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FROM THE EDITOR

Happy New Year! Well, I may be a month late, but that's due to publishing lead times. Anyway, you can start the New Year off properly if you **send in your membership dues!** This is the last newsletter you will receive if you don't ante up for 1999. Dues are the same as last year, \$20.00 for the whole schunear. And you won't want to miss the news and events covered, not to mention my sparkling wit. Just think, for the price of a dozen flies, you get all this, plus you get to associate with other reprobates masquerading as fly fishers.

Our elections are over and the results can be found in the box on the right. Congratulations (or is it condolences) to the new executive. I know you've got a bit of work ahead of you.

For more information on our major seminar in April, see the box on page 2. We're looking for a "catchy" name for this unique event, so if any of you en-Light-ened Fly Tyers have a suggestion, please call or send an e-mail to me or the Pres. I kind of favor this one: "Flyfishing - The Alberta Angle".

We're also looking for volunteers to staff the Sportsman's show. For more information see the box on page two. Volunteers can expect to work about a 4 hour shift, with about 2 hours of actual tying. The rest of the time is spent schmoozing with the fishing public.

Also, we are now recruiting instructors for our Introductory Fly Tying Seminar. You don't have to be an expert. This 1/2 Saturday seminar in late March will give beginners just enough instruction to get started, covering basic equipment, materials and tying techniques. So if you can tie well enough to do a wolley bugger, you can help. We'd like to have a ratio of 2 or 3 students to one instructor to make it enjoyable for the newbies.

In keeping with a slight change in direction for the Club approved at the annual meeting, our February sessions mix tying nights with other interests. Our new VP, Gord Boutette, will demo a couple of flashy patterns and Roman Scharabun will give us one of his excellent tying sessions. We've begun broadening the Club's focus to cover more "fly fishing" topics and activities. More on that next month.

In the mean time, if you can't go fly fishing on hard water, you may as well come on out and join the happy throng at the Water's edge. At least you can talk about fishing and maybe get that new killer pattern for the spring.

A late item to note is that Lance Taylor is working on setting up the Club's own web site on Geocities. We'll provide the new web URL and e-mail address as soon as it's running.

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 February 8, 1999 7:30 pm Grant Mc Ewan College Rm 6-258
Lorne Fitch, on evaluating riparian habitat

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MEMBERSHIP

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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"



MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 3

Guests: Gord Boutette, Mike Heemskerck and Darren Jacknisky

Topic: Leaders and Knots

Comments: These three will give us a tag-team presentation on how to tie proper tapered leaders for a variety of fishing situations and what goes into strong and useful fishing knots

FEBRUARY 10

Topic: Video Night

Comments: Join the crew for viewing and discussing a fishing video. We'll either use one from the Club's library or a rental. You can do your own thing tying after if you want.

FEBRUARY 17

Tyer: Gord Boutette

Pattern: Chrome Dome

Comments: Gord will supply materials for us to tie this all-shiny pattern.

Pattern: Marabou Coho Fly

Hook: Mustad 4/0

Body: Green and Blue Marabou, and lots of it.

Comments: Gord tells us this is a very productive Coho Fly

FEBRUARY 24

Tyer: Roman Scharabun

Pattern: To Be Announced

Comments: Roman is one of our better known expert tyers. He will give us a demo of one of his favorite patterns. His presentations are always full of detail and helpful hints and suggestions. Malcolm Knopp may accompany Roman and give us the benefit of his expertise also.

FISHING REPORTS

My January calendar shows a lovely Kiwi lady releasing a large rainbow somewhere on New Zealand's north island. It's enough to make you cry when confronted with the two feet of snow on the local ponds.

Note on Deadlines (and I don't mean Dead Lines):

Just so you know, the logistics of producing and mailing means each month's newsletter must be complete by the last Tuesday of the preceding month. For the March newsletter, the last day for contributions is February 23.

MEMBER PROFILE



Name: Gord Boutette

Married: to Deb for 13 years

Address: 10827 0 68 Avenue, Edmonton

Phone: Home: 437-3724 **Work:** 447-1970 **Fax:** N/A

E-Mail: Not computer ready **Age:** 41

Occupation: Welder

Other Interests: Machining interesting stuff, Guiding on BC waters and Art, including oils and watercolors.

Fly Fishing: Since a wee lad **Tying:** at least 25 years

Favorite Patterns: Bloody Leech, Silver Missile

Favorite Location: Anywhere on the Kitimat or Kispiox Rivers. Special holes are a well kept secret.

Remarks: Gord is an accomplished tyer, mostly of salt water patterns. A little bird tells us that he's the main supplier of fish catching flies in the Kitimat area. Gord Says "A bad day fishing on the water is better than the best day working. Days go by so fast, before you know it, it's over 'till the next season."

MAJOR APRIL SEMINAR

Date: April 10 and 11, 1999

Place: Grant McEwan Community College

Cost: Not yet finalized.

Guests: Two famous Alberta fly fishers, Jim McLennan and Bob Scammell

The program will be varied, covering all sorts of fly fishing topics with tying demonstrations. Further details will be provided during the next month. Keep your eyes peeled for our flyer at the local shops.

SPORTSMAN'S SHOW

Dates: March 10 to 14, 1999

Place: Northlands Agricom

The Fishing Hole has again graciously allotted us space in their booth where we can tie flies and meet the fishing public. We'll need at least two tyers for each of about a dozen four hour shifts. So if you want to have some fun meeting other fishing enthusiasts and promoting fly fishing and tying, call anyone on the executive and let us know when you're available. Gord will be scheduling appearances.