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FROM THE EDITOR

The real fishing season is fast approaching. As I write this, the ice is out on the river and the local lakes are only a warm day or two and a good wind from being open. A few intrepid souls have ventured off to the Bow, Crow and Stauffer and pike have been caught in the river. Time to start planning those spring warm up trips!

Our **Beginner's Seminar** went well for a first try. We had six newbies show up, and thanks to those members who came to help out, they were treated to one on one personal instruction. The result was a fine time for all attendees and we even added a few new members.

Our Major Seminar "**Flyfishing - The Alberta Angle**" went well also, although the turnout was not as good as hoped. The final accounting isn't in, but even though we lost a bit of money, it won't make a major dent in the bank account. Those who did attend were treated to an excellent two days of talks and demonstrations. Bob Scammel comments in a column which can be found on our web site. Many thanks go out to Jim McLennan and Bob Scammell for a job well done! Thanks also to all those who pitched in to help with the organization and to those club members who came out to support the event.

This month's calendar is a grab bag again. We have pike flies for the North Saskatchewan, a Muskrat Nymph, a night with a bamboo rod builder, some casting practice and instruction and our spring "clave" barbeque. Also, our group outings have also been finalized. As before, the highlight is likely to be the trip to the Little Smoky on September 25 and 26, but before that, we'll travel to the North Raven on August 14 and follow it up with a late season trip to the Bow on October 16.

That's the formal part of the program. Needless to say, there will be many impromptu outings as well. In order to help with this, the next newsletter (and last one till fall) will incorporate a members list with telephone numbers. If, for some reason, you don't want your phone number shown, please let me know by mid May.

The Women's Fly Fishing Association of Alberta is presenting a Spring Fly Fishing Festival on May 29. Topics include tying, rod building, casting and beginning float tubing. The event is not restricted to women. We had a few of their members come out to our seminar, so some reciprocal attendance by the NLFT is in order. Contact Kay Bailey at 986-1882 for details.

And lastly, we're looking for volunteer tyers to spend a few hours at the Fishin' Hole in West Edmonton Mall, showing passersby what fly tying is all about. Let Dennis Southwick know

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: Every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm
Water's Edge - 10149 - Saskatchewan Drive Enter main door and go straight ahead
Equipment and Materials: Bring your own or use the Club loaners
Coffee and cookies served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

OTHER EVENTS

Trout Unlimited Meetings Finished for the season, they resume in October
However, they are looking for volunteers for tree planting on Stauffer on May 8th.
Anyone interested contact Michel Dell @ 488-1966

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MEMBERSHIP

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January to December

Benefits Include:

- Regular meetings and tying sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- Club event discounts
- Selected retailer discounts (with card)
- Access to club library
- Fellowship of like-minded fishers
- Tying and fishing "secrets"

Meetings

May 5

Tyer: Michael Heemskirk**Topic:** *Flys for the North Saskatchewan***Pattern:** *Walleye Bugger***Hook:** 3 XL Size 6**Tail:** Yellow and gold marabou, gold flash mixed in:**Rib:** Gold wire**Body:** Yellow and orange chenille, braided**Hackle:** Orange saddle, palmered**Pattern:** *The Freak Nasty***Hook:** Mustad 3407 size 3/0**Tail:** Yellow fishhair with green flashabou mixed in:**Eyes:** Big nickel plated barbell

May 12

Tyer: Michael Dell**Pattern:** *Muskrat Nymph***Hook:** Any Sized Nymph Hook**Thread:** To suit individual taste**Body:** Muskrat Fur and Muskrat Dubbing**Beard:** Guinea Foul**Head:** Black Ostrich Hearl

May 19

Topic: River Fishing & Casting**Comments:** . Come on out and limber up that old casting arm. We'll meet at the Water's Edge and then disperse to a suitable spot for a little river fishing and casting practice.

If the weather's lousy, we'll stick around and have a session on lines and reels instead. Be sure to bring your equipment.

This is your chance to work the bugs out of your stroke with the helpful (?) comments of club members (*some of whom actually know what they are doing*) while trying to catch fish. If we talk nice, we may even get Gord to demonstrate spey casting....Gord?

May 26

Guests: Bernard Ramanuskas &

Member Profile

**Name:** Michael Heemskirk**Marital Status:** Still looking for the perfect flyfishing babe**Age:** 18 (Too damned young if you ask me.)**Address:** 11518 - 64 Street T5W 4H8**Telephone:** Home: 474-0926 Work: 475-0555**Occupation:** Works at the Fishin' Hole when not at school**Flyfishing:** lotsa years **Flytying:** same**Favourite stream:** Elk River**Favourite pattern:** Turk's Tarrantula**Other Interests:** Beer, Girls and Racing at red lights**Remarks:** Mike is the creator of the world famous "Mirror Ball Caddis" having been published last year in a major mag. This year he'll find out how us working stiffs live since his new job will only let him fish on Sundays and Mondays. I'll keep him in shape though since he's the new striker for my old farts

Annual Spring "Clave"

Date: Saturday May 15 th**Location:** Beaumont Pond*(southeast of town by the high school)***Time:** 2 p.m. 'till the light goes**Events:** Season Kick-Off Barbeque (includes)

Fishing & Hot Dogs,

Fishing & Pop,

Fishing & Hamburgers,

Fishing & Bull Session, and

Fishing Reports

Mike Heemskirk tells me that before they let all the water out of the Brazeau Dam, pike were biting on the North Saskatchewan near Whitemud Creek.

Mike also tells me that last weekend, the Bow was running chocolate milk, with the result that in two day's hard pounding only minimal catching was experienced.

The pond at Beaumont is open and Dennis says it looks like the fish over wintered. No report yet on other local ponds.