



The Official Newsletter of the Hamilton and Area Fly Fishers and Tyers

September 2002

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Welcome back to our returning members and hello to our new ones. The summer was a busy one for the club and from the sometimes low turnout at club planned events, a busy one for our members as well. We still have one, perhaps two workdays left for 2002 and maybe a fall fishing outing to plan. Pencil in **September 9 2002** in your daytimers and on the calendar 'cause it's going to be a busy night. We are going to plan the coming year and address the concerns and ideas of you the members. A similar meeting last year {although a little later} yielded terrific results. Come to the meeting, bring some pictures and stories, bring your ideas, bring a friend and lets get the year off on the right foot!

John French, President

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Looking through my archives, it seems I was just welcoming opening day, and here I'm welcoming you back to another year of HAFFT.

I hope you all had a great summer. I know I did, though no where near as much fishing as I'd like, though, I think that would always be the case. If you're ever in need of a fishing partner, let me know. I'd be glad to go

On another note, I know in the past, getting everyone on the newsletter distribution seemed to be out of sync with membership signups (and I was partly responsible). I'm making

a commitment to get the newsletter in the mail by the first Monday (or next mailing thereafter) of each month. That means, if you haven't got it by the end of the week, please call or email me immediately (contact info at the bottom of each newsletter or see <http://www.hafft.ca>). I'll make sure a copy gets to the meeting for you and you end up on the distribution list. I will bring to the first meeting our currently mailing list. Please check your address. Also, if you can take email, please do. It's substantially less work for me and also, saves the club a bit of money. I'd also like to put forward a request for volunteers for envelope generation and stuffing. This is the biggest portion of the mailing time (again, why I like email). If anyone has a computer to print envelopes on and feels like volunteering to stuff envelopes (or even simply stuff the envelopes and leave the printing to me), I'd love an assistant.

Finally, I NEED TOPICS. Yes, some people commented that the newsletter was a little long but others seemed to like it. Personally, I don't mind putting a 5 page newsletter together. It's marginally more work than a single page yet so much more fulfilling for our membership especially for the new members.

I've attached the schedule below for the fall session showing only dates at this time. As we get underway and I get in touch with our fellow exec's, I hope I can fill in a little more detail for you Don't forget our work day Sept 14. To be confirmed.

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CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

Sept 9, 2002	John French	Welcome Back, General Meeting (ideas and future plans), and group discussion..
Sept 23, 2002	Tying Night - TBA	TBA
Oct 7, 2002	Presentation Night - TBA	TBA - Note this is the first week, not the second per usual!- Thanksgiving!
Oct 28, 2002	Tying Night - TBA	TBA
Nov 11, 2002	Presentation Night - TBA	TBA
Nov 25, 2002	Tying Night - TBA	TBA
Dec 9, 2002	Presentation Night - TBA	TBA - Note this is the only meeting in December due to Christmas