



From the Editor

April is Muir Lake Madness!!

We're going with a month-long theme this time. The idea is to pack the month's sessions with information related to stillwater fishing aimed at the Muir Lake spring opening. Thanks to Steve for the program idea. Look for more theme months in the future. In the great news department, Aaron Philips stepped up to be our recording secretary (Yay Aaron!!) Our executive is still short a Library position though. Anybody interested?

We start **April 2nd** with a short business meeting followed by a **Free Tye, Beginner Session and Discussion**. The second week on **April 9th** will feature **Phil Rowley** with a presentation on **Indicators for Stillwaters**. We continue on week three on **April 16th** with a **Free Tye, Beginner Session and Discussion**. Week four on **April 23rd** has **Craig Copeland** providing an update on the **Muir Lake Developments**. The last week on **April 30th** we have Charlie Eddy presenting **Streamers - East Coast Style**. Our **Fly of the Month** for March is the **Sno Cone**. You can use Free Tye nights to add to the Trout Unlimited Dinner Box.

The 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 your own pace" process. Club members will provide instruction and materials at meetings. This month we will focus on stillwater patterns.

March meetings consisted of 4 sessions. The first meeting was the usual business meeting followed by a free tye and a round table discussion. At the second week meeting we had to improvise as our speaker couldn't make it. Week three was a Free Tye and Beginner session. The last meeting featured a terrific presentation by Ken Monk and Jim O'Neil on last years Grayling survey and the history of our effort in the Pembina River Drainage. Results are providing us with valuable information for future surveys and eventual habitat work.

The Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show ran March 13th to 17th. We manned the kids tying booth and the Lloyd Shea raffle. We managed to raise a decent amount of money for the Lloyd Shea Fisheries Enhancement Fund. We had enough volunteers for the event and our thanks go out to all who helped. Our location for the kids tying booth this year wasn't ideal. We were kind of isolated behind the casting pond and I think as a result we had poor responses to some of our offerings. Due to low enrolment, we had to cancel the Beginners Fly Tying, the Learn to Fly Fish session on May 10th and the Intermediate Casting Clinic on May 31st. We're already trying to figure out how to avoid these problems for next year.

However, we will go ahead with the Learn to Fly Fish scheduled for Lions Seniors Center on April 26th at a cost of \$50.00 including lunch. We follow that up with a Beginner Casting Clinic May 24th at Rundle Park at a \$25.00 cost. Participants are on their own for lunch. We'll try to cover the intermediate casting stuff by introducing casting sessions at Queen Mary Park during regular meetings, weather permitting.

We did participate at **Cabalas** on **March 22nd** and **23rd**. We were short of volunteers, but Dennis, Betty Lou and I did manage to keep the ship afloat. We had lots of traffic and the effort was well received by Cabelas' staff.

The Annual TU Dinner and Auction is on May 8th at the Crown Plaza/Chateau Lacombe. Volunteers get a free dinner and other perks. And lastly, the Kids Can Catch event is again planned for early June at Ft Saskatchewan. If you think you'd like to contribute some quality time with eager would-be fishers, let any exec member know.

Spring and open water can't be far off!

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

April 2nd

Business Meeting, Beginners, Free Tye and Discussion

Comment: The first April meeting will consist of the usual short business meeting followed by beginners tying some stillwater patterns and a discussion session on stillwater patterns.

April 9th

Indicators for Stillwaters

Presenter: Phil Rowley

Comment: Phil Rowley is an expert on stillwater fishing. He will give us tips and techniques for the use of indicators for lake fishing.

April 16th

Free Tye, Beginner Session and Round Table Discussion

Comment: The beginner fly tying program will continue with assistance provided as needed by experienced members. Those coming to share coffee and timbits can free tye, tye up a few of the Fly of the Month (Sno Cone) or join in the discussion on stillwater technique.

April 23rd

Muir Lake Developments

Presenters: Craig Copeland

Comment: Craig is Sustainable Resource Development's Production Manager for the Cold Lake Fish Hatchery. He is going to tell us about stocking plans, including the introduction of a new strain of rainbows at several lakes and introduction of brown trout at Muir and will be looking for feedback

April 30th

Streamers – East Coast Style

Presenter: Charlie Eddy

Comment: We'll be getting a demonstration of some traditional stillwater streamer patterns that have proven to be effective in the East Coast Lakes.

Upcoming Events

May 7 th	Muir Lake Madness	Muir Lake
May 8 th	Annual TU Dinner and Auction	Crown Plaza
April 26 th	Learn to Fly Fish	Central Lions Rec Center
May 24 th	Beginner Casting Clinic	Rundle Park
June	Kids Can Catch	Ft Saskatchewan

Fly of the Month

Pattern: Sno Cone

Hook: Nymph #12 to #18
Thread: 8/0 black
Bead: White or super white
Rib: Silver wire
Body: Black Floss



Comment: This month's fly is a simple chironomid. You can substitute any of your favorite chironomid patterns. The object is to provide flies to stock a box for the annual Trout Unlimited Dinner. Each member is encouraged to tye one or more of each month's pattern. Bring them to a club meeting for collection.

Upcoming Clinics and Seminars

Learn to Fly Fish Seminar

April 26th - 9am to 5 pm
 Central Lions Recreation Center
 11113 113 Street

Cost \$50.00 – Lunch provided

Beginner Casting Clinic

May 24th – 9am to 5 pm
 Rundle Park- West End Parking Lot
 2909 113 Avenue

Cost \$25.00 - Lunch on your own

Muir Lake Photo Archive



Greg Scratchily @ Muir from 2004

Map to the home of

Northern Lights Fly Tyers
 Trout Unlimited Edmonton

