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FROM THE EDITOR

Fall Meetings Under Way! Hard Water Fishing on the Horizon!

It looks as though we won't have much respite from the damp weather. After a summer of deluges and blown out rivers, the fall has been unseasonably wet. Last Monday saw John Bertrand and me get soaked at Muir and I damn near froze my butt off in the North Saskatchewan River the Thursday before. The latter was fishless, the former not. That doesn't mean fall fishing is over, just that we need to get out the "hardy" attitude and make the most of what we get. I'm betting a few Red Deer River outings will be on the agenda soon. If you do get out, make sure to come to a meeting and swap lies, or at least post them to the Forum.

Our October Program starts at the Lions Center at 7pm on the 5th. Our first October Meeting is a "surprise" meeting. You have to show up to find out what the topic is. Our second Meeting on the 12th features Michael (Past Iron Tyer) Dell tying up a Catatonic Leech. On the third Wednesday October 19th we have yours truly doing an Elk Hair Caddis. And at the meeting October on the 26th Dennis Southwick will "bug" us with basic stream entomology.

We have tentatively scheduled a Beginners Fly Tying Seminar for Club Members Only on November 5th. Cost will be \$5 for a full day session. Confirmation of date and location will come soon, so keep your eye on the web page. We are planning on an intermediate tying course as well. Both program and date are tentative, so please let us know what you want to see, and when would be a good time. We'll need volunteers to tie and run both programs, if you can help out, contact Dave Murray or sign up at a meeting.

The Club will hold a silent auction on November 12th at Shanks Athletic Club in the west end. This will be our major fundraiser for the year so we need everyone's support. If you think you can solicit a donation or two, see Brian Bleackley for introductory letters. We will have tickets ready for sale in the next week or so. They will be \$10 each and will cover admission and snacks. If every member sells just 1 ticket, we'll come out ahead. So lets get the thing rolling.

We're also looking for some help for Dave Murray, our program chair. Due to health issues he can't devote as much time to organizing the monthly programs as he would like, so if you can help out either with the organizing or by offering yourself as a demonstrator, please contact "Wooly" either at a meeting or via the forum on the web page.

And lastly, we will be asking for a couple of volunteers at each meeting to help with clean up. This way we won't place the burden on the same 2 or 3 people all the time. It doesn't take much time and will make things a bit easier on those who have been doing it so far. This is a volunteer organization and everyone's help is needed to keep it jumping.

Rocky Time on the Red Deer!

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: Lions Senior Citizens Center - 11113 - 113 Street – Arts and Craft Room 1 - First fall meeting will be October 24th Program to be announced. Note date change!

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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

OCTOBER 5TH

“SURPRISE” MEETING

Comments: You need to come out to find out what is going to happen. You won't be disappointed.

OCTOBER 12TH

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

- Tier:** Michael Dell
- Pattern:** Catatonic Leech
- Hook:** #10 to #12 - 2xl Nymph
- Thread:** Black or olive
- Weight:** Lead wire or lead substitute
- Tail:** Olive Marabou
- Body:** Olive Marabou, dubbed

Comments: Michael will demo a pattern that he demonstrated last June. While for some it might be repetition, it is a good beginner fly and has been producing very well recently at Muir and Star lakes

OCTOBER 19TH

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

- Tier:** Dave Robinson
- Pattern:** Elk Hair Caddis (tan)
- Hook:** #10 to # 18 long shank dry fly
- Thread:** Tan 8/0
- Rib:** Tan Saddle Hackle - clipped
- Body:** Tan antron dubbing
- Antennae:** Stripped quills – colored tan (optional)
- Thorax:** Brown antron dubbing
- Wing:** Tan Elk Hair (deer hair alternate)

Comments: Dave has been pressed into service due to a mix up on dates. He will tie a durable standard pattern that will prove useful for many occasions. The pattern can be considered an intermediate pattern, as it requires a special technique to ensure the elk hair wing is mounted properly

OCTOBER 26TH

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

- Speaker:** Dennis Southwick
- Topic:** Basic Stream Entomology

Comments: Dennis will provide an introduction to the main types of insects you will encounter on streams and how to identify the major groups. If you're nice to him, he might even tell you what the patterns he commonly uses to imitate them.

SILENT AUCTION

**NORTHERN LIGHTS
FLY TYERS & FISHERS**

- Date:** November 12th, 2005
 - Location:** Shank's Athletic Club
 - Cost:** \$10.00 per person,
includes entry and snacks
- See Brain Bleackley for tickets and donation letters*

FALL TRIPS ?

Red Deer River - As arranged via the Forum or at meetings
Typical Red Deer Rocky Mountain Whitefish



RECENT PHOTO

Been to Muir Lake Lately?

