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FROM THE EDITOR

Last of the "Winter" Season in Full Swing! (Program Revision on March 3)

This month kicked off on the 2nd with Barry White demonstrating his burlap stone, Lance Taylor the RS Quad and Dennis Southwick the SA Hopper in honor of Roman Scharabun. The second week, on the 9th, we will have a TU donation Fly Tye. That's followed on the 16th by a Club swap meet. The 23rd will have President Dennis Southwick tying his "Spastic Weevil". We end the month on the 30th with Michael Dell talking about Vests.

The Iron Fly Tyer event was a rousing success again! We had over 50 people show up to watch Master Michael, Sponge Bobber and Dale John Stone try to cope with bamboo as the mystery material. The crowd was amazed at the tying skills and imagination employed by the participants. Dale Johnson emerged as the victor. Way to go Dale! You can find photos of the event and the flies tied in the forum on the club web page. My thanks go to the participants, the judges and the photographers. Job well done by all!

The salmon fly postage stamp tyers have not yet completed their flies as there were too many interesting events last month. If you want to see what goes into a classic salmon fly, come see us struggle with the Lady Amhearst. The Magic Tool fly swap with Pacres as the "Swapmeister" continues with a smaller roster than originally anticipated. There should be some interesting flies produced nonetheless.

A contingent of 14 members went to Calgary for the Fly Fishing Symposium. We instructed about a gazillion kids on the basics of fly tying. Heartfelt thanks go to all the volunteers. Once again you can see photos of the event on the Club web page Forum.

This month will be real busy starting with the Edmonton Sportsman's Show on March 17th to 20th followed by the Fishin' Hole Outdoor Show on March 31st to April 3rd. We need volunteers for booths at both shows including the kids trying booths. This is major exposure for our Club and a great way to meet other fishers. Sign the sheets at a meeting or let Dave Murray know ASAP when you can help.

The Beginners Tying Seminar goes on April 16th and the Intermediate one on April 30th. Both will be held at Jasper Place High School in Room 188. These are in the final planning stages, so once again let Brain Bleckley or another executive member know if you can help out. We try to make this one-on one instruction so need lots of volunteers. The casting seminar dates are not set yet, but likely in mid to late May. Hopefully we'll know by next month.

Mark April (21st) on your calendar for the annual Trout Unlimited Dinner and Auction. Michael Dell will be looking for volunteers and ticket buyers and raffle contributors. If you have some flies to spare, make up a box and give it to Michael.

Busy Month Ahead, Time to Volunteer

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions:

Lions Senior Citizens Center

Equipment and Materials:

The format is Informal Drop In

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

11113 - 113 Street

Bring your own or use the Club loaners

Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: Next Meeting March 21st 2005, 7:30 PM at Lion's Senior's Centre, 11113 - 113 Street, Room 1. Phil Rowley, from Superfly, on "Stillwater Fly Tying and Strategies".

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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

MARCH 2ND

PATTERN DEMONSTRATIONS

Tyer: Barry White
Pattern: Bow River Flies

Comments: Barry White is one of the longest serving Bow River guides. He's an FFF Master Caster and expert fly tyer, Barry hasn't provided us with pattern details, but you can be sure he will be showcasing his favorite flies. I'm betting on a golden stone version and his special Bow River Bugger.

MARCH 9TH

PROGRAM CORNER

Program Revised on March 3

Topic: Trout Unlimited Fly Tie Night

Comments: Jim O'Neill had to cancel. He will be rescheduled. In stead, we will have a night to sit down and tie up flies for the TU Dinner donation boxes. Lets see everyone bring vices and materials and tie up a ½ dozen of a favorite pattern.

MARCH 16TH

SWAP MEET

Location: In the Small Auditorium
Event: Materials and equipment swap

Comments: If you have any old, lovingly used, fly fishing equipment that you no longer need, bring it to swap or sell. You can also bring any surplus materials or tying tools and accessories that you think others in the club might want to swap for or buy. Fly fishing stuff only please. Your efforts will help the club out as 10% of sales go to the Club as a bit of a fundraiser.

MARCH 23RD

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tier: Dennis Southwick
Pattern: Spastic Weevil
Hook: # 12 scud hook
Thread: 8/0 Black or olive
Head: gold bead
Tail: brown hackle fibres
Rib: fine copper wire
Body: dubbed light peacock Arizona dubbing
Shell Back: pearl Easter basket liner
Thorax: peacock dubbing
Legs: small black rubber legs

Comments: This is Club President Dennis' version of the famous Evil Weevil. He says it gives the Rockies on the Red Deer the twitches.

NOTICE

Long time friend and founding member of NLFT&F, Roman Scharabun, passed away on February 24th. Many club members attended his funeral and a special club program was held on March 2nd in his honor. Future plans to memorialize Roman's contribution to NLFT&F are being developed.

MARCH 30TH

PROGRAM CORNER

Topic: Fishing Vests
The Good, The Bad & The Ugly
Presenter: Michael Dell

Comments: For anyone who saw Michael's presentation on wader repair, this will be a "can't miss" presentation. We can only imagine the range of vests he's owned and the condition they will be in. Be prepared for the NLFT&F version of the Antiques Road show.

PHOTOS



Bill and Bailey in the Kids Tying Booth at the Calgary Show



Dale Johnson - Winner of this Year's Iron Fly Tyer .

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 17th to 20th

Edmonton Sportsman's Show - Edmonton Northlands

March 31st to April 3rd

Outdoor Show - Mayfield Conference Center

April 16th

Beginners Fly Tying Seminar – Room 188 – Jasper Place High School

April 21st

Trout Unlimited Dinner – Westin Hotel

April 30th

Intermediate Fly Tying Seminar - Room 188 – Jasper Place High School