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FROM THE EDITOR

Happy New Year Everyone!

Here it is, the start of another year. I won't say millennium because we all know there was no year zero and that the next millennium doesn't start until 2001! Anyway, it looks to be an interesting year. President Dennis, along with a few of your chosen executive, has been plotting the course for the next year. We anticipate more of the same as last year with a few twists. So if you haven't already, get off your butt and renew your membership!

We would like to hold a Fly Tying Seminar early in the new year. But this time, to save on expenses, we think a one day seminar featuring local tyers is the way to go.

We also think it would be nice to repeat the session last spring where we all got to try casting a few different rods in the park to the south. This time, the suggestion is to maybe have two such sessions. One where a couple of manufacturers can show their wares and one where members bring their own favorite rods for others to try out. It may even be possible to combine one of these with a bit of casting instruction, although for that it would be nice to go to a local pond. Roman Scharabun has kindly offered his assistance as impromptu instructor.

Another repeat is our support for Trout Unlimited's annual March fund raising dinner by again placing all the demo flies we tie into a small fly box to be donated to their raffle. We're going to have a couple of tying sessions in January to augment the contents.

We will also repeat our appearance at the Sportsman's show, at the Fishin Hole booth (thanks very much for the offer of space Dave). So we'll need to start recruiting volunteer tyers soon.

A long term project has been suggested. The idea is to put together a small book of patterns that are inventions or favorites of club members. The format and style of the book is wide open, so please make your suggestions or comments heard.

All this is open to your wants and needs, so please attend the Annual General Meeting on January 19th, select the new executive and provide us with your input. This is your club!

And lastly, as of July 2000 we will need a substitute newsletter editor to fill my shoes. My wife has had her sabbatical request approved, so the Robinson family is off to New Zealand for most of a year. I will be coming back, so it need only be a temporary job. Volunteers please! I can't imagine doing this long distance. Besides, it might eat into my fishing time in NZ.

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.
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 Meetings January 17, 2000: Topic To Be Announced in Room 5-158
Grant McEwan Community College, Contact Michael Dell for information @ 488-1966

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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"



MEETINGS

JANUARY 5

Tyer: *Dave Phelps*
Pattern: *Flashback Hare's Ear*
Hook: # 12 to #14 3X Nymph
Head: Gold Tungsten Bead
Tail: Woodcock fibres, color to match dubbing
Body: Hare's ear and antron dubbing, color to suit
Wing Case: Pearlescent flashabou
Comments: Dave wants us to come prepared to tie two or three flies each for the TU box as well. Patterns to be: BH Hare's Ear, Prince Nymph, Wolley Bugger, Pheasant Tail Nymph, Green Doc Spratley and Backswimmer.

JANUARY 12

Tyer: *Dennis Southwick*
Pattern: *Damsel Nymph*
Hook: #16 or #18 Pupa (shrimp hook)
Eyes: Plastic bead chain eyes (must be plastic)
Tail: Green or olive marabou
Body: Green or olive Ultra Chenille (must be Ultra)
Thorax: Green or olive dubbing
Wing Case: Pearlescent diamond braid flashabou
Pattern: *Extended Body Caddis*
Hook: #14 - #18 Pupa
Thread: Kevlar or 3 lb tippet
Body: 5 beads of your favorite color (green, amber and black)
Dubbing: To match beads
Legs: Speckled soft hackle fibres optional
Comments: Time permitting Dennis will demo a cased cad-dis using soft grouse or partridge hackle, light green or yellow body dubbing with a dark head and grouse hackle legs.

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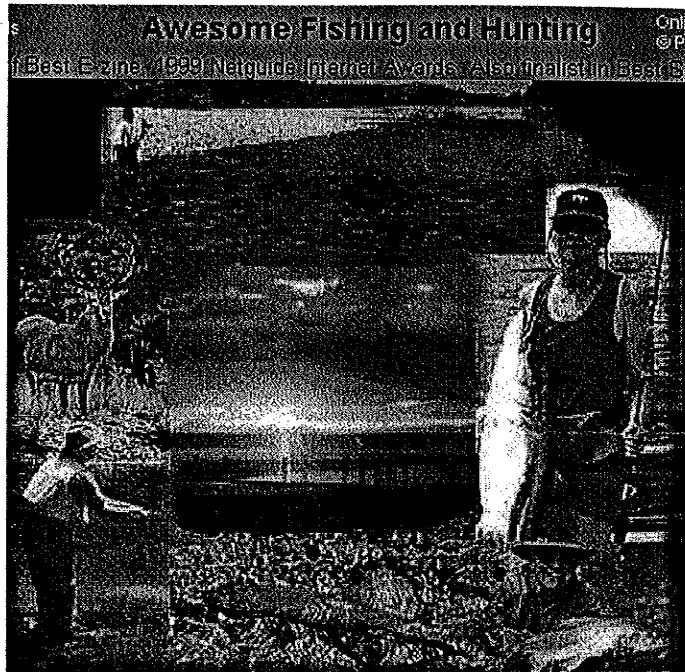
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is your chance to elect the Club Officers. Come out and show your support for the efforts of the last year's crew and make your wishes for the next year known.

After the business meeting we'll tie some more TU flies: SA Hopper, Stimulator, Griffiths Gnat, Elk Hair Caddis, Humpy and Lime Sally

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Tyer: *Gord Boutette*
Pattern: *Spawn Spey Fly*
Hook: # 2/0 #36890 Limerick #079
Thread: #6/0 Chinese Red
Tail: Flat oval tinsel - small
Body: Burnt orange floss
Hackle: Burgundy spey hackle - palmered
Rib: Flat oval tinsel
Head: Flashabou #6905 extra limp, yellow schlappen, red schlappen, whip finish and 2 coats of head cement



Where Dave's going in July. Eat your hearts out you suckers!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

If you don't renew, this is your 2nd to last newsletter! Either drop your renewal in at a meeting or mail your renewal in to Dave Phelps @ 357 Hunters Run, Edmonton T6R 2P1

Note From Denny's Fly Tying Specialties

Denny's would like to announce the following courses:

Rod Building

Dates: February 15, 22, & 29 2000

Time: 7:00 - 10:00pm.

Cost: \$50.00 (supplies extra)

Basic Fly Tying

Dates: February 1,2,9,16,23 March 1,8,15,21 & 22

Time: 7:00 - 10:00pm.

Cost: \$90.00 (includes all materials but not tools)

\$20.00 deposit required to register

Tools Required: Vise, Bobbin, Bodkin, Hackle Pliers, Scissors

Place for both Courses

Denny's Fly Tying - 10804 - 129 Avenue
call 472- 1257 for more info.

Denny's Fly Tying Specialties would like to thank all their customers for their patronage in 1999 and to wish them all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2000.

Debbie Denny

SHOPPING HINTS

Michael's Crafts, located in the Terra Losa Shopping Center is supposed to have lots of cheap tying material for those willing to use their imagination. Almost as good as Crafts Canada is the report.