



From the Editor

New Executive Takes the Reins!

This newsletter should be ready for the first February meeting. Thanks to Wooly for getting me program info in a timely fashion. I'll miss meetings on the 12th and 19th as I'm taking a warm weather break in Hawaii. I won't go fishing but hope to see dolphins and mantas.

February has four meetings. We start **February 8th** with a short business meeting followed by a **Beginner Session**. We'll then be trying a new event, where we will be having an **Open Discussion** based on a topic drawn from a hat. The second week on **February 12th** will feature a **National Fisheries Award Presentation** followed by a **Tenkara Fishing** and **Horsehair Fly Line** presentation. Week three on **February 19th** we will have a **Free Tye and Beginner Session**. Week four on **February 26th** has **Dennis Southwick** tying **Soft Hackle** and **Klinkhammer Flies**. Our **Fly of the Month** for February is the **Royal Coachman**. You can use Free Tye nights to add to the box of flies intended for the annual TU Dinner in March.

January meetings consisted of 4 sessions. The first meeting was the usual business meeting followed by Barry White who gave us a Bow River Update and tied a Wascally Wabbit. The second week was our Annual General Meeting where we elected a new executive (see the banner on the right for who is doing what). Week three was a Free Tye beginner session. The last meeting featured Rod Boisvert tying up three of his favorite lake flies.

Our executive is short a couple of positions and we have added some new faces who will be helping out. Secretary and Library positions are open. Dave Murray will be assisted in the programs (normal and special events) by Jim Trewin and Steve DiGiuseppe. Membership has been taken up by Roger Comeau. We will be looking for volunteers to fill in the vacant roles.

Our Major Seminar featuring Todd Oishi and April Vokey was held on January 18th and 19th at Grant MacEwan University. The two day program was a blast. Todd did a fine job providing information gleaned from competitive fly fishing and how it can be adapted for everyday use. April delighted us with up tempo and fun presentations on steelhead and salmon fishing, casting and fly construction. Attendance was down this year so we can expect the seminar will show a small financial loss. We will be looking to members for ideas as to how to improve attendance next year. We do know we need to do a better promotion job.

Our beginners program continues based on Charlie Craven's book "Basic Fly Tying". We'll loan the book to those who register and they can use it in an "advance at you own pace" process. Club members will provide instruction and materials at meetings.

The **Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show** runs **March 13th to 17th, 2014** at **Edmonton Northlands**. We'll need volunteers for the kids tying booth and as well as at the Fishin' Hole booth. Volunteers get free admission to the show while they are volunteering, we pick up your parking costs and, if you put in enough time, meal costs. We'll be making volunteer lists right away, so if you can help please sign up.

The **Cabellas** fly tying event has been cancelled. The second event is for us to provide people to represent the Club for **March 22nd and 23rd**. We may need three or four people to cover the weekend. If you want to join in with either event, let Dennis know.

We're starting to plan our spring program. We considering reducing our Learn to Fly Fish seminar to a single day event and running it twice and resurrecting our annual casting clinic with two one day events, one for beginners and one for those who can cast but want help with casting issues and advanced techniques. If you have an interest in either, let us know.

Let's hope the deep freeze ends soon!

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

February 5th

Business Meeting, Beginners, Free Tye and Discussion

Comment: The first February meeting will consist of the usual short business meeting followed by beginners and discussion sessions. Beginners will continue in their individual program with assistance as needed. The discussion will be a trial run of a new idea to engage members. It will consist of some fishing related topics suggested by attendees thrown in a hat with one drawn for a "round table" discussion. Come prepared to have some fun talking about whatever crops up.

February 12th

National Fisheries Award, Tenkara Fishing & Horse Hair Fly Lines

Comment: There will be an official presentation for our National Recreational Fisheries Award from the department of Fisheries and Oceans. That will be followed by a talk by Mark Del Deagon on Japanese style Tenkara fishing (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tenkara_fishing) and horsehair fly line.

February 19th

Free Tye and Beginner Session

Comment: The beginner fly tying program will continue with assistance provided by as needed by experienced members. Those coming to share coffee and timbits and shoot the breeze can amuse themselves with a free tye or perhaps tie up a few of the Fly of the Month, which is the Royal Coachman. We might even taunt Dave Murray on becoming a year older.

February 26th

Soft Hackle and Kinkhammer Flies

Presenter: Dennis Southwick

Pattern: *Tup's Indispensible*

Hook: Dry Fly #14
Thread: Glitter Thread, yellow
Body: Glitter Thread, yellow
Thorax: UV Dubbing, pink
Hackle: Hen, dun to golden dun

Pattern: *Klinkmatcher*

Tail: Klinkhammer hook #12
Thread: 8/0 olive
Body: Mallard Flank - Olive
Thorax: Olive dubbing
Wing post: Orange poly
Hackle: Grizzly, dyed yellow

Pattern: *Klinkhopper*

Tail: Klinkhammer hook #8 and #10
Thread: 6/0 fire orange
Body: Llama, golden olive
Wing: Foam - light yellow and dark brown
Over wing: Foam - tan
Legs: Orange Speckled rubber

Meetings Continued

Pattern: *March Brown Flymph*

Tail: #14 Dry Fly
Thread: Glitter thread orange or rust
Tail: Partridge feather, mottled
Rib: Glitter thread orange
Body: Hare's Ear blend
Hackle: Hen hackle, Furnace

Comment: Dennis Southwick will amuse us demonstrating how to tie soft hackle wet flies and some innovations based on Klinkhammer hooks. You can expect some twists as Dennis is not one to stick strictly to patterns. If you want to tie along Dennis will have extra material.

Fly of the Month

Pattern: *Royal Coachman*

Hook: Dry Fly #12 to #18
Thread: 8/0 black
(or red for a hot spot)
Tail: Golden Pheasant tippet
Body: Pheasant Tail
Body Center: Red Floss
Wing: White (clipped hackle, antron, calf tail or macramé)
Hackle: Brown saddle



Comment: This traditional pattern can be tied with single or split upright wings, as a parachute or with a Trude style wing. The object is to provide flies to stock a box for the annual Trout Unlimited Dinner. Each member is encouraged to tie one or more of each month's pattern. Bring them to a club meeting for collection.

Upcoming Events

March 13-17	Boat and Sportsman's Show	Northlands
TBA (April?)	Learn to Fly Fish	Queen Mary Park
May 7 th	Muir Madness	Muir Lake
TBA (May?)	Casting Clinics	TBA

Map to the home of



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