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FROM THE EDITOR

Grayling Season Closed. Hunting Season Open

Open water fishing season is almost at an end. We've had a pretty reasonable fall, warm enough but a bit damp. As I write this, the forecast for the weekend is snow and cold with daytime highs below freezing. It won't take too much of that before the ice starts to form on our favorite fishing holes. It's time now to start the winter "off-ice" training for next season.

October's meetings were reasonably well attended. The common sense stuff I presented on wading safety and winter preparation seemed well received. Lance's presentation of the "lure" style flies was very interesting and sparked many a pike fisher to rethink their patterns. The Halloween flies and pumpkin carving also was a hit. It was nice to see a few familiar faces we missed during summer at the last meeting or. Even Dave Murray managed to drag himself from his surgery recuperation for a few minutes. We all hope his recovery continues well.

From the Board, I noticed that a few fishers made a last pilgrimage to some familiar water and scouted out some new locations for grayling fishing before the season closed. There will be some brains to pick over the winter. Of course, the Bow, the Red Deer and the Crow are still open and I've already heard a couple of pike junkies plotting their first winter assault on the toothy critters. Keep your eyes on the Forum web page for ongoing trip planning and reports

For our first weekly meeting on **November 1st**, Ron Hagen provides an **Introduction to Rod Building**. We also start the **Beginner Tying Sessions**. The second week, **November 8th**, Bill Gouge presents **Photographing Flies**. Week 3 on **November 15th**, Vince Schembri will demonstrate a **CFF. Beginners Tying** continues as well. Week 4 on **November 22nd** has **Scratch discussing GPS and Fishing**. Lastly, at month's end on **November 29th**, Michael Dell covers **Lake Fishing Techniques**. A five meeting month is full of good stuff eh?

Planning for our major seminar for **January 20th and 21st** is pretty much done. **Dave Hughes and Jim Schollmeyer** stand to give one of our best seminars ever. We're working out the actual program with Dave and Jim and will have additional details in December. Posters will soon be up in all the shops and some magazine advertising is planned. Tickets are now available. See Emerson Dober to get yours early!

The Muir Lake aerators are now in. If you plan on fishing there before ice-up, stay well clear or you could lose a line, rod and reel and cause our volunteers some unnecessary work.

Remember the annual FESA Silent Auction in support of Muir Lake goes **November 18th** at Bo Diddleys. Cost is only \$10 and includes a steak dinner. You can get tickets at any meeting. Brian is looking for us to solicit good auction items, so see him for introduction letters. Bring your friends and have a great time bidding for bargains.

Time to get out the winter woolies?

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: Next program **November 20th** @ Lions Seniors Center - 11113 - 113 Street - (Arts & Crafts Room 3) - 7:30 pm, 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

NOVEMBER 1ST

INTRODUCTION TO ROD BUILDING

Presenter: Ron Hagen

Comment: Ron will go over the basic requirements for building your own fly rod from commercially available parts. Ron will discuss the equipment and materials required and go over the basic process of constructing a fly rod from a blank. During this session he will look for those who are interested in actually building a rod over the course of the winter.

BEGINNERS FLY TYING

Comment: We'll offer the first session of the fall for new fly tyers. Bring your vices and tools if you want to help out.

NOVEMBER 8TH

PHOTOGRAPHING FLIES

Presenter: Bill Gouge

Comment: Our resident photography expert will give us a talk on how to properly photograph your fly tying creations. He will discuss equipment, setup and photographic technique.

NOVEMBER 15TH

FAVORITE FLY PATTERNS

Presenter: Vince Schembri

Pattern: CFF

Hook TMC 100 #14 to #16
Thread Black # 8/0
Tail: Brown Macramé
Body: Peacock Herl
Wings: White Macramé
Hackle Brown Hen

Comment: This is Vince's "GO TO" fly. He is so confident in it that he will often fish it exclusively, even when his buddies are catching on something else. Cows aren't impressed.

BEGINNERS FLY TYING

Comment: This will be the second session of the fall

NOVEMBER 22ND

FISHING AND GPS

Presenter: Greg Scratchley

Comment: With the availability of good, inexpensive hand-held GPS receivers, almost anyone can now get and record accurate navigational waypoints. This can not only help a fisherman keep from getting lost in the woods, but can help you mark and find your secret fishing holes.

Greg will discuss the equipment now available, how to use it for fishing purposes and what the limitations are.

NOVEMBER 29TH

**Topic: Lake Fishing Techniques
In Search of the 50**

Presenter: Michael Dell

Comment: In Gary LaFontaine's book "Fishing the High Mountain Lakes" he mentions that he and his friends made a list of 50 different lake fishing techniques or methods. And then he goes on to describe about half a dozen of the techniques.

NOVEMBER 29TH (CONTINUED)

In this session Michael Dell will describe the half dozen or so techniques that he has learned, and invite you to contribute your techniques to the list to see how many of the 50 can be found.

PHOTOS



Classic Trout Water -The Tongariro River, New Zealand



A Fishy Pumpkin – Courtesy Lance Taylor

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 18th FESA Silent Auction Bo Diddleys
January 20th & 21st Dave Hughes & Jim Schollmeyer Grant McEwan

JANUARY SEMINAR

Dave Hughes and Jim Schollmeyer

January 20th and 21st, 2007

Grant McEwan College

Main Campus – 10700 – 104 Avenue

Room 6-212

9 am to 5pm both days

Cost \$75.00 for both days