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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 October 15, 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.

We will be closed:

Thanksgiving Monday – October 14, 2002

Christmas Day - December 25, 2002 Boxing Day – December 26, 2002

New Year's Day – January 1, 2003

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Fish Tales Updates

With another season of angling winding down it's time to load up the fly tying walls and start our winter courses and seminars. Check out the course information on the next page and our seminar schedule on the back of this newsletter. Remember that whenever you attend one of our seminars your name is entered into a draw for a **GUIDED BOW RIVER FLOAT TRIP** during the 2003 season. The more seminars you attend the greater your chances to win.

Fish Tales has hit the "big-time." We now have a **toll-free phone number** for out-of-town customers. It's 1-866-640-1273. It's valid from within Canada and the US.

STAFF

This winter customers will get to know the newest member of Team Fish Tales. Andre McGaughey joined the team earlier this month. Andre's a long-time guide. He's spent several seasons on the Green River in Utah. More recently, he's guided on B.C.'s Elk River as well as on the Bow. Andre is a welcome member of the team with his easy-going nature, tremendous fishing know-how, and enthusiasm for dry fly angling.

Seamus has moved to Vancouver Island where he's working in the fly fishing industry and learning new water. We wish him well during the coming months, thank him for his dedication to Fish Tales, and hope to see him back in Alberta next summer.

FEATURE PRODUCTS

In preparation for the fly tying season, we've received a large selection of **Whiting/Hoffman** ¼ and ½ saddles (shop early for best selection). We've also topped up on dubbing and threads, and we've got a ton of synthetics.

G-Loomis Rods & Accessories - This summer we introduced G-Loomis products to our selection of quality fly-fishing gear. G-Loomis offers rods starting at \$200.00. We carry Frontier, Adventure, GL3, and GLX rods, as well as Adventure series reels, and G-Loomis bags, fly boxes, hats, and T-shirts.

SAGE has introduced two new rod lines to their selection. The new Ultra High Performance TCR Series of rods is designed for the skilled caster in the most demanding conditions. It's touted as **the rod** for situations where "technical precision, distance and the ability to cut through wind are at a premium." It's available in 5-wt or 8-wt four-piece versions.

The new LE (Light Edition) series of medium fast-action rods offers SAGE performance for the cost-conscious angler. LE rods range from \$230 - \$280. They're available in two or four pieces and a broad range of rod weights.

Scott Rods has introduced the new S3S saltwater series of rods. The S3S are fast-action, painted, exceptionally light, powerful, and well balanced. As with all upper end Scott rods, the S3S utilize Scott's unique internal ferrule system and use the finest components available.

Bailey Hats - We have an excellent selection of Bailey's fine crushable felt hats currently in stock including a few larger sizes. (XXL & XXXL)

Additional feature product on next page...

Ascension Bay, Mexico - February 2003



Fish Tales is headed back to Ascension Bay's Let It Be Inn from February 21-28, 2003. Guests on last year's trip agree that this was one of the best trips they've had.

Ascension Bay offers a range of fishing options for all levels of anglers. Aside from extensive bonefish and permit flats, the area features sand and mangrove islands, and palm-lined backwaters and lagoons that are home to tarpon and snook. This combination means you're in for a terrific adventure.

Let It Be Inn caters to six anglers who fish two to a boat with an equal number of guides. This 1:1 ratio means a guide will accompany anglers who decide to wade.

The Inn features three double-occupancy cabanas that have rod racks, full electricity, private bathroom/shower facilities, and a shaded porch overlooking the beach. The main lodge is equipped with a full kitchen and dining area. Meals are prepared for you.

The trip cost is **\$1,995.00 US** plus your return flight to Cancun. Save \$100.00 US if you book and pay your deposit before December 1, 2002. A 50% deposit is required upon booking. If you're interested in more information, please contact the store at 1-866-640-1273 or email to: sales@fishtales.ca

Check out the Let It Be Inn report from last year's trip on our website at www.fishtales.ca (Trip reports.)

Fly Tying Courses – Fall and Winter Schedule

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. Students learn techniques for dubbing, ribbing, hackling dry flies, etc. All introductory courses with more than 4 students are 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.**

Session A – Monday nights beginning October 28 through November 25, 2002.

Session B – Wednesday night October 30, 2002; Thursday nights November 7 through 28

Session C – Tuesday nights beginning January 7 through February 4, 2003

Session D – Thursday nights starting January 9, 2003 through February 6, 2003.

Session E – Tuesday nights starting March 4 through April 1, 2003.

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.

Session A - (FULL) November 12, 13, 19, and 26.

Session B Creative Fly Tying with Jeremy Davies (Evil Weevil creator) – February 11, 12, 18, and 19, 2003. Contact the store for details.

Session C – March 12, 13, 19, and 20, 2003

Rod Building Course – Learn to build your own fly rod during this course taught by Brad Berdusco. Fish Tales provides all the tools. Students need to purchase rod blanks and components. Course cost is \$50.00 plus the cost of the rod-building materials.

Course dates January 20, 22, 27, and 29. This course is limited to six (6) students.

NOTES:

- Classes start at 7 p.m. and run until 9:30–10:00.
- All classes are subject to cancellation and/or rescheduling due to insufficient registration.
 - A deposit is required at time of booking.

Feature Products continued:

Triangular lead anchors – We recently received a large and heavy shipment of lead anchors. Anchors range from 15 to 36 pounds and cost \$1.65/lb.

Books – We have Calgary's most comprehensive fly fishing book selection. Whether you want to sit back and enjoy a leisurely read of Gierach or Hemingway, or want to learn techniques for bonefishing, tying, or nymph fishing, we're sure to have a title or two of interest. If you don't see what you're after, please let us know and we can try to source it for you.

SALE ITEMS:

All in-stock:

Redington AS & AL reels and spools are 25% off.

Earth Ragz vests and jackets are 25% off.

Ultra 3 fly lines are 15% off.

Orange Steelhead and **Distance (XXD)** fly lines are 15% off.

Weinbrenner/Borger Boots are 25% off

TUC-BRC Fall Splash

11th Annual Fall Splash – Tickets are now available for the Trout Unlimited Canada - Bow River Chapter dinner and auction on November 20, 2002.

This year's event will once again be held at the Coast Plaza Hotel.

Tickets are **\$60.00 each** and are available at the shop or can be ordered by calling 221-8360.

FISH TALES Seminars 2002/2003

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 2003 season.

Winterizing your gear – Sunday, October 27, 2002. Terry will walk you through the steps you need to take to get your gear ready for winter storage. Learn the tricks to line cleaning, basic reel maintenance, etc. during this two-hour session.

Winter Destination & Gear – Sunday, November 3 – Not sure what equipment you need for your upcoming saltwater trip? Dave will take you through the basics of selecting the right gear. He'll also discuss how to choose a destination that's right for you.

Rod Building Preparation... Sunday, November 10 – Join David for an afternoon full of information for the first-time rod-builder. Dave will go through everything you'll need – product wise – to build your own rod. If you plan to build a rod this winter, now is the perfect time to put together the essentials for that project. Learn about threads, epoxy, blanks, and more during this seminar.

Winter Fishing Techniques – Sunday, November 17 – This tried-and-true seminar is a favorite. Learn tactics for winter fishing on the Bow. You'll get some essential information on fishing two-fly rigs, nymphs, and streamers as well as some tips on avoiding ice-ups or when it's best to stay behind the vise....

Favorite Winter Patterns – Sunday, December 1 – Not sure what to fish with, but still itchin' to get out? Join Andre for a step-by-step look at some of the hottest patterns for winter fishing

Saltwater Flats Patterns – Sunday, January 12 – If you're interested in learning more about the shallow saltwater environment and the flies you need to be successful then this seminar is for you. It will focus on easy-to-tie patterns that are effective for bonefish, permit, snook, snapper, trevally, and barracuda.

Focus on tying and fishing dry flies – Sunday, January 19. Join Andre as he demonstrates techniques and materials to use for dry flies. Topics he'll focus on include parachute posts, spinner wings, etc. He'll also present tips and techniques for dry fly fishing.

Duelling Vises - Sunday, January 26 – One of our most popular seminars is back with all new presenters. This fun and informative seminar will let you decide which is the "better" vise.... Norvise or Renzetti. You'll learn techniques and tricks you can use in full rotary tying.

You'll be able to watch how the vises work and get pointers on how to use them. (There may even be a "tie-off" to end the seminar.)

Creative Fly Tying with Jeremy Davies – Sunday, February 23. Jeremy is one of Calgary's most innovative tyers. His flies include the Evil Weevil, the Tiger Stone, and Jeremy's Hare's Ear, which are now mainstays on the Bow River.

Other seminar topics *may* include (dates to be announced):

Pike on the Fly - Join David for a discussion on the predatory pike. He'll discuss various retrieval techniques, flies, etc. to use on your quest for the "waterwolf."

Lake Flies - Tips for lake fishing and tying lake flies (guest speaker.)

Bow River Biology – Learn about recent studies on the Bow River, how the regulation changes are affecting the fishery, and more.

Tying and Fishing the itty-bitty flies.... Midges, tricos, etc.

Presentations by manufacturers sales representatives including:

Sage
G-Loomis
Scott

We're interested in your ideas for seminar topics. If you'd like to see something we aren't offering, please let us know.

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