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FROM THE EDITOR



This is the last newsletter before Christmas, so I'd like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a joyful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year, full of tight lines.

In the spirit of the season, a get together and celebration is planned for the regular meeting night of December 16. The Club will supply the snacks, you bring your own beverage. The idea is to relax, reminisce about the past year, talk about the next one and just generally shoot the breeze. We'll also judge the "Best Christmas Fly Competition". This is where you get to use your creative talents in the invention of that special seasonal pattern.

The executive is currently trying to firm up the schedule for early next year. We have a few ideas, but would like input into the type of program you want. So far, we're contemplating two structured tying nights a month with the other two sessions less structured.

The structured sessions would have a demonstration tyer show us a pattern with members then tying the same pattern (basically what we do now). We need variety in demonstration tyers to keep it interesting, so belly up to the bar and volunteer your expertise. We promise not to laugh or criticize....well, at least not too much.

For the less structured sessions, we are open to almost any tying and fishing related ideas. Some mentioned are: General Tying - members tie whatever they want in an atmosphere of camaraderie, kibitzing and general BS. Video Night - view a tying and/or fishing video followed by group discussion. Technique Night - special tying techniques, such as selecting neck hackles or the art of spinning deer hair, to be presented and discussed.

Also under discussion is a 1/2 to one day "Introduction to Fly Tying" course aimed at those who want some very basic instructions to get them started. A Club membership would be included in the course fee. Hopefully this will attract some new members and draw out a few less experienced tyers.

And lastly, is the idea of a major tying seminar in April. To make this come off, we'll need a partner. The executive is currently exploring possibilities, so keep your ears tuned.

Oh yeah, membership renewal time is approaching. Start saving those shekels!

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: Every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm
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 and cookies served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

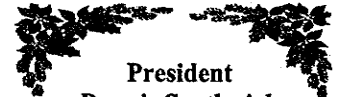


OTHER EVENTS



Trout Unlimited Meeting Dec. 14 1998 7:30pm Grant McEwan College Rm 6-291
Wild Trout Rescue on Bow River Irrigation District at Carsland
Merry Christmas! December 25, 1998 All Day, Everywhere!

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1998 Free to New Members

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"



MEETINGS

DECEMBER 2

Tyer: Fred Small
Pattern: Christmas Pin



Hook: Special hook-shaped pin from Denny's
Comments: Fred will show us how to use those brightly colored feathers and tinsel, we only thought were for pike flies, in the construction of a Festive pattern which can be worn as a brooch, tie or lapel pin. They'll make a fine Christmas gift for that special someone who will finally find out that there is a real use for your box of dead animal parts. Fred's a first time demonstration tyer for us so lets give him a warm reception. Maybe he'll do it again.

DECEMBER 9

Tyer: Michael Dell
Pattern: Hare and Copper



Hook: Nymph Hook 8 to 20
Thread: Any Size and Color
Tail: Hare's Mask Guard Hairs
Rib: Copper Wire
Body: Hare's Mask Dubbing
Legs: Guard Hairs picked out
Comments: TU's local President will also present "Bill and Bubba's Excellent Adventure Down Under", an "amateur fish porn video of a New Zealand Trip." .. Hare! Hare!

DECEMBER 16

Christmas Celebration and Christmas Fly Competition



Join us for snacks, conversation and a bit of Christmas cheer. The Club provides the snacks, you provide the cheer. The conversation (a.k.a. BS) comes naturally. Tye up a fly in keeping with the spirit of Christmas and we'll all sit around and give kudos to the best inventions. Since fish don't hang up stockings or expect Santa to give them presents, it need not have proven catching ability. So let your imaginations run loose. The prize is a year's worth of bragging rights.

DECEMBER 23 NO MEETING!



You get to do your last minute Christmas shopping.

DECEMBER 30 "FREE FOR ALL"



Membership fees waived for the rest of the year!
Join us for a Video and Tall Tails session. Lets see who can tell the biggest lie about 1998. We might find a prize for the best story. You can even tye a few flies if you want.

MEMBER PROFILE



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E-Mail: bluefish@oanet.com **Age:** recent 38
Fellow fisher Darren Jacknisky is my significant other.
Occupation: Vitamin and herbal remedies consultant
Other Interests: Driving and buffing my '63 VW Beetle
Spin Fishing: Yech! **Fly Fishing:** 7 years **Tying:** 3 years
Favorite Pattern: SA Hopper
Favorite Location: Little Smoky, where else?
Remarks: This was the largest fish I have ever released. I'd like to say I caught this one on a #22 mountain midge or some such story, but that would be a fish'n tale. Instead, this is one of the beauties caught in the irrigation ditch during the TU Wild Trout Round-Up and released into the Bow, upstream of the Caresland wier. It was a thrill to set this one free, to spawn and to live out a happy trout life!

LIAR'S CORNER

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house was scattered Deer Hair from the fly tyer's mouse.
One Mrs. Claus took exception to this and gave poor old Santa a reason to fish.
She said if he didn't start keeping things neat, he soon would be feeling a mid-summer's heat.
So rather than face the prospect of that Santa put on his fuzzy red hat.
Then left for the stream, where to his dismay six inches of ice had got in the way.
Resourceful as ever, Nick pulled out a vise and fashioned a sword fish, to cut through the ice.
Once a small path thorough the ice had been cleared Saint Nicholas pulled out a few strands of beard and quick as a wink, he tyed up a new fly in hopes that a Brown Trout soon would come by.
But instead of a Trout, the Jolly One caught nothing more than a cold, which leaves us this thought. If a fly-tying Neat-Nick is something you're not It sometimes is better to stay where it's hot.
You see, Christmas Eve comes just once a year and spending it fish-less is something to fear. So stay close to the fire and you just might rate A Happy New Year and a Christmas that's great.