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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

# Fall Fishing In Full Swing! It's Time to End the Year Right.

I've had a sparse fall fishing season so far. I spent two weeks in September in Germany, accompanying my wife to a conference in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, and four days in Paris. Fishing opportunities there were extremely limited. You could lake fish in Garmisch, for a price, and there were trout in one local stream, but access and license were problematic,

I did get out with Dennis and Keith this last weekend. We hit some cold weather, +8 with a skiff of snow in the ditches, which I'll blame for my modest success. Dennis and Keith don't need that excuse. I hope to have better luck when John Bertrand and I head out this week.

A comment form was circulated last meeting regarding the Red Deer River downstream of the Dickson Dam. SRD is asking about a fall and winter closure, ostensibly to protect spawning Rockies and Brown Trout. Many of us are opposed to closure as this represents our only accessible winter flowing-water fishery. We feel catch and release regulations would be more appropriate. If you want to discuss or provide feedback to SRD, contact Emmerson Dober.

Our September program consisted of three sessions. It began September 14<sup>th</sup> with a photo and brag session. It continued on the 21<sup>st</sup> with Dennis Southwick showing some easy to tie flies and wound up on September 28<sup>th</sup> with Tuan Nguyen doing his first demo by showing us three patterns. Thanks to Dennis and kudos to Tuan who woke us up with some new and innovative techniques. Way to go guys.

Your executive met in mid month as usual to continue planning for the fall and winter. We finalized the fall fund raiser and continued work on the January Seminar. The October program came together rather late which, coupled with my two week trip to Europe, is why the newsletter is a bit tardy this month.

With Brian Donnelly away, we're looking for help in putting together programs for November and December. Bob Guidos has volunteered to help put it all together and has done so for October. If you can help out with suggestions for program topics or are prepared to step up and do a demon or talk on a fly or topic dear to your heart, then let Bob know.

We will have four meetings in October. The first meeting is October 5<sup>th</sup> at Queen Mary Park with Brian Hepperle who returns to demonstrate a Royal Humpy We continue on October 12<sup>th</sup> where we have Paul Fitt demonstrating a Golden Stone. Then on October 19th you get an opportunity to replenish your fly boxes with a Tree Tye. It's probably time to tie up some back swimmers. And finally for the month, on October 26<sup>th</sup> we get "Dipper" Dan Tulik giving us a demonstration of Scuds.

Our Fall Fundraiser and Silent Auction is ready to go at the St Albert Curling Club on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available at club meetings now until the Wednesday before the event. Cost is \$30.00 per person and features a prime rib dinner. We'll have the place pretty much to ourselves so start convincing friends and associates to attend. We have high quality auction items available and this promises to be a great night out. Chapter operating expenses for the year depend on revenue from this source.

And finally, here's a reminder that we have set our date and presenters for the January Seminar. This coming year we'll feature the Dynamite Duo of Jack Dennis and Phil Rowley on January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We can guarantee two fun and information filled days from two experienced pros. More details on program and costing to come.

Time to go fishing before the snow flies!

Dave Robinson

## **CLUB MEETINGS**

Queen Mary Park Community League Equipment and Materials: The format is Informal Drop In 10844 – 117<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 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

## OCTOBER 5TH

## **BUSINESS MEETING AND DEMO**

**Presenter:** Brian Hepperle Pattern: Royal Humpy Dry Fly # 12 to #16 Hook 6/0 bright red Thread

Moose mane or body hair Tail Hump back: Black deer or moose hair

Body: Bright red floss

Wing Calf hair or snowshoe rabbit

Brown saddle Hackle:

**Comment:** It's been a while since Brian demonstrated, so come out and welcome him back to the fold. Brian will show us how to manage getting consistent proportions in this venerable pattern.

## OCTOBER 12TH

**Presenter:** Paul Fitt Pattern: Golden Stone

Size 8 2XL Streamer Hook: Weight: Lead Free Wire Thread: Olive 8/0

Eyes: 8lb Mono Melted

Orange Dubbing Ball, Gold Biots Tail: Mottled Turkey Thin Skin, Body:

Gold Colored Dubbing

Copper Wire Ribbing: Mottled Thin Skin Shellback: Legs: Partridge Feather Thorax: Gold Colored Dubbing

Head: Olive 8/0

**Comment:** This sounds like one of Paul's realistic patterns, or at least one that is more realistic than our normal fare. Come out and learn some new techniques

# OCTOBER 19TH FREE TYE

**Comment:** Come out and fill up the spaces in your fly boxes while enjoying the banter and friendship of fellow tyers. If you're a beginner looking for advice, bring your equipment and corner any one of the "old hands". We'll be happy to help out. Coffee and Timbits on tap.

# OCTOBER 26TH SCUDS

Presenter: "Dipper" Dan Tulik

**Comment:** *Dan will tie up some "easy-peasy" scud patterns.* He didn't give me pattern details, but you can expect scud hooks, dubbing and some kind of shell-back.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **FALL FUNDRAISER AND SILENT AUCTION**

November 5<sup>th</sup> When:

Where: St Albert Curling Club 3 Tache Street St. Albert

Tickets Tickets are available for \$30 at club meetings

through October

**Comment:** This is our one fund raiser for the year. Proceeds

> go to fund club operations. So bring your spouse and friends and come out for a fun evening of socializing, games, draws and auction items

Regular Meetings Queen Mary Park All October November 5<sup>th</sup> Fall Fundraiser St Albert Curling Club

January Seminar Jack Dennis & Phil Rowley

Grant MacEwan University Jan 21st & 22nd

### **CLUB CLOTHING**

**Comment:** Logoed Club long sleeve shirts, T-shirts and hats are now available. They can be bought at club meetings.

# MY EXCUSE FOR LACK OF SPRING FISHING



The Robinson kitchen reno cut into May and June fishing. The end result is worth the reduced fishing and 7 weeks cooking in the basement though. I hope to cook many fish dinners here.

### MAP TO THE HOME OF



