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Fly Tyers & Fishers*

Broken Threads

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TO LEARN AND SHARE THE FLY TYING AND FISHING EXPERIENCE

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FROM THE EDITOR

Spring has sprung the grass is riz, I wonder where the fishies is!

May started up with the much-anticipated opening of Muir Lake. There were a host of club members on hand to mark the occasion. The best line I heard was from Scott Campbell, who said, "Someone should take an aerial photo of the world's largest bowl of cheerios." Regardless of the cold weather, it sounds like it was a great time. Unfortunately I missed it as it was my wife's birthday and I wanted to survive to fish again.

The Beginners and Intermediate Fly Tying Seminars were held at Jasper Place High School. Thanks go to Dave Phelps for arranging the excellent venue, Dave Murray for his organizing efforts, Jeremy Davis for his presentation and all volunteer members who helped out. Both seminars were outstanding successes. April 21st was the annual Trout Unlimited Dinner and Auction where club members helped out at the dinner and donated items to the auction. Lots of money was raised for trout habitat. Way to go guys!

Regular meeting programs for this month start off May 4th with Tom Gant of Rocky Mountain Flies talking about his fly tying products. The second week, on May 11th, Brian Bleackley will give an introductory entomology lesson. May 18th, Dave Robinson will demonstrate various dubbing techniques. We end the month on May 25th with Brian Hepperle going over useful fishing knots. See page 2 for details. Don't forget Flies and Beer at Santana's on the May 9th.

Our "Members Only" Casting Seminars start this month with the Beginners Seminar on May 14th at Robert Rundle School in St. Albert. The flyer on the club web page gives directions. Brian Hepperle will do his usual masterful job of getting the beginners started off right and solving the typical novice casting problems. Bring your rod, line and reel. The Intermediate Seminar goes on June 4th at Rundle Park. If the water level permits, we will be on the river, so bring your waders and a fishing license for that one. We'll again need volunteers for both seminars. If you think you can help out, contact Brian Hepperle or let Dave Murray know.

Also coming up is the annual Muir Lake Silent Auction on May 14th at Fort Edmonton Park. It's in the large hanger and there will be finger food and a live band. You can make it a more entertaining outing by bringing your friends and better half along. Gerry Haldorson has tickets (cheap at only \$10.00 each) and Brain Bleackley will be collecting donations for the auction.

Brian is also organizing the annual outing to the Brazeau Canyon Lodge for June 9th to 12th. You can pick up a brochure at club meetings. Accommodations are in fisherman's cabins or camping. Come prepared for communal breakfasts and fireside chats. Fishing in the area covers the Brazeau, Blackstone, Brown and Cardinal Rivers and Muskiki, Thunder and Silkstone Lakes. If you convince the family you should go on Father's Day weekend, see Brain Bleackley for details and to reserve.

Time to go Fishing!!!

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions:

Lions Senior Citizens Center

Equipment and Materials:

The format is Informal Drop In

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

11113 - 113 Street

Bring your own or use the Club loaners

Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: Regular meeting adjourned for the summer, Watch this space for the next meeting in the fall.

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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 4TH

PROGRAM CORNER

Presenter: Tom Gant
Topic: Rocky Mountain Flies

Comments: Tom runs a fly tying material business out of his home here in Edmonton. Some of us bought some hard to find material from him for our postage stamp salmon fly project and appreciated his service. He will give us an insight into his business and discuss the kinds of products he handles.

MAY 11TH

PROGRAM CORNER

Presenter: Brian Bleackley
Topic: Beginning Entomology

Comments: Insect lore can be intimidating for the beginner, but it's not rocket science if presented in a layman's fashion. Brian Bleackley will try to do that with an introductory lesson on the bugs that fish eat. He will cover what basic kinds there are, their general description, their life cycle and other insect related items of interest to the fly fisher. Thankfully, he promises no Latin.

MAY 18TH

TECHNIQUE DEMONSTRATION

Tier: Dave Robinson
Pattern: Dubbing Techniques
Hook: # 10 or #12 XL
Thread: 3/0 black
Dubbing: You name and it we'll try it

Comments: We're not tying a specific pattern on this evening. Instead, Dave will give an overview of different dubbing techniques using different dubbing tools and a variety of dubbing materials. Bring along your own tools and materials and follow along.

MAY 25TH

PROGRAM CORNER

Presenter: Brian Hepperle
Topic: Useful Fishing Knots

Comments: Since it is the beginning of the main fishing season, and we have a number of members new to fly fishing, this session is designed to minimize frustration with putting your gear together and avoid that long distance release due to a poorly tied knot. Brian will demonstrate his famous "swirl" knot for attaching flies to tippet, his \$60.00 nail-less nail knot for attaching fly line to backing and a small number of basic knots the fisherman needs to know.

Muir Lake Silent Auction

A FUNDRAISER in support of the

FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

Saturday, May 14th, 2005

Blatchford Hanger - Fort Edmonton Park

From 6 am to whenever

Cost: \$10.00

UPCOMING SEMINARS

Beginners Fly Casting Seminar

A One Day Instructional Seminar

For the members of

The Northern Lights Fly Tyers & Fishers

Saturday, May 14th, 2005

Robert Rundle School

From 10 am to 4 pm Cost: Members: \$5.00

Intermediate Fly Casting Seminar

A One Day Instructional Seminar

For the members of

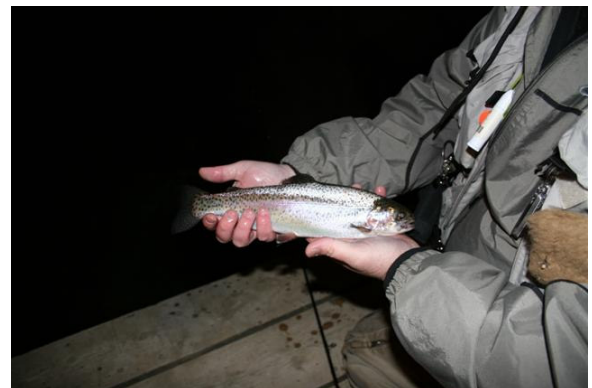
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Saturday, June 4th, 2005

Rundle Park - Meet by tennis courts

From 10 am to 4 pm Cost: Members: \$5.00

PHOTOS



First Muir Lake 'Bow of '05



Midnight Muir Madness Participants
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