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FROM THE EDITOR

Spring Still A Ways Off, But A Busy Month Ahead!

The TU dinner is on April 29th at the Westin. So here's another reminder to start contributing to our annual donation of flies. Also, Michael Dell is looking for volunteers to assist with various activities at the dinner. If you want to help trout conservation, give Michael a call.

We're taking names for the April 17th Beginner's Fly Tying Session. This is a hands-on day of introduction to the basics. The venue has been moved from Jasper Place High (undergoing renovations) to NAIT (Thanks to Dave Murray). We try to make the instruction one-on-one using club volunteers. If you want to help with that, or just attend and learn a thing or three, leave your name with Scott Campbell or Ron Hagen. Ron will be looking for volunteers at the next few meetings to bag materials for the various patterns. The advanced fly tying session will be May 1st, so we still have a bit of time to organize, but if you are interested in that one please let Scott or Ron know.

Organizing for our Casting Clinics is in the early stages. The Beginners Clinic goes April 25th at Robert Rundle School in St. Albert, starting at 10 am for a full day of instruction. The Intermediate Clinic goes June 5th at Rundle Park with casting to be on the river, so you will need a fishing license for it. We'll keep you informed about that as things get set up.

"The Iron Fly Tyer" is going this month. The Iron Fly Tyer Event (with apologies to the Iron Chef of Food Channel fame) will take place at the regular club meeting on Wednesday April 7. (Appropriately enough, about a week after April Fools). The event is a fly tying competition, with the winner earning the title of "Iron Fly Tyer" to be held (in great esteem and respect) until the next event.

I've three competitors, one each in the following categories, to be introduced at the event: Iron Tyer - Dry Fly, Iron Tyer - Wet Fly, Iron Tyer - Nymphs. Each contestant will be required to tie three flies, one in each of the Iron Tyer categories, in a total time period of one hour, using their own materials and equipment, but each incorporating a "mystery" material that I will unveil at the event. Spectators are encouraged to participate by offering helpful suggestions, guesses on the nature of the finished product, and critiques on the use of material and technique, to the camera team that will be recording the event for posterity.

After tying, the flies will be judged by a panel of experts. Judging will take place during coffee break and 50/50 sales. The winner gets the title "Iron Fly Tyer" with which goes the tremendous admiration of club members, bragging rights until the next event and a high quality trophy to be displayed in their honor at club meetings. This should be a hoot!

Hoping to see you at a meeting soon

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: *Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.*
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 served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: Next Meeting April 19th, 2004, 7:30 PM at Lion's Seniors Centre (11113 113 Street) Arts & Crafts Room. Speaker: Kevin Gardiner (Alberta Conservation Association) Bull Trout in the North Saskatchewan, plus Annual General Meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP

Only \$20.00

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"

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MEETINGS

APRIL 7TH

The Iron Fly Tyer

(With apologies to the Food Network)

Participants: Three Tyers To Be Named Later

Patterns: One each dry fly, wet fly and nymph

Hook: Dry fly #12, wet fly #8, nymph #10

Special Material: Surprise!

Comments: The competitors will use their own materials to construct at least three flies in a one-hour time frame. A special "surprise" material will be given out at the start of tying that the participants will have to incorporate it into each fly. The flies will be judged on: Overall appearance, Quality of the tying techniques, Originality, Best use of the Mystery Material and Potential fish catching ability. The winner earns the coveted title of "Iron Fly Tyer" until the next competition.

APRIL 14TH

Pattern Demonstration

Tyer: Michael Dell

Pattern: Tellico Nymph

Hook: Nymph #10 to #16

Thread: Yellow uni-stretch & black/brown 8/0

Body: Yellow uni-stretch

Tail: Brown hackle fibres

Rib: Peacock herl

Hackle: Brown hen or soft hackle

Comments: Michael will demonstrate a novel nymph pattern that uses stretch floss.

APRIL 21ST

Pattern Demonstration

Speaker: Keith Wyman

Pattern: Soft Hackle Red Tag

Hook: Wet #8 to #14

Thread: Black or brown 6/0

Head: Gold bead

Tail: Red llama

Body: Bright green special llama

Rib: Gold or silver

Hackle: Brown

Pattern: Llama Leech

Hook: Streamer #4 to #12

Thread: Black or brown 6/0

Head: Dumbbell eyes

Tail: Red llama

Body: White llama

Rib: Silver

Thorax: Red llama

Hackle: White or red and yellow llama streamer

Comments: Keith will demonstrate two effective patterns for the local ponds and lakes that make use of the llama fur that he and Dennis have available.

APRIL 28TH

Pattern Demonstration

Tyer: Dave Murray

Pattern: Predator (Chernobyl Beetle)

Thread: Black 8/0

Hook: Mustad 9672 wet #8 to #16

Body: Black or brown foam

Legs: Sillilegs

Pattern: Amy's Ant

Thread: Brown 70 unitthread

Hook: 2X curved nymph #8 to #14

Body: Tan and brown foam

Underbody: Amber or red crystal chenille

Legs: Sillilegs

Underhead: Red or olive dubbing

Rib: Dun Hackle

Strike Indicator: Yellow yarn

Comments: Dave will demonstrate a couple of durable and successful foam based patterns.

PHOTOS



A Blackstone Cutthroat Trout

Photo: Brent Schroter

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1st to 4th

Outdoor Show

Mayfield Conference Centre

April 17th

Beginner's Fly Tying Seminar

NAIT

April 25th

Beginner Fly Casting Seminar

Robert Rundle School – St. Albert

May 1st

Advanced Fly Tying Seminar

NAIT

June 5th

Intermediate Fly Casting Seminar

N. Sask. River - Rundle Park