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FROM THE EDITOR

The Ice Is Gone, Fishing Season Starts In Earnest!

We need volunteers to help with Muir Lake Clean Up prior to the Grand Opening, May 15th. If you can provide a few basic tools or sweat on May 1st, 2nd, 8th, or 9th, contact either Michael Dell or Tim Dorskosh, or just show up early in the day and be willing to pitch in.

The Beginners Fly Tying seminar was a success, with about 30 attendees spending most of the day at NAIT learning the basics. For those who did attend, there will be a handout available at the next few meetings on patterns tied with advice on equipment and materials.

The advanced fly tying session will be May 1st. If you are interested in that one please let Scott or Ron know. Tyers will be Wally Lutz of Edson who is renowned for inventing the "Wally Wing", Club member and excellent tyer, Mike Griffith and Robert Clarke of Superfly who will demonstrate the new "magic tool". This will be an informal event with members getting to tie along with the demonstrator.

The Beginners Casting Clinic was a great time, in spite of the variable wind making it a challenge. About 40 attendees had a chance to learn basic technique, correct problems and learn a few trick of the trade. Thanks go out to the dozen or so volunteers who made the two on one instruction possible. Special thanks go to Brian Hepperle who did yeoman service as "Chief Casting Instructor".

The Intermediate Casting Clinic goes June 5th at Rundle Park with casting to be on the river. You need a fishing license and waders for it. You can expect to learn how to cast off moving water, how to do various "fishing" casts and how to mend line and mange strike indicators.

"The Iron Fly Tyer" event was a resounding success. The winner was Michael (Micro) Dell who'll hold the title until challenged at the next event. Michael did the best job of tying flies incorporating the coffee stir sticks into three patterns. The event was video taped and should be available to view at meetings soon.

A major change to the Club's Web Page went live on April 24h. The new URL for it is www.nlft.org. We will have a redirect on the old page soon. The new page represents a significant change in design. While some of the content is the same, it will evolve over the next few months. Probably the biggest change is in the replacement of the old simplistic bulletin board with a new set of forums. You are encouraged to register and check out the various topic areas. Our sincere thanks go out to our new crew of web gurus, Jeff Sieffert, Greg Scratchley and Darren McEachern. Great job guys! The crew have promised a presentation on the new web page in the near future

Time to go Fishing!!!

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: Regular meetings are over until the fall. Contact Michael Dell with questions on TU or upcoming programs..

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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

MAY 5TH

Pattern Demonstration

Tyer: *Brian Hepperle*

Pattern: *Clouser Minnow*

Hook: Size 2
Thread: 3/0 Black
Eyes: Barbell Eyes
Wing: White and Black Buck tail

Comments: The "retiring" Mr. Hepperle will demonstrate a pattern initially invented by Bob Clouser for fishing saltwater and now commonly used for trout..

MAY 12TH

Pattern Demonstration

Tyer: *Crystal Butt Hopper*

Pattern: *Paul Fitt*

Hook: Size 8 Mustad 36890
Thread: Black 6/0
Tail: 4 strands of pearl crystal flash
Tag: Orange Dubbing
Body: ¼" Strip of tan craft foam and 1/8" strip of yellow craft foam
Ribbing: Gold wire
Wing: Elk hair
Wing Case: Cream colored Swiss straw (raffia)
Legs: Black or brown round rubber hackle
Thorax: Tan dubbing
Head: 3/8" tan foam disc:

Comments: In keeping with the theme of Dave Murray's foam flies last month, Paul introduces a grasshopper variation.

MAY 19TH

Pattern Demonstration

Speaker: *Hierro Stone*

Pattern: *Alex Hierro*

Thread: 6/0 Thread
Hook: Mustad C53S #6 - #2
Weight: Lead free wire
Tail: Black goose biots
Underbody: Black dubbing
Abdomen: Black swanundaze 1/16"
Legs: Black goose biots
Gills: Salmon dubbing
Wing Case: Thin skin
Antennae: Pheasant tail

Comments: Even though a relatively new tyer, young Alex is quickly making a name for himself amongst club members for his excellent skills and realistic patterns.

MAY 26TH

Special Presentation

Presenter: *Terry Hrudy*

Topic: *Building Your Own Net*

Materials: Your Eyes and Ears and maybe pencil and paper

Comments: Terry will talk about how to construct a wooden net similar to the one pictured here.



PHOTOS



Iron Fly Tyer Participants - From left,
Iron Fly Tyer – "Micro" Dell, MC -Dave Robinson,
"Nymphomaniac" Hepperle and "Wooley Bugger" Murray
Iron Fly trophy in the foreground
Photo: Lance Taylor

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th
Muir Lake Clean Up

May 1st
Advanced Fly Tying Seminar
NAIT

May 15th Muir Lake Grand Opening

June 5th
Intermediate Fly Casting Seminar
N. Sask. River - Rundle Park