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FROM THE EDITOR

Spring is Just Around the Corner!

What with snow melting, warm winds, later sunsets and casting demonstration rods in the pools at the Sportsman's Show and Outdoor Show, I'm beginning to get Flyfisher's Twitch. That's the feelings in my right arm and hand that says, "Give me a fly rod! I want to go fishing!" I'm sure the same goes for all Club members who put in hours at the two shows: tying, selling tickets and memberships and talking to all the visitors. Our thanks go out to all of you volunteers for your effort and enthusiasm. Muir Lake, the Club and fly fishing in general will benefit from your contribution.

The Beginner's Seminar is April 12th at Jasper Place High School from 8:30am to 3:30pm. The seminar will cover basic techniques and four basic patterns. Instruction will be one-on-one with experienced members helping out the beginners. Materials for the patterns will be supplied, so all you need to bring is your vise and tools. We do have some loaner equipment for those without.

A General Tying Seminar is planned for April 26th also at Jasper Place High School from 8:30am to 3:30pm. This seminar is aimed at intermediate tyers and will be in the form of pattern and technique demonstrations. The demonstration tiers we've recruited so far are Roman Scharabun, Michael Dell of Trout Unlimited and Robert Clarke of Superfly.

For both the tying seminars, we need volunteers to sort and bag materials, handle coffee and refreshments, rearrange furniture in the room, and provide one-on-one tying advice and support to participants. Speak to Dennis or Brian if you want to help out.

The two Casting Clinic dates have yet to be finalized, but will be all-day events, probably in mid to late May. These clinics will need help with instruction and demonstration. Our big seminar with Jack Dennis and Roman Scharabun continues to get organized. We do have a change in date though The seminar will be one week earlier than previously announced. It will take place November 15th and 16th.

Our web page has undergone a minor facelift. You can find links to copies of the Club brochure, newsletter, seminar flyers and the Muir Lake project on the front page and the bulletin board has been slimmed down to speed it up. Other minor changes will take place slowly over the next few months.

It's time to start that line, reel and rod maintenance. Casting clinics are coming up in May and with luck, we'll have open water by then.

Tight lines

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

TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: Next meeting Monday, April 14th, (*Note the day change*) 2003:
Lions Senior Citizen's Center, 11113 113 Street, Speaker : *Don Johnson*, Topic: *Friends of the North Ram* - Annual TU Dinner And Auction, *Thursday April 24th, 5pm - Westin Hotel*

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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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MEETINGS

APRIL 2

CLUB SPEAKER

Topic: *Bow River Revisited*
Presenter: *Barry White*

Comments: *Barry will give us a slide show of his adventures on the Bow*

TYING DEMONSTRATION

Tyer: *Barry White*
Technique: *Spey Hackles*

Material: Pheasant Rump, extra large

Comments: *After Barry's slideshow if time permits*

APRIL 10

Note the Day Change to Thursday!

GUEST SPEAKER

Topic: *Fishing New Zealand's North Island*
Presenter: *Mark Broome*

Comments: *Mark is on his way through town on a Canadian vacation with his wife. He promises a Power Point presentation, complete with photos, on fishing in the Lake Taupo, Rotorua and Wellington areas of New Zealand's North Island. Fish that break 5 wt Sage rods are to be featured. Come out and give the Kiwi a hearty Canadian welcome.*

APRIL 16

PATTERN DEMONSTRATIONS

Tyer: *Bob Guidos*
Pattern: *Western Doc Spratley*
Hook: Mustad 9671 (2XL) size #8
Thread: 6/0- to match body
Tail: Natural pheasant rump, long feather fibres
Ribbing: Fine Mylar oval tinsel (if used)
Body: Angora wool, red, black or olive (or seal)
Side: Two strands of pearl crystal flash (each side)
Collar: Long natural pheasant rump
 2 – 2 ½ turns, tied in by the tip
Head: Peacock herl

Pattern: *Sparrow*
Hook: Mustad 9671 (2XL) or 9672 (3XL) size #6
Thread: 6/0 olive
Tail: Short olive pheasant rump feathers
 Two, tied on top
Ribbing: Silver, olive or green mylar tinsel (if used)
Body: Light olive crystal chenille (or seal)
 Or mylar tubing
Collar: Long natural pheasant rump
 2 – 2 ½ turns, tied in by the tip
Head: One filoplume feather (after shaft feather connected to the pheasant rump feather)

Comments: *Bob will demonstrate two patterns that are very effective on the local ponds. Colors can be carried to suit local conditions.*

APRIL 23

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tyer: *Darin Benoit*
Pattern: *Draggin*
Hook: Tiemco 300 Sizes #8 to #4
Thread: Olive
Underbody: Small strip of float foam
Body: Crystal chenille and Arizona synthetic peacock spun together in a dubbing loop
Wing Case: Dark olive raffia
Thorax: Olive deer hair spun and clipped
Legs: Olive silicone rubber legs
Head: Arizona synthetic peacock dubbing
Eyes: Small round black foam (Rainy's float foam)

Comments: *Darin will demonstrate a version of a dragon fly nymph that uses some interesting materials.*

APRIL 30

PATTERN DEMONSTRATIONS

Tyer: *Florin Sabac*
Pattern: *Brassie*
Hook: Tiemco 200 R or Mustad Nymph #10 to #16
Thread: 6/0 black or Red
Body : Copper Wire
Head: Peacock Herl
Pattern: *Red Thingie*
Hook: Tiemco 200 R or Mustad Nymph #10 to #16
Thread: 6/0 Red
Body : Red Stretch Floss
Head: Peacock Herl

BEGINNERS FLY TYING SEMINAR

A one day Instructional Seminar

Saturday, April 12th 2003

Featuring one-on-one instruction by members of
The Northern Lights Fly Tyers & Fishers

Jasper Place High School
Room 188, 8950 - 163 Street

From 8:30 am to 3:30pm

Cost: Members: \$10.00
Non Members: \$30.00

GENERAL FLY TYING SEMINAR

A one day Tie-along Demonstration Seminar

Saturday, April 26th 2003

Featuring three local tyers

Roman Scharabun, Michael Dell and Robert Clarke

Jasper Place High School
Room 188, 8950 - 163 Street

From 8:30 am to 3:30pm

Entry By Donation

All Proceeds to the Muir Lake Project

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