

## FROM THE EDITOR

### Spring Just Around the Corner – Time to Get Ready!!

The weather is steadily improving. That means two things. One is that we better clean and maintain our gear for the new season. The other is STAY OFF THE ICE! Warm weather can make even solid-looking ice pretty treacherous. Be safe not sorry fishermen.

I've started my spring maintenance. Zoie (my Zodiak) is pumped up in the rumpus room for cleaning and installation of launching wheels. My fly reels are in the workshop for work and I got the fly line cleaner out after Ruben's presentation last month. I'm getting the itch.

March featured the make-up session by Greg Scratchley on Chironomids the first week as well as a Beginner Session on the CDC Caddis. Week two had Ruben from Leader Sales talking about Fly Line and Reel maintenance. Week three, Dennis Southwick covered Small Stoneflies with a small Beginner Session reviewing tools and equipment. The last week is to be a Fly Box "Show, Tell and Pinchfest" where every one brings their boxes for a check to see if they are ready for the season.

The Sportsman's Show was a great success once again. We went through hundreds of flyers and brochures. While early on it looked as if we might be short of volunteers, you all came through and the booth and Fishing Center table were well manned. Way to go! Thanks to all volunteers who took the time out to promote fly fishing and our club.

While manning each location, I found lots of interest in passers-by in our club and fly fishing and tying in general. Our **Beginners Tying Seminar** appeared attractive, so I expect we'll have a quite a few folks show up at NAIT on **April 12<sup>th</sup>**. Lots of thanks go to Pres. Dave Murray for the last minute arrangement for a venue. We'll need a number of volunteers to help out. We try to get the instructor student ratio close to one-on-one. If you can manage to tie a woolly bugger, you're fair game to assist the raw recruits we normally get. There will be a sign up sheet at meetings and you can let any executive member know if you can help.

The program this month resurrects our smash hit **The Iron Fly Tyer on April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Week two on **April 9<sup>th</sup>** will have **Barry White** talking about **The New Bow River** and the **Beginner Session** will be **The Clouser Minnow**. Week three on **April 16<sup>th</sup>** is **Gear Up** where we get our stuff ready for spring. Week four on **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** we will be helping out **Trout Unlimited** with a **Dinner Donation Box Tye** plus the final **Beginner Session on Stimulators**. Lastly, on **April 30<sup>th</sup>** we get to test our skill with a **Fish Identification Test**.

This month we have a few things coming up in addition to regular meetings. Spring is just around the corner, so we will be starting our spring seminars. As noted above, we'll have an all-day public **Beginner Fly Tying Seminar** on **April 12<sup>th</sup>** at NAIT. See the box on page two. Beginner and Intermediate Casting Seminars are one-day events tentatively set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of May respectively, at Rundle Park same as last year. I'll provide more information on that next month. We'll need both volunteers and participants for all of them.

*Spring's a commin'! Time to get that gear checked out.*

*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, April 21, 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

**APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**

### IRON FLY TYER

**Iron Fly Tyer:** *Vacant (Has Alex DelHiero moved yet?)*

**Challengers:** *To BE Decided*

**Patterns:** *Dry fly, Wet fly and Nymph*

**Hook:** *Dry #12, Wet #8, Nymph #10*

**Material:** *Surprise!*

**Format:** The competitors will use their own materials and equipment to construct at least three flies in a one-hour time frame. A special "surprise" material will be given out at the start of tying that the participants will have to incorporate it into each fly. The flies will be judged on: Appearance, Tying Techniques, Originality, Best Use of Mystery Material and Potential Catching Ability. The winner earns the coveted title of "Iron Fly Tyer" until the next competition.

**Comments:** *Chairman Robinson-Kaga will host this annual (mostly) event to put our club's finest tyers to the ultimate test. Unknown materials and tight timeline could mean a brilliant finish, or a tyer going down in flames. Three competitors will test their tying skill against each other in a trio of patterns. Come prepared to be amazed (and to heckle). With the title open due to Alex leaving town, who will stand the test of fire and become the next IRON FLY TYER?*

**APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**Tyer:** *Barry White*

**Topic:** *The New Bow River*

**Comment:** *Come hear Barry give his take on the changes to the Bow in recent years including the impact of the great flood of three years ago.*

### Beginners Session #13

**Pattern:** *Clouser Minnow*

**Hook:** #2 barbless, stainless steel, long shank hook

**Thread:** Black or clear 3/0

**Eyes:** Dumbbell eyes to suit hook

**Underbody:** Tinsel or Mylar tubing if desired

**Lower wing:** Chartreuse Polar Bear or Bucktail

**Stripe:** Green Krystal Flash

**Top wing:** White Polar Bear or Bucktail

**Lacquer:** Sally Hansen's "Hard as Nails"

**Comment:** *This is a multi-use streamer pattern that introduces beginners to managing dumbbell eyes. While it appears complicated, it is actually easy to tie.*

**APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>**

### GEAR UP!

**Comment:** *Cleaning lines, rods, packing vests and replacing leaders. Bring your gear and share the task with some friends. Be prepared though - you may be singled out for having the worst line, or most crammed vest (Michael isn't allowed to compete on that one though).*

**APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**Topic:** **DINNER DONATION BOX NIGHT**

**Purpose:** **To Tye Flies for the Annual TU Dinner**

**Comment:** *Come prepared to tie 6 flies for the TU auction box, or bring 6 flies to add to the mix.*

### Beginners Session #13

**Pattern:** *Stimulator*

**Hook:** #10 – Tiemco 200 R

**Thread:** Orange 8/0

**Tail:** Elk Hair

**Rib:** Fine gold wire

**Body Hackle:** Furnace

**Body:** Orange Anton dubbing

**Wing:** Elk Hair

**Thorax:** Dark yellow dubbing

**Hackle:** Grizzly

**Comment:** *This is the last of the regular beginner tying sessions for this spring. That doesn't mean we'll ignore beginners, just that sessions will become less formal. From this point on beginners are urged to bring they vices and sit down with other members to review and try new pattern*

**APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>**

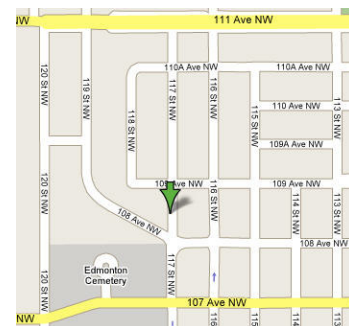
**Topic:** **Fish Identification Test**

**Comment:** *Sustainable Resource Development will provide us with their fish identification test kits. Fish Identification is a skill that is invaluable to all anglers. Fish ID is sometimes is more difficult than you think. This session may prevent you running afoul of regulations.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Beginners Tying Seminar	NAIT Room A124
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beginners Casting Clinic	Rundle Park
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Intermediate Casting Clinic	Rundle Park

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## BEGINNERS TYING SEMINAR

**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Northern Alberta Institute of Technology**

**Main Campus - Room A147**

**8:30 am to 4:30 pm**

**Members: \$5.00**

**Non-Members: \$25.00 (membership included)**