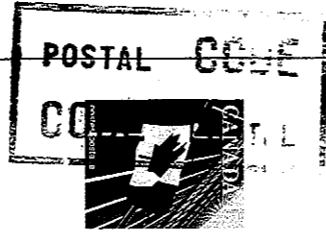


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NLFTC IN REVIEW

*The winter of '96 is now behind us, and the season's warmer winds are beckoning us to the great outdoors. Most of us have already ventured out onto our favorite stomping grounds only to find high water levels and raging rivers where there was only spring creeks. The warning from Alberta environment is to have the utmost care when wading and safety should always be your main concern.*

We have once again come to the end of another great season of fly tying and most of us can't wait to try those new gems that we have spent so much time tying. As another season unfolds this will be your last newsletter until September. We had a great season and looking forward to seeing new as well as old familiar faces in the 97/98 season. Great things are being planned for the fall. Have a great summer all. I will leave you to ponder that haunting and sonorous last paragraph...



*Eventually, all things merge into one, and a river runs through it. The river was cut by the world's great flood and runs over rocks from the basement of time. On some of the rocks are timeless raindrops. Under the rocks are the words, and some of the words are theirs.*

**I am haunted by waters.**  
 Norman Maclean  
*(A river runs through it)*

The Board of Directors had their last meeting on April 2nd. The final meeting was to review the status of the club, its mandate, and plans for the 97/98 fall season and summer events (see details inside). Club meetings and tying demonstrations will continue as usual until the end of June. Need information on club activities? we can be reached through the following:

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MEMBERSHIPS

Fly Dressers Guild memberships are due in September and membership drive will continue until Sept.30th 97. We need to do this to expedite the mailing of the magazines. For the Guild September marks the beginning of the 1998 membership year we encourage all members to join in hopes of becoming the first branch in North America.

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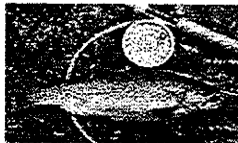
The Fly Dressers Guild (September thru August) - \$35.00

**Field Trips**

Dates have been finalized for the fishing trips over the summer. In this publication also included is a membership phone list, for those of you who would like to communicate over the summer.

DATE	EVENT
May 31st - Saturday	<b>B.B.Q at Cardiff Lake @2:00</b> The club will provide hot dogs and buns. Members can BYOB and we'll have some fun fishing.
June 12st - Saturday	<b>North Ram</b> Members can meet at the North Ram campsite on the south side of the bridge along the forestry trunk road.
June 22nd - Sunday	<b>Shunda/Prairie Creek</b> Meeting place to be announced
August 23rd - Saturday	<b>Bow River</b> Meeting place to be announced
September	<b>Little Smokey/Lower Chain Lakes</b> No dates planned, Shelley will look into rental of boats/bellyboats for this event

**WESTSLOPE CUTTHROAT**



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*Oncorhynchus clarki lewisi* (Richardson)

In Alberta, westslope cutthroat were native to the southwest corner of the province. Their range extended from the Bow River drainage south to the Alberta-Montana border. Once abundant throughout the southwest, their range has been reduced because of habitat loss, over-fishing, but primarily as a result of the introduction of non-native rainbow trout. Pure-strain cuts are not as common as they once were, due to their tendency to hybridize with rainbows. These hybrid fish are often referred to as "cuttbows".

In southern Alberta, good stream fishing for westslopes can still be found in the upper Castle and Oldman River systems. The North Ram River, west of Rocky Mountain House, also provides excellent cutthroat fishing. A number of alpine lakes in the area also support populations of this native trout. Some of these mountain lakes are found in Waterton and Banff National Parks. However, over the years Yellowstone cutthroat were introduced into a number of lakes and streams in and around these parks. Consequently, cutthroat gene pools in some of these waters have been diluted.

Westslope cutthroat are easily identified by the orange or red slash marks on the throat area. Other characteristic features include tiny, basibrachial teeth located at the base of the tongue. These are absent in rainbow trout. Another identifying feature is the spotting pattern. The small irregularly shaped spots on the body rarely extend below the lateral line on the anterior of the fish.

Cutthroat trout are a lot of fun to catch. They are usually not particularly selective and will often rise freely to dry flies. Productive fly patterns include grasshopper imitations, Stimulators, Elk Hair Caddis, Humpies and Royal Wulffs. Mid-July through September is a good time of year to fish for cutthroats on southern Alberta's trout streams.

**DEMONSTRATIONS IN MAY**

May 07	May 14	May 21	May 28
<p><b>TIER : IAN RUSSEL</b> For these flies please bring the following :</p> <p><b>IMP</b></p> <p>Hook : Wetfly, Sizes 14-18 Thread : Black Tail : Red ibis sub Tip : Flat gold tinsel Body : Heron herl sub Hackle : Black cock or hen</p> <p><b>BRADSHAW'S FANCY</b></p> <p>Hook : Wetfly, Sizes 14-16 Thread : Purple Tag : Crimson Wool or Floss Body : Peacock Herl Hackle : Pale blue dun Head : Crimson wool or floss</p>	<p><b>TIER : IAN DENNY</b> For these flies please bring the following :</p> <p><b>DRAGONFLY NYMPH</b></p> <p>Hook : 4xl nymph hook Thread : Olive Tail: Peacock sword Body : Olive Chenille Legs : Olive hen saddle Eyes : Barbell eyes Thorax : Peacock chenille</p> <p><b>MY DAMSELFLY</b></p> <p>Hook : Size 10 shrimp/caddis hook Thread : Black Head : Gold bead Tail : Olive marabou Body : Peacock herl</p>	<p><b>TIER : DALE JOHNSON</b> For these flies please bring the following :</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>T</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>B</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A</b></p>	<p><b>TIER : DENNIS SOUTHWICK</b> For these flies please bring the following :</p> <p><b>AIR HEAD</b></p> <p>Hook : Standard dryfly, Size 8-16 Thread : Yellow Body : Yellow/Orange Wing : Elk or deer hair Head : Translucent close cell foam</p> <p><b>HALO MAYFLY EMERGER (MIDGE EMERGER)</b></p> <p>Hook : Standard dryfly, Sizes 10-24 Thread : Olive Tag : Clear antron (optional) Tail : Olive marabou fibers Body : Olive seal's fur Halo : Close cell foam Thorax : Olive seal's fur Spike : Orange deer hair</p>

