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Fish Tales...

Fish Tales Fly Shop
A place to share fish tales;
A place to make friends.

Fish Tales Winter Hours (effective until May 17, 2002)

Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Holidays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fish Tales Summer Hours (effective Saturday, May 18, 2002)

Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Holidays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Adventures of Team Fish Tales

We're about to begin our sixth year of business and with that we're embarking on some changes. Specifically, we're relocating to a new and bigger location. That's right....

"we're on the move..."

As I write this, the contractors are finishing the dry walling, the flooring and paint is on order, and we're in the process of refinishing our existing fixtures.

Our projected move date is Sunday, March 3, but please watch our website (www.fishtales.ca) for definite timelines. We're planning to have minimal "downtime" and hope to be open for business at the new location on Monday, March 4.

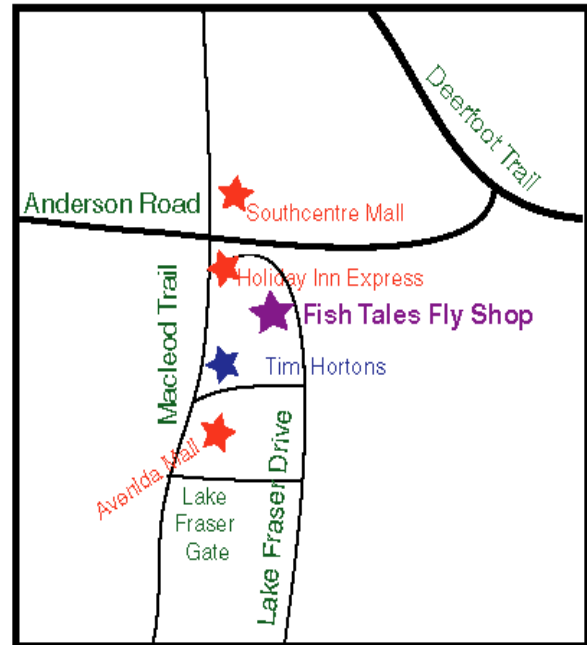
We'd like to take this opportunity to once again thank all of you for helping make Fish Tales a success. It's your support that's allowing us to grow. Thank You.

Our new shop is south of Anderson Road on the east side of Macleod Trail. To get there you need to turn east onto Lake Fraser Gate (the first light south of Anderson Road), then ("Adventures" cont. on last page.)

Effective March 2002 we're relocating....

Our new address is:

#626, 12100 Macleod Trail SE



Our phone and fax numbers will remain the same.

Fly Tying Courses (last chance 'til next fall...)

FIRST CLASSES IN THE NEW STORE!

Introduction to Fly Tying – This five-week course starts with the basics of fly tying – tying the thread on the hook – and goes on to teach techniques for tying nymphs, streamers, and dries. During the 12 ½ hours of instruction students learn techniques for dubbing, ribbing, hackling dry flies, etc. All introductory courses are team-taught by **two** instructors to ensure lots of time and attention for everyone.

Course cost is **\$155.00**. Fees include an unbeatable fly tying kit containing all the tying material students need to complete the course flies plus plenty of extra to continue tying. Students are responsible for supplying their own tying tools and vise.

Class I – Monday nights beginning March 4, 2002 through April 1, 2002. (Start 7. End 9:30-10:00)

Class II – Thursday nights beginning March 7, 2002 through April 4, 2002. (Start 7. End 9:30-10:00)

Intermediate Fly Tying Course – This course will introduce students to techniques not covered in our introductory course. Students will learn the skills necessary for parachute posts, spinning deer hair, hair wings, dubbing ropes, dealing with peacock, and using CDC. Students are responsible for supplying all their own materials and equipment.

Course cost is **\$100.00**. This course is limited to **four** students who will receive 10 hours of instruction.

Prerequisite: completion of an introductory course or proven ability to dub and hackle, plus an understanding of the importance of proportion.

Class – Tuesdays, March 19, 26, April 2, and Wednesday, April 3, 2002. (Start 7. End 9:30-10:00)

NOTES:

- All classes are subject to cancellation and/or rescheduling due to insufficient registration.
- A deposit is required at time of booking.

Spring/Summer 2002 Fly Fishing Courses

Introduction to Fly Fishing

If you've ever considered learning to fly fish, this course is an ideal introduction. Students will spend most of the day in this two-part class. The morning session is spent in a classroom where you'll learn about equipment, lines, knot tying, etc. We provide lunch and then the group heads outdoors for a dry-land casting session, which allows students to concentrate on learning proper casting techniques. By the end of the day, students will be able to cast 30 feet of fly line and know the basics of casting.

Introductory courses are limited to eight students with two instructors for the casting session. Course cost is **\$85.00 (+GST)** per person.

Course dates are as follows:

Sunday, May 5
Saturday, May 25
Saturday, June 1
Sunday, June 9
Saturday, June 22
Sunday, July 7
Saturday, July 13
Sunday, July 28

This is an excellent course for anyone who's never fly fished, wants to learn correct fly casting techniques, or has tried fly fishing a couple of times and wants to learn more before investing in equipment.

Intermediate Fly Fishing

Spend a day on the Lower Bow with a member of Team Fish Tales. You'll learn nymphing techniques including single and double fly rigs, as well as some basic streamer and - weather (hatch) permitting - dry fly techniques. Learn to "read the water" and what techniques to use for various water conditions.

This course is ideal for the anglers who want to improve their fly fishing skills and gain experience on the mighty Bow River. It's also a great way to combat the "I can't catch a fish on the Bow River syndrome."

Students must have all their own gear including rods, reels, waders, and license to participate. Course cost is **\$100.00 (+GST)** per person.

Course dates are as follows:

Saturday, May 11 (Full)
Holiday Monday, May 20
Saturday, June 15
Sunday, June 2
Saturday, July 6
Sunday, July 14

These courses are VERY popular. Classes are limited to four people.

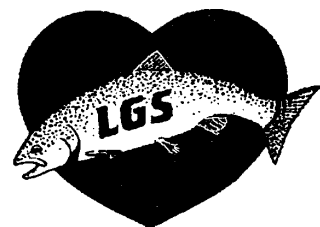
NOTE: In addition to the scheduled intermediate courses, groups of four are welcome to set up a "private" intermediate session any time during the summer. Call the store for additional information.

Trout Unlimited Events

Member Evening - March 4. Join the Bow River Chapter of Trout Unlimited Canada for an entertaining and educational event on Monday, March 4 at 7 p.m. Neil Jennings and fisheries biologist Trevor Rhodes will both be presenting at this event. Cost is \$5.00. Members and non-members welcome.

Annual Tackle Swap – Date TBA. Watch for posters advertising the Bow River Chapter's annual tackle swap scheduled for later this spring.

17th Annual Spring Fling Dinner and Auction – Limited tickets are still available for the annual Calgary Dinner and Auction on March 21, 2002. This year's event will once again be held at Calgary's Hyatt Regency Hotel. Tickets are \$150.00 each and can be ordered by calling 221-8360 or on-line at www.tucanada.org.



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FISH TALES Seminars 2002 Revised schedule

These two-hour sessions are a great way to brush up on the latest tying materials and techniques, learn improved knot tying techniques, etc. Seminars are free and open to anyone who wants to attend. If you're stopping by to shop don't be deterred by attendees – we're still open for business. **DON'T Forget** - Whenever you attend a Sunday seminar, your name is entered into a draw for a **GUIDED BOW RIVER FLOAT TRIP** during the 2002 season.

Lake Flies by Brent Schlenker – Sunday, February 24. Brent is a regular guest speaker at our Sunday seminars. He'll share information about lake patterns that he's found to be successful as well as tips and suggestions to simplify tying.

Bow River Biology – Sunday, March 10 – Calgary/Brooks area fisheries biologist, Trevor Rhodes is the featured speaker at this seminar. Join him for a discussion on Bow River species, where and when they

spawn, what they eat, etc. Trevor will present information on last year's Highwood/Bow River Rainbow trout study including insight to the movement patterns of fish with radio transmitters.

Creative Fly Tying with Jeremy Davies - Sunday, March 17. Jeremy is one of Calgary's most innovative tiers. His flies include the Evil Weevil, Tiger Stone, and Jeremy's Hare's Ear, which are now all mainstays on the Bow River.

Pike on the Fly – Sunday, March 24. If you're planning a trip to nearby reservoirs or thinking about heading North, join David for a discussion on fly fishing for pike. He'll discuss various retrieval techniques, flies, etc. to use on your quest for the "waterwolf."

Cheaters – Sunday, March 31 – If you've ever wondered exactly how to use tube bodiz or whether you can substitute fishair for fur, this is the seminar for you.

Adventures cont.

north onto Lake Fraser Drive. We're right next to Techno Sport in Bonavista Square, which is between Avenida Mall and the new Holiday Inn Express. We look forward to seeing you there.

In celebration of our move, we're having a combination Grand Opening/Customer Appreciation Open House on Saturday, March 9. Please stop in during regular business hours for a visit, some coffee, and your chance to win a Sage or Scott fly rod.

Finally, be sure to watch our website for additional information about the move, a new feature fly, and later this spring a trip report on our upcoming trip to Mexico's Ascension Bay.

Feature Products:

Redington Stratus Wading Jacket – This new lighter-weight waterproof, breathable jacket is ideal for most fishing conditions. The jacket has a roll-up hood, built-in retractor, fleece hand-warmer pockets, and a large back pocket for carrying lunch or a light fleece.

Springbrook Deluxe Chest Pack – Whether you're headed to the Bow for a day of fishing or headed to distant waters, this new vest will work for you. Its versatility is unmatched. It comes with a zinger, d-ring attachments for tools, and a removable fly patch... must be seen to be appreciated.

Ott-Lite True Color Fly Tying Lamp with magnifier- This product is advertised as "the ultimate" fly tying lamp. The daylight color bulb allows the tier to see materials in their true colors and the magnifier lets you see tiny details much more clearly.

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