



MEMBERS TALK

I finally got out fishing two weeks ago.
 I joined the Hamilton Freshwater Anglers Club
 where I met a few guys I can go out fishing with.
 Ye Huang took me fishing on the Arapuni River.
 Nice fishy looking small river, with lots of pocket wa-
 ter.
 We saw a few very big rainbows chasing whitebait
 but as I told Lance, New Water, Same Story - Wet Ass,
 No Fish!
 I hope we can remedy that soon.
 I'm off to join the club at Lake Tauppo
 on an overnight boat trip on December 2nd and 3rd.
 We're supposed to go after smelting rainbows
 which I understand can run to double digits in weight.
 In the meantime, I'm attaching a photo
 of a couple of young lads
 I ran across surf fishing in Taranaki for Kowhai.
 Maybe you can use it in the next newsletter.



We're off to the Cook Islands for 8 days on Tuesday
 So give my regards to the guys at the next meeting
 I'll be lying on the beach thinking of you (NOT)

Dave Robinson



FROM THE EDITOR

Seasons Greetings to all

After our executive meeting November 8th I felt that it was important to keep the club members informed.

There was an extensive discussion regarding the use of a video camera to record our weekly tying sessions, among many other ideas. The main focus of the final thoughts of the executive was the purchase of a high quality digital video camera. This camera would allow us to produce some really high quality videos of our members tying useful patterns for our area.

Among the advantages of these high quality productions would be the generation of some revenue for the club, the sharing of the patterns and their use with other clubs world wide, and presentation of instructional materials to new tyers.

The amount of financial investment by the club would be about \$2000. The feeling is that we could recoup these moneys rather quickly with a quality product.

At the club meeting on November 22 Dennis will be asking for a motion to spend the funds to purchase the camera.

There will be no meeting on December 27th to allow us to have some time with our families during the holiday season.

This month's "Broken Threads" is the first step towards an updated format for our publication. It is hoped that we can attract more attention to the club if our news letter is more indicative of the active nature of our members. Any and all feedback regarding this new format will be greatly appreciated by the editor.

I guess that about raps up my ramblings for now.

Dave Murray

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 served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

OTHER EVENTS

Trout Unlimited Activities for December and the new year:
 December 18: a special program to be announced at a later date.
 January 15: John Acorn, "The Nature Nut"
 February 26: George Sterling, fisheries biologist
 March 19: To be determined at a later date

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- Tying and fishing "secrets"



NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER
MEETING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 15

Tyer: Gord Boutette

Pattern: Twisted Sisters

Hook: Mustad 9049 size 4

Thread: Chinese Red 3/6

Underbody: silver flat tinsel

Overbody: orange laser wrap

Thorax: gold tinsel (oval) Hackle: black, strong neck

Wing: peacock lurl
Calf tail long

NOVEMBER 22

Tyer:

NOVEMBER 29

Tyer: Mike Dell

Pattern: Micojig

Hook: jig hook 1/64—1/32 oz.

Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 to match the body colour

Tail: marabou, olive, brown, black, or what ever you have.

Rib: Copper wire

Hackle: webby cock or hen

Body: dubbed or twisted marabou

Notes: Mike insists that this is just a woolly bugger on a jig hook. He says he has some tips on tying and fishing these little guys.

DECEMBER 6

Speakers: Chris Garly (I hope I spelled it right) and Bill Robertson from The Fishing Hole

Topic: Christmas wish list night of new stuff

Comments: Chris and Bill will be presenting some of the new stuff that is available for the fly fisher and tyer. The emphasis is on gear rather than tying supplies.

DECEMBER 13

Tyer: Bob ?

Pattern:

DECEMBER 20

Tyer: Mike Dell

Pattern: House and Lot Variant (H&L)

Thread: 8/0 Olive

Hook: Dry Fly sizes 10 through 18

Tail: white calf tail

Wings: white calf tail

Body: Stripped peacock quill

Thorax: peacock hurl

Hackle: brown

Notes: polypropylene can be substituted for the calf tail

Comments: Mike says that this may not be a new pattern to some of us as he has shown it before.

TIPS OF THE MONTH



TRIP TALK

Smokey river trip

14 October 2000

By

Brian Hepperle

On the morning of the 14 October we all met at the Tim Horton's in Spruce Grove. The party consisted of Gordon Boutette, Dennis Southwick, Ken Mah, Dave Jansen and myself. With donuts and coffee on hand we all climbed into Ken's van and the trip commenced at about 6:00 am. The trip was uneventful except for breakfast at Whitecourt and a few coyote's in the ditch along the way.

Arriving at about 10 a.m. we were met by approx. 10-12 anglers already in the midst of trying their luck. After rigging up we all went and picked a spot along the run by the bridge. After several hours everyone was having success (some more than others) but we opted for lunch anyways. Here we all discussed how things went. As far as presentation there seemed to be luck on both strike indicators and the old wet fly swing. s used were black gnats, Griffith gnats, prince nymphs, gold ribbed hairs ear and clouser minnows. I started by using clouser's on the dolly's and hit three ranging from 14-24 inches and one long release. The rest of the crew stuck with the above-mentioned flies and everyone did fairly well. After lunch we all hiked downstream to the big bend. Beautiful water, but little action. Gord however managed to land a 16 inch grayling on his infamous black gnat. We then picked up roots and headed upstream past the bridge. We then split up, with Gordon and I going way upstream. With no luck except Gord's big strike from a stickfish we headed downstream to where Ken, Dennis and Dave were. Dennis seemed to own the river with his 3 in 1 cast. He caught grayling after grayling on a griffith's gnat. Fishing alongside of him we all had limited success until we found out how to use this presentation. Dennis explained that sometimes they take it dry and sometimes when you let the hook hang on the end of the drift. Trying this showed some real results. The grayling hardly took the fly on the dry fly drift although a few did strike. When the fly swung around creating a noticeable drag, the grayling struck randomly. After the gnat swung straight out below all you had to do was let it hang there. They always hit it. Go figure. Ken said he even stripped in a couple times, let it hang, then a couple of more strips and bang.

We owe our thanks to Dennis in what I call the 3 in 1 presentation. At the end of the day we had some trouble getting Ken off the water (I hear there was talk of bear bait. Editor) and when he finally came he just kept of mumbling, lot's of action, lot's of action. He caught one on every cast. Got home around 10:30 or 11 with supper at Whitecourt.

For those members that have never experienced the Smokey make sure you go when the club plans for next year. There's lots of room, the scenery and fishing go hand in hand, just great.