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THE NORTHERN LIGHTS FLY TYING CLUB

Providing a friendly atmosphere for novice and experienced fly tyers and fly fishers to learn and share information.

NEW BUSINESS

A friendly reminder that basic memberships will be due soon for the 97/98 season. Please take note that **The Fly Dressers Guild** membership rate has increased by \$5.00 to cover added expenses in mailing and currency exchange.

Also, the club has recently acquired a licence from the province to conduct raffles. We are now actively seeking donations for prizes to raise funds for the club at next years Outdoor Sportsman show. These funds will be put towards bringing in guest tiers and other assorted events. If you have anything to contribute, or have any contacts in this regard please speak to Shelly. Since we now have a raffle licence we might as well take advantage of it. Therefore, as another means of raising additional funds for the club it was suggested that we hold a draw each week at our meetings to over the costs for mailings of the newsletter, and for refreshments served at the meetings. So on November 5th we will hold our first weekly 50/50 draw. The prize money may only amount to a few dollars, but it's a great opportunity for you to save/use your winnings towards acquiring some new materials, etc. The more people who participate in the weekly draws, the more fun it will be.

Your input is critical to our success! The Executive would like to hear your ideas on what types of events we should be holding in the future. At the next Annual meeting in January we have some exciting new ideas to present to the club. But you don't have to wait until then to let us know. Feel free to contact any member of the executive at the weekly meetings, or if something pops up during the week use one of the contact numbers provided. 


MEMBERSHIP RATES/INFORMATION

For the 97/98 season our pricing structure has changed, this was done to make membership to the **FLY FISHERS GUILD**, more affordable. This restructuring of the membership dues has created two membership options. The **NEW** pricing structure is as follows:

Basic Membership (Includes Family Membership - January thru December) - \$20:00

The Fly Dressers Guild (September thru August) - \$40:00

As explained in previous newsletters, membership to the **FLY FISHERS GUILD** will allow you to receive four Guild Publications each year. We find these publications very interesting. Each edition is filled with color fly plates, new materials, and flytying tips.etc. Please contact Ian Russel if you would like to browse a copy.

Regular weekly meetings and Tying sessions are held every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m at St. Joseph Catholic High School, second floor cafeteria at 10830 - 109 Street. Everyone is welcome to attend. Don't forget to bring your flytying kits, materials, and 50/50 money! 

ON-LINE NEWSLETTER

Be advised that the Newsletter will not be made available on the Internet this month.

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DEMONSTRATIONS FOR NOVEMBER

November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
<p>Tier : Mike Heemskerck</p> <p>Mike is going to demonstrate the following patterns.</p> <p>Apologies for not getting the material list out sooner.</p> <p><u>Key Lime Clouser Minnow</u></p> <p>Hook: Mustad 34001 or 3407, #4 or #6 Eyes: Lead or gold plated dumbbell eyes. Wing: Chartreuse Bucktail on top. Olive bucktail with holographic flash on the bottom. Thread: Olive 6/0</p> <p><u>Mirror Ball Caddis Pupa</u></p> <p>Hook: Tiemco 2457, #10-#16 Rib: Red wire, fine. Body: Brown crystal seal dubbing. Wing: Tuft of gray partridge feathers. Thorax: Ostrich herl, gray. Head: Gold bead. Thread: Gray 8/0</p>	<p>Tier : Gord Boutette</p> <p><i>Gord will be showing us how to tie up some saltwater patterns. Materials for each are shown only. Bring what you have and the rest can be begged or borrowed. Gord will provide the hooks as most won't have size 1/0.</i></p> <p><u>Purple Peril</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Saddle Hackle • Crystal Flash • Extra Length Flashabou (Purple - but of course!) • Med. Purple Chenille • Silver ribbon tinsel. • Brown deer hair. <p><u>Super Red Leech</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Chenille Med. • Lots of Red Marabou • Red Saddle Hackle • Silver tinsel <p><u>Red Tipped Steelhead</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polar Bair • Black Chenille Med. • Silver Ribbon Tinsel • Brown Moose Hair/Tail • Dyed Red/Green Starling 	<p>Tier : Ian Russel</p> <p><i>Ian is going to demonstrate to us a technique for tying extended body dry fly patterns.</i></p> <p><i>Not quite unlike the one illustrated in our club logo. Ian requests that you bring Starling wing feathers and some dry fly hooks, size 14.</i></p> <p>Hook: Dry standard, Sz. 14. Thread: Black 8/0. Wing: Starling wing feather. Thorax: Grizzly hackle.</p> 	<p>Tier : Shelley Robertson</p> <p><i>The pattern names are being kept secret - you'll have to show up to find out what they are.</i></p> <p><u>Pattern #1</u></p> <p>Hook: Dry-2x hook (94831). Thread: Red 6/0. Tail: Red calf tail. Abdomen: Yellow foam, red calf tail, ginger hackle. Wing: Deer hair, krystal flash, glo yarn. Thorax: Grizzly hackle, Olive dubbing</p> <p><u>Pattern #2</u></p> <p>Hook: Dry-1x (94840) Thread: Olive 8/0. Tail: Moose hair. Abdomen: Olive dubbing. Wing: Dark dun saddle. Thorax: Dark dun saddle.</p>

FLY-TYING/FLY-FISHING ON THE INTERNET

The Official FF@CDC.Fly.Swap - A first rate swap result site featuring (you guessed it) patterns using CDC material.

<http://www.jacobco.com/cdc>

Trophy Rivers invites you to test your skills against giant salmon, trout and steelhead on five of the world's most incredible rivers... without ever leaving your computer.

<http://www.sierra.com/titles/rivers/trivers.html>

Steelhead Society of British Columbia's Homepage!

"Dedicated to protecting, enhancing and restoring British Columbia's wild salmon and salmon habitat."

<http://www.virtualkamloops.com/ssbc/>



FISHING AND HUNTING LICENCE ISSUING PRIVATIZED AND IMPROVED

Government of Alberta News Release

No. 97-115

For immediate release: Thursday, September 4, 1997

Edmonton -- Alberta Environmental Protection announced today it has entered into an agreement with Information Systems Management Corporation (ISM), a subsidiary of the IBM Global Services organization, for ISM to manage the sale of Alberta recreational fishing and hunting licences. ISM will develop and implement an automated system to integrate all services required to manage the sale of these licences. The new licencing system will enable Environmental Protection to concentrate resources on fish and wildlife management and the enforcement of regulations.

"This agreement reflects the changing role of government," said Ty Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection. "It is consistent with the stated goal of Environmental Protection's business plan to permit the private sector to deliver those services to the public for which it is better suited."

The Alberta government will invest no money in the development of the new system or in its operation. All costs associated with the development and operation of the new system will be recovered by ISM through a transaction within the current pricing structure for all licenses.

Beginning March 18, 1998, all recreational fishing and hunting licences will be sold through private licence issuers using automated terminals similar to those used for credit/debit card transactions. Issuers will be able to confirm licence eligibility on-line and licences will be printed at the point of sale. ISM will be responsible for all aspects of the new system, including management of the network of private licence issuers, such as sporting goods outlets and community stores.

Hunters and anglers can expect to be better served by the new system. The new system will be faster and will track all pertinent information on every hunter or angler holding a hunting or fishing licence. Private licence issuers will be able to sell licences to the public using a more efficient system that requires less "hands-on" administration.

To enable creation of the licensing database, hunters and anglers will be required to purchase a new Wildlife Identification Number (WIN) card at a cost of \$8.00 before buying any licence, beginning in March, 1998. The WIN card will be valid for five years and renewable for an additional five years at a cost of \$4.00 (or a cost of \$1.20/year over the ten year period). Licence information for each individual licensee will be coordinated digitally using the WIN. This will mean both the purchaser and the issuer will have immediate access to information on the validity of the purchase and what licences the purchaser already holds.

"This initiative with Alberta Environmental Protection gives us the opportunity to develop and implement a unique information systems solution," said Normand Bourassa, President and CEO, ISM. "We look forward to providing a more efficient service to hunters, anglers and private licence issuers throughout the province."

ISM employs over 800 people in Alberta and is the province's largest provider of information management services. ISM is a wholly owned subsidiary of IBM Canada Ltd., and an integral member of the worldwide IBM Global Services organization.

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Background: New Fishing and Hunting Licence System

The agreement between Alberta Environmental Protection and Information Systems Management Corporation (ISM), effective March 18, 1998, is unique among North American jurisdictions. ISM will integrate all services required to manage the sale of recreational fishing and hunting licences to the public.

ISM will manage a network of private licence issuers using an automated point-of-sale system. Private licence issuers, equipped with terminals similar to those used for credit/debit card transactions, will be able to confirm licence eligibility on-line and to produce licences at the point of sale.

Benefits to Government

- Enhanced data collection for wildlife and fisheries management and resource use.
- Improved resource management through a client identification database of all hunters and anglers.
- Convenient, efficient access to the database of routine client information, current at the time of purchase.
- Efficient access to the licencing database by Enforcement Officers, enabling more effective enforcement of wildlife and fisheries regulations.
- Reduced printing, distribution and administration costs.

Benefits to Anglers and Hunters

- Improved and faster service and streamlined licence documents.
- Improved service through confirmation of eligibility at point and time of sale -- virtually eliminating licensing errors.

Benefits to Private Licence Vendors

- Reduced licence issuing time-through automated licence machines.
- Elimination of licensing errors.
- Increased volume of sales as private vendors will issue 100% of recreational sportfishing and hunting licences.
Currently, 90 percent of recreational sportfishing licences and 50 percent of hunting licences are privately issued.

Comments regarding presentation should be forwarded to WebEditor@gov.ab.ca
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- "The Sportfishing Licence sales are down about 30,000 over the last five or so years."
- "The Wildlife Certificate sales are down from an all-time high of about 167,000 in 1980-81. The drop has plateaued in the last few years at around 100,000 -- but has continued a slow fall in numbers over the last couple of years."
- "Reasons for drop: reduced recruitment of youth to these particular sports (i.e., as a group anglers and hunters are aging); urbanization of our society; increase in single-parent families; many more choices in recreational opportunities; and of course, increase in fees and complexity of regulations -- not to mention the hurdles one must jump to obtain a firearm the case of hunting)."
- "In 1996-97, exactly 220,415 Sportfishing Licences and 96,655 Wildlife Certificates were issued."
- "ISM preliminary research estimates that 30-40% less outlets will actually sell licences next year."
- "ISM will get \$6 from every licence sold BOTH fishing and hunting licences, in addition to the \$8 you have to pay to get the WIN card (renewable every 5 years). The \$6 ISM will get breaks down to \$2.50 from Buck For Wildlife funds (that is 1/4 of the \$10) and \$3.50 from the government's share."