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Fly Tyers & Fishers*

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TO LEARN AND SHARE THE FLY TYING AND FISHING EXPERIENCE

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FROM THE EDITOR

Spring is Just Around the Corner (If the snow ever melts that is)

We've been fighting the return of winter with indoor events such as the Sportsman's Show. As I write this, the Outdoor show is coming up. I anticipate that it will be every bit the success the Sportsman's Show was. We had a very active booth this year with scads of kids learning how to tie woolly buggers. Those at the Fishing Center booth got to chat up many passers-by and promote fly tying and fly fishing (Special thanks to Lorne for the space). A big **Thank You** goes to all those who donated their time for the event. Special thanks go to Gord Boutette and Brian Bleackley, who seemed to be there all the time, and Dave Murray, for orchestrating the volunteers and to all those other members who gave extra effort. Well done!

This month will again be busy with the Beginners Fly Tying Seminar on April 16th and the Intermediate Fly Tying Seminar featuring Jeremy Davis on April 30th. Both will be held at Jasper Place High School in Room 188. (Thanks go to Dave Phelps for arranging the venue). We need volunteers to help out with both seminars. We try to get almost one on one instruction for beginners and non-members so lots of volunteers are needed. Sign the sheets at a meeting or let Dave Murray know if you can help.

This programs for this month kick off on April 6th with John Howard talking about his hackle products. The second week, on April 13th, Emil Bucracysky will talk about hand made knives. Dave Murray and friends, demonstrating pike flies, follow that on April 20th. We end the month on April 27th with Len Gransch giving advice on how to avoid trouble with bears while fishing. See page 2 for more details. And don't forget Flies and Beer at Santana's on the 11th.

The casting seminar dates are now set. The beginner's seminar will be May 14th at Robert Rundle School in St Albert and the intermediate May 30th at Rundle Park. I'll post further information next month and there will be fliers on the Club web page. We'll again need volunteers for both seminars. If you think you can help out, contact Brian Hepperle or let Dave Murray know.

April 21st is the annual Trout Unlimited Dinner and Auction. I hear Calgary raised \$1Million. Edmonton doesn't have all the head office money, so a good result here depends on volunteer efforts. Michael Dell is looking for volunteers, ticket buyers and raffle contributors. If you have some flies to spare, we'll be making up a box or two for Michael, so drop them off at a meeting prior to April 14th.

Also coming up is the annual Muir Lake Silent Auction on May 14th at Fort Edmonton Park. Brian Bleackley has tickets for us to buy and sell and letters for soliciting donations.

For those still considering ice fishing, beware! In spite of the recent cold weather, the ice has started to thin out. Melt water will quickly turn solid looking ice into sponge and large chunks can break off unexpectedly. Don't be a spring statistic.

Start filling those fly boxes as open water is coming soon!

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: *Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.*
Lions Senior Citizens Center *11113 - 113 Street*
Equipment and Materials: Bring your own or use the Club loaners
The format is Informal Drop In Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: Next Meeting April 18th 2005, 7:30 PM at Lion's Senior's Centre, 11113 - 113 Street, Room 1. Program to be announced.

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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 6TH Tiers at the Sportsman's Show

PROGRAM CORNER

Presenter: John Howard
Topic: Howard's Hackle

Comments: John will present his Alberta grown hackle products and talk about the raising of birds specifically for the fly-fishing hackle industry.

APRIL 13TH

PROGRAM CORNER

Presenter: Emil Bucracysky
Topic: Knife Making

Comments: Emil will talk about the process, materials and craft that go into the construction of hand-made knives.

APRIL 20TH

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tier: Dave Murray and Friends

Pattern: Pike Flies

Hook: # 2 and larger
Thread: 3/0 black or clear
Wing/Tail? Rabbit strips
Rib: Weighted oval silver and gold ribbing
Body: Flat silver and gold braided tinsel
Hackle: Bright colored soft hackle
Weed Guard: 20 to 50 pound mono

Comments: Dave and buddies will demonstrate a few flies that are sure to catch the attention of those toothy missiles known as northern pike.

APRIL 27TH

PROGRAM CORNER

Presenter: Len Gransch
Topic: Bears and Fishing

Comments: No, Len isn't going to talk about the fishing technique of bears. He's going to discuss how to avoid bear encounters while fishing and what to do if you should happen to come across a bear while enjoying the outdoors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 31st to April 3rd – Fishin' Hole Outdoor Show
Mayfield Conference Center

April 11th Flies and Beer
Santana's

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

May 14th Beginner Fly Casting Clinic
Robert Rundle School – St Albert

May 14th Muir Lake Silent Auction
Fort Edmonton

June 4th Intermediate Fly Casting Clinic
Rundle Park

SPORTSMAN'S SHOW PHOTOS



SEMINARS

Beginners Fly Tying Seminar

A one-day Instructional Seminar

Saturday, April 16th, 2005

Featuring **one-on-one** instruction by members of

The Northern Lights Fly Tyers & Fishers

Jasper Place High School

Room 188 - 8950 - 163rd Street

From 8:30 am to 3:30pm

Cost: Members: \$5.00

Non-Members: \$30.00

Intermediate Fly Tying Seminar

A one-day Tye Along Demonstration Seminar

Saturday, April 30th, 2005

Featuring demonstrations by:

Jeremy Davies - Creator of the Evil Weevil

Jasper Place High School

Room 188 - 8950 - 163rd Street

From 8:30 am to 3:30pm

Cost: Members: \$5.00

Non-Members: \$30.00