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FROM THE EDITOR

Spring is coming! - Spring is coming!

In spite of the recent snow flurries, the days **are** getting longer. It won't be long before we start planning outings to local ponds and streams.

One of the sure signs of spring approaching is the appearance of the outdoor shows in town. We will be involved in the *Edmonton Sportsman's Show* at Northlands March 14th to 17th and the *Edmonton Outdoor Show* March 22nd to 24th at the Mayfield Inn Conference Centre. We still need volunteers for both events for tying and general PR. If you can help out, please call Gord Boutette at 436-3724 to arrange times and entrance.

Our February 23rd "*Fly Tying Seminar 2002*" was a rousing success! We had in excess of 50 attendees who all enjoyed the day's event. Our thanks go out our sponsors: the Fishin' Hole, The Fishing Center and Superfly for donations of time and materials. Thanks also go to our members: Rocky Lavigne, Bob Guidos, Brian Hepperle and Ron Hagen (I hope I didn't miss anyone) who sorted and bagged materials and helped out on Seminar day with carting materials, serving coffee and helping out beginner tyers. And last but not least, thanks to our tyers for the day, Bill Robertson, Roman Scharabun, Robert Clarke and Ian Denny for excellent presentations. Based on results, we'll try to do it again next year!

We will be running a "Beginner's Fly Tying Seminar" which will be open to the public on Saturday, April 6th. The format will be similar to our successful Member's Only Beginner's Seminar. I'll have more information later in the month, probably in the form of a flyer. Volunteers will be required. Contact Brian Hepperle if you can help.

Starting in April, I'll be making space in the newsletter for a member's "Classifieds" column where you can advertise the sale of that old but still serviceable rod or that belly boat you can't fit into after all the Christmas Turkey.

For those who think their casting can stand some work, keep your date books open for sometime in late April. We're planning a "members only" fly casting seminar as soon as we can fix a date and venue. This will be especially valuable to beginners and those veterans who just can't help but throw tailing loops. There'll be lots of good advice available.

Tip of the Month: Your fishing license is about to run out. New Licenses are required April 1. Licenses and regulations should be available at the fishing stores by mid March. Don't forget your WIN card!

REMINDER: Your Dues are Due! If you haven't renewed and don't do so soon, you will be cut off the e-mail list and all the other Club benefits. So now is the time for the slackers to pony up that \$20.00 for the New Year. Don't miss out on all the fun.

Oh Yeah: Web problems abound. **Note the change to the Club Web Page address.**

Tight lines all ... and get that tackle sorted out!

Dave Robinson

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 Meeting: March 18, 2002, 7:30pm: Lion's Seniors Centre, 11113 - 113 Street . Speakers: Dave Christiansen and John Day on "Fishing in the Nordegg Area"

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MEMBERSHIP

Only \$20.00

January to December

Benefits Include:

- Regular meetings and tying sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- Club event discounts
- Selected retailer discounts (with card)
- Access to club library
- Fellowship of like-minded fishers
- Tying and fishing "secrets"

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PRAYING TO THE FISH GODS

Catch this sports fans! We always wondered how Kenny Mah was so lucky on his fishing trips. Here's the truth revealed. We secretly caught him in the act of praying to the fish gods before one of his outings. And get a load of them glasses.



MEETINGS

MARCH 6

Topic: Fly Fishing and Tying Supplies Sale

Comments: *This is our first try at a kind of "swap meet". It's an opportunity to get some good stuff cheap, cheap, cheap; particularly for those new to the sport. It's also a chance for those of us with too much junk to clean out the basement. Many members have brought in their surplus equipment and materials for sale to other members. The club will take only a very small percentage of the sale price. So come early and bring lots of loonies.*

MARCH 13

Program Corner 1: The Roll Cast

Comments: *Brian Hepperle will demonstrate the roll cast, which is very useful for getting that fly out when there's a fly-eating tree behind you.*

Program Corner 2: Stacking Hair

Comments: *Gord Boutette will give you the secret tips to when and how to stack hair for those wonderful, but tricky patterns that call for stacked deer or elk hair.*

Tyer: Gord Boutette

Pattern: Elk Hair Caddis

Hook: Mustad #94831 dry fly – size 10 to 16

Thread: Tan 6/0

Rib: Fine gold wire

Hackle: Clipped light brown saddle hackle

Body: Tan Anton or rabbit dubbing

Wing: Stacked Elk Hair

Comments: *This reliable and versatile dry fly pattern will follow up on the program corner technique.*

MARCH 20

Tyer Dennis Southwick

Pattern: Blue Winged Olive

Hook: Mustad #94831 dry fly #12 to #18

Thread: Olive 6/0

Tail: Moose hair or micro fibbets

Body: Olive polypropylene or rabbit dubbing

Wing Post: Grey Anton

Hackle: Blue dun saddle or neck hackle, parachute style

Comments: *This common mayfly is a staple on many Alberta streams.*

Tyer Dave Phelps

Pattern: Prince Nymph

Hook: Mustad #9672 wet fly #10 to #16

Bead: Gold or silver bead, sized to hook

Thread: Black 6/0

Tail: Brown stretch floss

Rib: Fine gold wire

Body: Peacock herl

Wing: White stretch floss

Hackle: Soft brown hen

Comments: *This nymph is one of the most productive searching patterns on many Alberta streams. Grayling just love it! Usually tied with goose biots instead of stretch floss.*

MARCH 27

Program Corner 1: The Reach Cast

Comments: *Brian Hepperle will demonstrate the reach cast, which is essential if you want to avoid drag on those cross-stream presentations.*

Program Corner 2: Posts for Parachutes

Comments: *Michael Dell will show you how to set up a wing post for parachute hackles.*

Tyer Michael Dell

Pattern: Letort Hopper with Legs

Hook: Mustad #94831 dry fly #8 to #12

Thread: 6/0 yellow

Body: Yellow dubbing or Polypropylene

Rib: Tying Thread

Legs: Baler Twine – Michael will supply

Underwing: Mottled turkey

Overwing: Deer Hair

Comments: *This is a reliable grasshopper pattern that works well in late summer*

FISHERMAN'S PRAYER

For Lloyd Shea, fellow fly fisher and champion of trout fisheries in Alberta who passed away on February 15th.

God grant me that I may live
 To fish to my dying day.
 And when it comes for my last cast
 I then most humbly pray
 When in the Lord's safe landing net,
 I'm peacefully asleep
 That in his mercy I be judged
 As good enough to keep.