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Broken Threads

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TO LEARN AND SHARE THE FLY TYING AND FISHING EXPERIENCE

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FROM THE EDITOR

Fishing Season Gets Closer Every Day

Spring has definitely sprung. The ice went out on the river last week. Lance tells me he saw goldeye rising already. A few members (including yours truly) have been out to Beaumont catching fish. A few others have been scouting the local lakes and keeping us informed of ice out progress on the web page. Some lakes are clear as I write this, which means good fishing coming. Beaumont is now in turnover, so it will slow down for a week or so. Keep your eyes on the Forum for reports. It's no fun driving to a lake only to arrive to brown water and floating weeds and realize that another week will pass before the fishing picks up again.

April was pretty busy. In addition to our regular meetings, we managed to squeeze in the Fishin' Hole Outdoor Show and a Beginner's Seminar. Alberta Al even showed up at a meeting as promised to demonstrate married wing wet flies! Thanks Al. Dennis' "Techno Nymph" showed us what is possible with new materials and equipment and our transplanted "downeaster" Rod Boisvert showed us too many hare's ears to take in all at once. Thanks guys. Your ongoing support of our weekly program is greatly appreciated.

The Outdoor Show was a blast. We had tons of kids drop by to tie a fly or two. The Sage casting diagnosis machine got a good workout with some more pleased with the analysis than others. The Northern Lights again did itself proud with volunteer effort. A BIG thank you to all those who put in time at the show.

The Beginners Seminar went well with about 14 students. This time we had an admirable mix of sexes and ages. Thanks to Dave Murray for organizing the venue and getting all the stuff there. And thanks go to the volunteer instructors. You all did a great job in introducing people to the art of fly tying.

For the last weekend in April, our Silent Auction fund raiser is scheduled for the 29th at Bo Diddleys. Many thanks to those who helped organize, obtain auction items and sell tickets, it's your effort that makes events like this a success.

Our first May meeting is on the 3rd at 7pm. For this one Brain Weibe will tie some flies and talk about fly lines. Our second meeting on the 10th features Lance Taylor and Darren McEachern doing something Canadian. Our third meeting, on the 17th, has Michael Dell giving another of his amusing and interesting talks. Our fourth meeting on May 24th sees Bob Guidos tying Ida Mays. And on the 31st I kick off a workshop on Knots.

Our Members Only Beginners Casting Clinic is on May the 15th at Rundle Park. There is a map to the location on the web page. It starts at 10 am and goes to 4pm. Cost is \$5.00.

Don't forget the Brazeau Trip and the TU dinner. The TU Dinner is on May 4th. The camp at Brazeau Canyon Lodge on June 17th and 18th is starting to get booked.

Muir opening next week! Yeeehaaa!

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: May 4th 5pm, Annual Dinner and Auction @ Shaw Conference Center. Regular meeting resume in the fall.

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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

MAY 3RD

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Presenter: *Brian Weibe*Topic: *Flies and Lines*

Comment: Brian is the Cortland representative. He has promised to tie a couple of flies and talk about fly lines.

MAY 10TH

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Presenter: *Darren (Pacres) & Lance (Ranger Bob)*Pattern: *Two Canadian Fly Tyers*

Comment: I'm not sure if this is to be the Northern Lights version of the Great White North or if we get treated to Dumb and Dumber, but it stands to be an interesting and fun evening. Rumour has it that we're going to be let in on the secrets of tying with glow in the dark material and some new kind of fish hair product.

MAY 17TH

TALK AND DEMONSTRATION

Presenter: *Michael Dell*Topic: *Fishing Tips and Tricks*

Comment: Michael Dell will dig into his bag of 50 (more or less) tips and tricks to make your fishing and tying more successful, or at least less stressful. Hw will show some of the things that he has learned that make life simpler. Learn the secret of which water to fish on a cutthroat stream! What do you do if you can't match the hatch? How can you keep your mountains of fly tying material organized? All will be revealed!

MAY 24TH

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Presenter: *Bob (Bobber) Guidos*Pattern: *Ida May (Lake)*

Hook Mustad 9672 /9671 #8 to #14

Thread Olive/Black # 6/8

Tail Olive Chickaboo or Hen Hackle

Rib Gold Mylar / Wire

Body Olive Chenille

Collar Olive Chickaboo Hackle / Hen Hackle

Pattern: *Ida May (River)*

Hook Mustad 9672/9671 #8 to #12

Thread Olive /Black #8

Tail Olive Cock Pheasant or Spey Hackle

Rib Fine Gold Wire

Body Peacock Herl or Black Wool

Collar Hackle from Grizzly Cape dyed Yellow

Comment: Bob will demonstrate one of his favorite patterns. If you ask nice, he might tell you how he got his nickname.

MAY 31ST

TALK AND DEMONSTRATION

Presenter: *Dave Robinson*Topic: *Knot Me*

Comment: For those of us with "short arm disease" and eight thumbs, spring is always a time to refresh our knot tying skills. I'm knot going to do this all by myself, but I will kick things off with a few favorites. It's up to the rest of you to come prepared to share you favorite knots and how (or how knot) to tie them. Wind knots are knot on the agenda though.

CASTING CLINICS

A one day

Beginners Fly Casting Clinic

for

Members Only

of the

*Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers*May 13th, 2006

Featuring one-on-one instruction by Club members

Rundle Park

2903 - 113 Avenue, Edmonton

From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Cost : \$5.00

A one day

Intermediate Fly Casting Clinic

for

Members Only

of the

Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers

Date in June to Be Announced

Rundle Park

2903 - 113 Avenue, Edmonton

From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Cost : \$5.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 29	Silent Auction with TU	Bo Diddleys
May 1	Big Bowl of Cheerios	Muir Lake
May 4	Trout Unlimited Auction	Shaw Conference Center
May 15	Beginners Casting Clinic	Rundle Park
June TBA	Intermediate Casting Clinic	Rundle Park
June 17-18	Brazeau Trip	Brazeau Canyon Lodge