a River

Soft Cover Books

Fly Fishing Trout Lakes
 Angling in the Shadows of the Rockies
 Tying Flies
 Fly Tyers Nymph Manual
 Western Anglers

RECENT PHOTOS

The happy end of a Little Smoky outing



Dave, Dennis and Jean-Michel