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FROM THE EDITOR

Fall Indoor Season Kicks Off!

Summer fishing for me was a bit sparse. The trip to Cuba in search of Bonefish, Permit, Barracuda and Tarpon was OK, but the numbers of fish were down from previous years. It may have had something to do with the weather as the usual winds were not blowing and we saw more rain. That's fishing for you. I did manage a couple of trips to Dolberg and the Freeman, but otherwise, family vacation and other events kept me off the water.

That wasn't true for most club members though. Summer found members doing their thing on lakes and rivers wherever the mood and opportunity arose. We were quite involved in the Graying survey again this year on the Pembina River drainage. Club members held a couple of "Klaves" out of the Wolf Lake Campground organized mostly by Dan Tulik. Dismal Creek produced fish in almost every location but with sporadic catch rates. Fish were caught at one location on Rat Creek. Expect a full report on results in the next month or so.

Our Introduction to Fly-fishing Seminar on May 26th & 27th was well attended. Rick Lang led the classrooms sessions on the Saturday with several members helping with casting instruction in the afternoon. Sunday found us at the pond in Cardiff. Fishing was slow, but some early stockers were caught. We hope to find a way to reconnect with students in the fall for an on-stream experience. If you are interested in showing a couple of new fly fishers the ropes, let Dave Towers know and we'll provide contact information.

The last full spring month of May featured Bob Guidos demonstrating the Eevil Weevil, me and Rick LeBlanc doing parachute flies, Elton hunter talking about bears and John Acorn presenting an entertaining entomology session. June was a short month. We ended the formal sessions with a free tye on June 6th and held our wind up BBQ the next week at Queen Mary Park in the rain. Thanks go out to all our presenters for a fine end to the spring sessions.

We only have three meetings in September. We start **September 12th** with a short business meeting followed by a **Brag Session** and a **Free Tye**. **Dennis Southwick** will give any **Beginners** present, some guidance on a **Basic Fly**. For the second meeting on **September 19th** we have **Dave Robinson** and **Dennis Southwick** presenting **Grayling Patterns**. For the last week, on **September 26th** we get **Michael Dell** presenting **Stonefly Adults**.

Fall season planning is underway. Note that there will be no meeting October 31st due to the hall being otherwise committed. Each month's 1st session will be a business meeting followed by a more formal beginner session with a free tye for non-beginners. Expect a monthly "theme night" based on specific insects and possibly one monthly session on "advanced" techniques. Other topics and volunteer spots are open for suggestions.

Our annual fund raiser goes on November 3rd. Aaron is coordinating the fundraising, but will need lots of assistance. This fund raiser is the only way we finance our operating costs, like rent, books, newsletters etc. It's critical that all members support it by getting donations and attending. To make this a success we need lots of auction items. That's where you, the members come in. The best place to solicit donations is from businesses you patronize. Next time you are in one, talk to the manager and make a simple request for their support. Your efforts are vital if we want to continue our excellent programs.

On the more recent fishing side, Peter said Dolbeg was doing OK on swimmers and balanced leeches and Dennis is headed to the Little Smoky next weekend. He says you're welcome to join him if you don't laugh at the 5-Alive in his Scotch.

Hope you can join us for a great fall!

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

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

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Bring your own or use the Club loaners.
Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

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MEMBERSHIP

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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

SEPTEMBER 12TH

BRAG SESSION & FREE TYE

Comment: *Bring your summer photos and stories. Get reacquainted with your buddies and swap lies over a cupa Joe. Bring your vices too and start work on replacing all those flies the fish and trees stole over the summer. Dennis will hold a session for beginners if there are any.*

SEPTEMBER 19TH

GRAYLING PATTERNS

Presenter: *Dave Robinson*

Pattern: *Adams Emerger*

Hook: Partridge Klinkhammer #20
 Thread: Gray 8/0
 Wing: Orange Turkey Flats
 Tail: Gray Zeelon
 Body: Gray dubbing
 Thorax: Peacock herl
 Hackle: Grizzly saddle

Pattern: *Orange Butt Pheasant Tail Nymph*

Hook: Nymph hook #14 to #16
 Thread: Brown 8/0
 Bead: Gold bead sized to suit
 Butt: Orange Thread
 Tail: Pheasant tail
 Rib: Gold Wire
 Body: Pheasant Tail
 Shell Back: Saltwater mylar
 Thorax: Peacock herl
 Legs: Pheasant Tail

Presenter: *Dennis Southwick*

Pattern: *Fat Albert*

Hook: 2xlong dry (Daiechi 1280) #8 or #10
 Thread: Fire orange 8/0
 Body: Foam – tan, red or orange, then black
 Legs: rubber legs – orange & black or red & black
 Wing: White poly and pearlescent flashabou

Pattern: *LSS (Little Smokey Special)*

Hook: Short shank dry fly (Daiechi 1640) #16
 Thread: Black or Purple
 Body: Foam – tan, red or orange, then black
 Legs: rubber legs – orange & black or red & black
 Wing: White poly and pearlescent flashabou

Comment: *Dave and Dennis will demonstrate some old and some new patterns for grayling. Dave's patterns will be traditional patterns familiar to most, but with a slight twist. Dennis' patterns will be newer ones but of course they will be "dennisized" ones. They will use foam, foam and more foam then rubber legs. Maybe even a hook.*

JANUARY 2013 SEMINAR

Comment: *We have booked two excellent presenters for our January Seminar for next year, Brain Chan and Rick Haefele. Tell us the topics you'd like to see covered, so we can develop a program that suits your needs.*

MEETINGS CONTINUED

SEPTEMBER 26TH

STONEFLY ADULTS

(FOR WHEN A STIMULATOR DOESN'T WORK)

Presenter: *Michael Dell*

Pattern: *Brown/Black Winter Stone*

Hook: Dry Fly #14- #16
 Thread: Black or Brown 8/0
 Hackle: Grizzly - undersized to 1 gap width

Comment: *The winter stone hatches in prolific umbers on sunny days in winter. The nymph crawls out of the water onto the bank before the adult emerges. The fly imitates the female buzzing over the water while releasing eggs.*

Pattern: *Deer Hair Caddis*

Hook: Dry Fly #10- #16
 Thread: Yellow or lime 8/0
 Body: Yellow or lime fine dubbing
 Wing: Deer or Elk hair

Comment: *The Yellow Sally (and its cousin the Lime Sally) hatch in June or July in Alberta. The Deer Hair Caddis (basically an Elk Hair Caddis without hackle) is my go-to pattern for this hatch. A red tag can be added to simulate an egg sac.*

Pattern: *Madam X*

Hook: 2 X long Dry Fly #8- #16
 Thread: 6/0 to match body color
 Wing: Elk hair tied in bullet style
 Body: Thread wraps or dubbing to match natural
 Legs: Rubber legs

Comment: *The Madam X is an easy pattern and can be tied in all sizes and body colors to match a natural. A variation is Billy's Monster which uses macramé yarn instead of elk hair, and uses a dubbed body.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 12th Meetings Resume Queen Mary Park
 November 3rd Annual Fund Raiser St. Albert Curling Club

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Northern Lights Fly Tyers
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