



Providing a friendly atmosphere for the novice and expert to learn and share the fly tying and fishing experience

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FROM THE EDITOR

What's with the Snow? When do we get spring?

Winter continues its icy grip around here. The last two weeks we've seen virtually no sun and the weekend has snow in the forecast. Gaah! When the massive melt does start, the usual seasonal precautions will be doubly in effect. Stay away from rivers and lakes with ice on them! A solid looking surface can hide lethal trouble underneath. Don't let the shack nasties entice you into a dangerous situation.

The club's main web page continues to stay up to date thanks to Ken Monk. You could help him out a lot by providing some content. If you have any recent photos, tips, pattern recipes or stories to share, pass them on to Ken. We also have a Facebook page which you can reach via a link from the main page. The use of "social networking" may strike old hands as a waste of time, but if we want to attract the new generation, we need to keep up with the times.

While we waited in March for a reluctant spring, we had 5 regular meetings. March 2nd we had Tak Shimazu presenting a Deer Hair Nymph. Great job Tak! We all learned something about deer hair. March 9th was a regular Free Tye session with a few beginners taking up Rick's offer for help. On March 16th we were missing a conservation speaker so we had another free tye. March 23rd Peter Little showed a Hot Spot Balanced Leech and on March 30th we'll have Bob Guidos tying up a Brace of Bob's Flies. Our thanks go out to all presenters and the appreciative audiences. Come on out next month and help swell the appreciative numbers.

We continued a busy March with two other events. From March 17th to the 20th we were at the **Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show** at Northlands. Our location next to the casting pond drew a reasonable amount of interest and we sold a bunch of raffle tickets for the bamboo rod donated by Don Anderson. We'll repeat the effort this coming weekend **March 31st to April 3rd** at the **Fishing Hole and Campers Village Outdoor Show** at the Mayfield Inn Conference Center. (admission is by food bank donation and parking is free) Once again we'll have kids tying and will be manning the Lloyd Shea bucket raffle. We usually get lots of kids (and a few adults) sit down to tie some flies. It is also an opportunity to promote the club and our upcoming programs.

Our regular program for April consists of four session and starts on **April 6th** with **Barry Wright** sharing his expertise while tying a couple of **Bob Cormier Patterns**. On **April 13th** we will have our regular **Free Tye** and **Beginner Advice** session. Let's improve the vice count once again. **April 20th** we have a conservation session with **Jim O'Neill** to talk about upcoming Grayling Conference and a related proposed **TU Edmonton Grayling Project**. The month winds up on **March 27th** our own **Dennis Southwick** discussing **Soft Hackle Flies** and showing us a couple of techniques and patterns. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie.

Our **Public Beginner Fly Tying Seminar** goes on **April 16th** at **Queen Mary Park**. The idea is to introduce beginners to tying equipment, materials and basic techniques with as much hand's on instruction as possible. We'll need some volunteers to help Rick LeBlanc with the new tyers on that day and possibly prepare materials in advance. Let Rick know if you can help.

Our second "Introduction to Fly Fishing Seminar" in spring is planned for **May 28th** for the classroom session and **May 29th** for the field session (weather permitting or June 4th if not). If the weather gods permit we'll have open water by then and will need help for the on-water casting and fishing portion. You don't need to be an expert to help out. I've found that helping beginners learn actually helps you fix your own casting "glitches".

This is the month we hope to welcome new friends to the club !

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Queen Mary Park Community League
Equipment and Materials:
The format is Informal Drop In

10844 - 117th Street, Edmonton
Bring your own or use the Club loaners.
Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

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MEMBERSHIP

Now \$40.00

January 1st to December 31st

Or on TU renewal date

Benefits Include:

- Fishing Presentations and Fly Tying Sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- Fly Fusion Magazine
- 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 6TH

BOB CORMIER PATTERNS

Presenter: *Barry Wright?*

Pattern: *Atomic Ant*

Thread: Black 140 denier for 14, 70 denier for 16
Body: Rainy's Small Black Round Float Foam
Wing: Underlay of white poly, with a top of Scintilla pearlescent Spinner Wing Film. Use wing cutter "S2"

Legs: White mini round rubber
Hackle: Black, trimmed on bottom
Head: Rainy's Small Black Round Float Foam

Pattern: *Hares Ear Parachute*

Hook: Tiemco 900BL #’s 12, 14, 16, & 18
Thread: 70 denier Tan
Tail: Coq De Leon Pardo medium hackle fibers
Wing: White Calf Body Hair
Body: Natural Hare's Ear Dubbing
Hackle: Grizzly

Comment: *Barry will give us a couple of interesting patterns developed by bob Cormier.*

APRIL 13TH

FREE TYE AND BEGINNER ADVICE

Comment: *Bing your vices and tools and tye along with us. We'll have several tables set up and an experienced tyer will be at each one. You can tye your own patterns or tye along with the experienced tyer. Of course coffee and conversation will be part of the evening. This is your chance to learn a new technique and get to know your fellow club members better. For the absolute beginners, Rick Leblanc will lead a separate session.*

APRIL 20TH

CONSERVATION MEETING

Presenter: *Jim O'Neill*

Topic: *Graying Project*

Comment: *As support for the grayling conference to be held this year, our club, as the Edmonton TU Chapter, is considering undertaking a project to do an angling based census of the grayling population in a watershed to be determined. Come on out and discuss with the conference Jim and the merits of, and where and when we should undertake such an effort.*

NEXT OUTREACH EVENT

EDMONTON OUTDOOR SHOW AND SALE

When: *March 31st to April 3rd*
Where: *Mayfield Conference Center*
Comment: *Kids Tying and Lloyd Shea Raffle*

MEETINGS CONTINUED

APRIL 27TH

SOFT HACKLE FLYS

Presenter: *Dennis Southwick*

Pattern: *Partridge and Green*

Hook: #14 dry fly, straight eye
Thread: Green or olive 8/0
Body: Green embroidery thread or Pearsall's silk (also glitter thread)

Thorax: Arizona peacock dubbing
Under wing: White Antron (less than 10 strands if possible)
Wing: Partridge

Pattern: *Purple and Snipe*

Hook: #14 dry fly, straight eye
Body: Purple Pearsall's silk thread
Wing: Snipe

Comment: *Dennis will discuss soft hackles, feathers (he will bring in assorted types) and where to find the. He'll bring in several of his source books and show different methods of tying hackle to hook. He'll also discuss fishing soft hackles in general and then tie an old classic and one of his own "Dennisized" creations.*

UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS

BEGINNERS FLY TYING SEMINAR

When: *April 16th - 8:30 am to 3:30 pm*
Where: *Queen Mary Park Community League
10844 – 117 Street*
Comment: *Bring your own vice and tools if you have them, If not, we have a limited supply of loaners. We provide all materials for the patterns to be tied.*

INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING SEMINAR

When: *May 28th and 29th (June 4th for rain out)*
Where: *Queen Mary Park Community League
and a field venue to be determined*
Comment: *Cost is \$50.00. This seminar covers the basics such as what is fly fishing, why do it, and much, more. The field day covers casting and includes actual fishing.*

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