

# Fish



# Tales...

*Fish Tales Fly Shop –  
it's a place to share fish tales;  
a place to make friends.*

## The Adventures of "Team Fish Tales"

Our September "adventure" had little to do with fishing and a lot to do with shopping. Fish Tales owners, David Blair and Nancy Storwick, visited Denver, Colorado for the better part of the week of September 15. Their mission was to shop. They shopped for the store with all of you in mind.

For three full days each September, the Denver Convention Center is home to peddlers of fly fishing wares from all over the world. The event is quite accurately called the "International Fly Tackle Dealer Show."

David and Nancy finally got to meet some of the suppliers they've been using for the past six months. Suppliers like Phil Castleman who carries the difficult to find feathers some of you have requested and like Paul Van Reenen, a South African who's developed some exciting new synthetics (now available).

David and Nancy spent hours walking the aisles and spent time at the end of each day pouring over catalogs to determine where to go back for another look.

If you've been in recently, you've seen one of the products purchased at the show. It's the "Tite Line Dessicant" – any skeptics should ask one of the guys for a demonstration.

Other discoveries of note: Sage has introduced a #0, #1 and #2 SPL rod to its already extensive rod line (the #1 weight cast like a dream); Sportif's fishing wear is going to give Ex Officio a run for its money; and we're in the market for T-shirts.

Additionally, Fish Tales will be increasing its library and giftware selection this fall.

David and Nancy enjoyed a brief respite from the store, some time together, and the chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

## A New Idea

Fish Tales Fly Shop is offering all customers the opportunity to take part in our gift registry service. We figure that a registry will make everyone's life easier and maybe even a bit more fun.

If you decide to register all you need to do is make up a wish list, fill out and hand in your form, and then tell your family and friends. We'll take care of the rest.

Special thanks to Tim Hamilton for sharing this idea.

## Feature Products

**Local Art:** We're proud to have the artwork of two Calgarians available for our customers.

*Larry Cromwell* - His "Predatory Brown" and "Rainbow Warrior" are mounted high on the wall. The pencil drawing behind the cash counter is also one of his.

*Stephen Murphy* - One of Murphy's pieces is front and center in the store. In fact, it often stops passersby.

These two artists compliment one another; and we think add to our store. Come in and see for yourselves.

**Sage Guide Line Luggage:** If you're thinking about a mid-winter getaway, you may want to consider investing in one of Sage's sturdy and weatherproof bags especially designed with the angler in mind.

**The Little Book of Fly Fishing:** This pocket book is a quick read filled with humorous and touching observations and photographs.

## Sale Items & Discounted Sage Rods

All Mustad Hooks – **10% off**

Rod tubes/cases – **10% off**

Hats/Ball caps all – **10% off**

Flies (including Serendipity and Humpy) for \$1 each.

*All sales are in effect until October 31 OR while current supplies last.*

Fish Tales is discounting Sage 480 SP's, and the entire series of

RPL & RPLX rods to make room for next year's models.

# Biology... Bow River Browns

The spawning season of the brown trout is almost upon us – it usually occurs late fall/early winter. Since the weather has been so warm this fall, however, spawning may occur slightly late this year. The most important factor to the brown right now is water temperature. Spawning will occur when the water is between 6.7°C and 8.9°C (44°F to 48°F.)

On average, female browns produce about 2,000 eggs that are amber colored and quite large (about ½cm in diameter.) A burnt orange chenille egg pattern is a good thing to try during brown spawning season because rainbows will often key in on this nutrient rich food source. You may even get into some big fish.

In the Calgary city limits a major spawning area for browns is the stretch from the Centre Street bridge to the CPR bridge (just upstream from the weir.) **Note: This stretch of water is closed to fishing from October 1 to November 15.**

A good vantage point for seeing spawning browns is the Calgary Zoo bridge. Take a look over the edge sometime in the next few weeks. You might just be surprised at what you see.

*David Blair*

## Gary Borger's

Gary Borger once again demonstrates his talent as observer, researcher and teacher in his most recent work, Presentation. Picking up where he left off in Designing Trout Flies, Borger discusses all aspects of presenting trout flies.

The author's concept of presentation is all encompassing, he considers casting, fly selection, knowledge of trout biology and environment, equipment and clothing selection, and even hooking, playing and landing of fish to be pieces of the puzzle that lead to consistent success on the water.

"... presentation is the culmination of everything you are and everything you know and understand about the whole of fly fishing."

The fact that Borger can effectively cover such a far-ranging topic between two covers is testament to his straightforward prose which enlightens beginner and expert alike. The text is accented by anecdotes that lend a personal touch as well as artwork by the author's son Jason Borger.

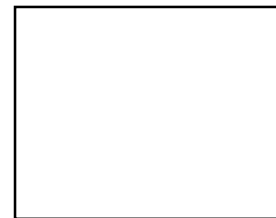
Borger's Presentation is an excellent book that should grace every angler's shelf.

# "Presentation"

Book Review by:  
*Chris Hagen*

## Feature fly:

"*B.W.O. Quigley Cripple*"



### Materials:

Hook: Daichi 1100 #16-20  
Thread: 8/0 Olive  
Tail: Olive dyed Grizzly Maribou  
Dark Olive Permatron  
Abdomen: Olive Dyed Pheasant tail  
Rib: Fine Gold Wire  
Thorax: Dark Olive Antron dubbing  
Wingcase  
& Forewing: Natural Coastal Deer  
Hackle: Dun

### Tying instructions:

Tie in thread and wind back to bend of hook.  
Tie in Small clump of Maribou as a tail. Over this tie in a few fibres of Permatron to add some flash.  
Tie in rib.  
Tie in Pheasant tail fibres(2-4) by their tips and wind forward to form a tapered abdomen.  
Counter rib abdomen with gold wire. This gives segmentation and strengthens the fragile abdomen.  
Dub a small thorax, leaving three eye lengths of the hook shank bare.  
Prepare and tie in hackle. Tying it in now will lead to a slimmer, neater fly (rather than after the wing is tied in)  
Stack and clean a small bunch of deer hair.  
Tie wing in with the tips of the hair extending forward, over the hook's eye.  
Trim butts to form a wing case over the thorax.  
Wind 2 turns of hackle behind wing, in front of wingcase, and 1 turn in front of the wing.  
Whip finish & Cement

## Fish Tales Fly Shop - notes

1. Rod Building and Introductory Fly Tying Courses start October 28.
2. We'll be switching to winter hours mid-October.

*See in store for details.*

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