

## FROM THE EDITOR

### Winter Program Keeps On Trucking

February had four meetings. Our first weekly meeting was a Skip Morris Flies Night, where some of us tied Skip's patterns. We also tied '52 Buicks in the Beginner Session. The second week we had Mike McLeod of Commercial Solutions talk about outdoor equipment for anglers. Week three, Greg Scratchley's ailing grandfather passed away so he missed his Chironomid session. (Our sympathies go out to Greg.) Instead I turned the Beginner Session on the Adams into a full presentation accompanied by a quick trip outside to view the total lunar eclipse. We also got to meet and greet Loren's mom. The last February meeting was Greg Scratchley and me doing a presentation on Furled Leaders.

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, we held our fund raising Silent Auction in conjunction with Trout Unlimited at Bo Diddle's. About 100 fly fishers, friends and companions attended making it a rousing success. A whole raft of items were auctioned off, raffles run and door prizes given. We raised a bit over \$5K to be split between NLFT&F and TU, and \$700 for Casting for Life. This will help us all continue our good works. Way to go people!

Week one this month, on March 5<sup>th</sup>, features Chironomids by Greg Scratchley, which was displaced from last month. That same week the Beginner Session covers the CDC Caddis. Week two on March 12<sup>th</sup>, has Ruben from Leader Sales covering Fly Lines and Leaders and other stuff. Week three on March 19<sup>th</sup> finds Dennis Southwick talking about and tying Small Stoneflies with the Beginner Session being Revisiting The Basics. Lastly, on March 26<sup>th</sup> we will have a group activity called Fly Box "Show, Tell and Pinchfest".

This month we have a few things coming up in addition to regular meetings. Firstly is the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show from March 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> in the Agricom at Edmonton Northlands. Once again we'll be manning the kids tying booth, so will need lots of volunteers to sign up ASAP. This event is always lots of fun. We get to meet lots of people, promote the sport and excite some kids about fishing. See Brian Bleackley to book your time slot. On March 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> we have similar duties at the Fishin' Hole's Outdoor Show and Sale at the Mayfield. Once again, volunteers can see Brian Bleackley about spots.

Spring is just around the corner, so we will be starting to plan our spring seminars soon. Once again we'll have member only Beginner and Intermediate Casting Seminars and a public Beginner Fly Tying Seminar. All are one-day events to be on Saturdays. See page 2 for tentative dates. We'll need both volunteers and participants for all of them.

Lastly for this month, Environment Canada is seeking input on the listing of native west slope cutthroat trout as a species at risk. If you look it up on our Forum you will find information from TU. The link to the web page where you can fill in an on-line workbook is:

[http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/public/showDocument\\_e.cfm?id=1522](http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/public/showDocument_e.cfm?id=1522).

We urge you to provide your views on this important fisheries topic.

*It's not spring yet, so treat your shack nasties at a meeting.*

*Dave Robinson*

## CLUB MEETINGS

*Queen Mary Park Community League*

*10844 - 117<sup>th</sup> 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: Seminar Room, Northgate Lions Seniors Centre (7524 139 Avenue)  
7:30 pm, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Program to be announced

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## MEMBERSHIP

**Only \$20.00**

January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>

**Benefits Include:**

- Fishing Presentations & Fly Tying Sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- Club event discounts
- Selected retailer discounts (with card)
- Access to large club library
- Fellowship of fellow fishers
- Tying and fishing "secrets"

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## MEETINGS

### MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>

**Tyer:** *Greg Scratchley*

**Pattern:** *Imitative Chironomids*

**Note:** *Scratch will follow up on the session he missed while in Victoria for family reasons, He'll deal with larvae, pupae and adults. I suspect he'll be using a range of materials and hooks to create a variety of patterns that are closer to the naturals than the typical bits of wire and plastic.*

### Beginners Session #11

**Pattern:** *CDC Caddis*

Hook: Tiemco 101 - #10 to #16

Thread: 6/0 to 8/0 Olive

Body: Yellowish-olive Anton dubbing

Underwing: Tan Antron

Wing & legs: Natural CDC plume

Head: Olive Antron dubbing

**Comment:** *This is a variation of an Elk Hair caddis that uses the floating properties and movement of CDC to place the fly in the film. We'll discuss how a fly can be adapted to serve several different situations.*

### MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>

**Presenter:** *Ruben from Leader Sales*

**Topic:** *Fly Lines and Leaders*

**Comment:** *Ruben is a colleague of Peter Morrison. He will display and discuss the company's product lines which include fly lines, leaders, vices and a few other odds and ends.*

### MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>

**Tyer:** *Dennis Southwich*

**Pattern:** *Small Stoneflies (Micro-caddis)*

Hook: #16 Klinkhammer Extreme

Bead: Gold Tungsten

Thread: 8/0 Clear or Glitter Thread

Legs: Rubber Hackle

Body: Larva Lace – clear – micro or midge

Wingcase: Nymph Skin

Head: Peacock dubbing

**Note:** *Dennis will do a session covering the use and tying of small stonefly nymph imitations. If time permits he will also demonstrate a Lime Trude.*

### Beginners Session #12

**Pattern:** *Revisit the Basics*

**Comment:** *This session will help out the new members who have joined in the last few weeks with the very basic stuff. We'll talk about equipment and materials. For continuing Beginner participants, this will be an opportunity to catch up on patterns you missed. If you let Dave Robinson know in advance he'll have the appropriate materials available.*

## MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>

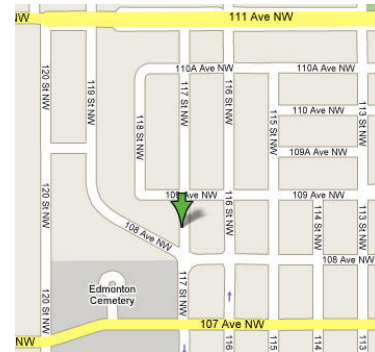
**Topic:** *Fly Box "Show, Tell and Pinchfest"*

**Comment:** *Come out and get your fly boxes ready for spring. The idea is to bring your fly boxes and sit with fellow fishers and go over the contents as to what is there, what is missing and perhaps how to organize them. You may even want to swap a few flies to exchange patterns. This also provides an opportunity to inspect your flies to make sure all the barbs are pinched down in keeping with Alberta regulations.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Edmonton Sportsman's Show	Northlands
March 27 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Show	Mayfield
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	TU Dinner & Auction	Shaw Conference Center

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## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

If you haven't already done so, it's time to renew your Memberships for the 2008 year.

## UPCOMING SEMINARS

Club Seminars for 2008 are tentatively as follows:

April 12 <sup>th</sup> or 19 <sup>th</sup>	Beginners Tying Seminar	Queen Mary Park
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup>	Beginners Casting Clinic	TBA
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Intermediate Casting Clinic	TBA

## PHOTOS



Dave's Evil Weevil for the "Across the Pond Swap" All the flies should be in with us waiting for the mailed ones from Wales before sorting and distributing. We'll post the results to the web page.