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From the Editor

Northern Lights in Full Swing at the Shows!

A whole bunch of guys trekked down to Calgary for the Fly Fishing Exposition. From all accounts, it went very well, even if attendance was down a bit. NLFT&F once again impressed everyone with our participation and enthusiasm.

Fly Fusion and Flyangler.ca also combined to put on a good show. They spent quite a bit of time with Jack Dennis, which partly led to a special event we're putting on March 11th. Superfly is bringing Jack to town for other things, but he indicated he'd like to do a one-day event with us as well. We don't have to pick up Jack's travel and accommodation costs, so his services for the event will be affordable. At Jack's request, the event will be an intimate affair with only 20 participants. We'll start selling tickets on February 29th at the regular club meeting on a first come first served basis. If you want to attend this very special event, you'll probably have to buy in early.

Our first March meeting is on the 1st at 7pm. We'll be tying up a bunch of flies for our annual donation to the TU dinner Auction. Our second meeting on the 8th features Alberta Al demonstrating how to "marry" wings for wet flies. Our third meeting is on the 15th, marks the return of the material and equipment swap. Bring your surplus stuff to exchange. The second last meeting on the 22nd has Greg Scratchley demonstrating furred leaders and Trico spinners.

This is probably the busiest month for the Club. Once again we'll man kid's tying booths and demonstration tables at the Edmonton Sportsman's Show (March 16th to 19th) and the Fishing Hole Outdoor Show. (March 30 to April 2). Well need lots of volunteers to fill all the time slots, so if you can help out, contact Dave Murray.

Speaking of contacts, I've redone the Club Brochure. We'll have copies to hand out at the shows, but if you want a few to hand out to prospective members, we'll keep stock at the Lions Center. Greg has also set up executive e-mail addresses via the web page. You can see the changes at the right and they appear on the page itself.

Our new executive has made a few changes to how meetings are run and assigned some responsibilities to various committees. We're even trying to update our constitution. We've also started planning the public fly tying seminars and "members only" casting seminars. These events will all need volunteers; so don't be afraid to chip in.

The last two items to mention are the annual trip to the Brazeau and the TU dinner. The Dinner is on May 4th and I expect Michael will once again be looking for helpers. Brian Bleckley has booked the camp at Brazeau Canyon Lodge for June 17th and 18th and I see on the web page that there are already a few takers for the limited number of cabins. You'd better book this one early too or the spots will be gone, More details next month.

The Red Deer is closed! Gotta wait for June now! Dang!

Dave Robinson

Club Meetings

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: *Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.*
Lions Senior Citizens Center *11113 - 113 Street.*
 Equipment and Materials: Bring your own or use the Club loaners
 The format is Informal Drop In Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

Trout Unlimited Notices

Trout Unlimited Events: March 20, 2006: Rob Stack from Golder Associates on Arctic char @ Lions Seniors Center - 11113 - 113 Street - (Arts & Crafts Room 3) - 7:30 pm

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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

March 1st

Trout Unlimited Tie Night

Comments: Bring your equipment and materials and spend a night tying flies for the annual TU fundraising Dinner donation. Tie up six or more of your favorite flies to go into boxes for the silent auction. Last year each one raised about \$200 for fishery projects in Alberta

March 8th

Pattern Demonstration

Presenter: Al Grombacher

Topic: Married Wing Wet Fly Techniques

Comment: Alberta Al will show us how to do those fancy wet fly wings that join two or more feathers together. These are typically used for full dress salmon flies, but can be adapted to other patterns.

March 11th
Special Event

A Day With Jack Dennis

March 11th, 2006 - 9 am to 5 pm
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
Main Campus - Room # A147
One day \$75.00

Comment: This is a one-time event, limited to 20 participants. You get to spend a whole day in an intimate setting with world famous angler, guide and author Jack Dennis. The day will include various presentations, fly tying and (knowing Jack) lots of tall tales and laughter. If you think \$75 is expensive, consider that the Calgary show charged \$45 for 2-hours. Tickets will go on sale on a "first come first served" basis at the NLFT&F meeting on February 29th.

March 15th
Materials Swap Night

Comment: Bring your extra fly tying materials & fly fishing stuff to the meeting and swap or sell it. If you sell, the club will take a 20% commission. This was a great event last year

March 22nd

Presenter: Greg Scratchley

Topic: Furled Leaders

Comment: Greg will show us the how, when, why and where of furled leaders. He will demonstrate how they are constructed and how to connect them to your fly line.

Pattern: Trico Spent Wing Fly

Thread: Olive 8/0 – 14/0

Hooks: #16 to #28 Light wire dry fly

Tails: Olive or black Microfibetts

Wings: White Antron

Comment: Greg will follow the leader demonstration with a fly tying one of a common spinner pattern

March 29th

Casting Clinic

Guest: Peter Morrison

Featuring: Sage Casting Diagnosis Machine

Comments: Peter is a BC guide and manufacturer's representative. At the Calgary FFF he had a new gizmo from Sage that is supposed to diagnose casting faults. Peter will be bringing the electronic whiz to our meeting for us to try out. Apparently it's a device that attaches to a fly rod and while you make a few casts, keeps track of the motion for hand and rod. After you're done, it's connected to a computer and it shows you how your cast compares to an ideal one. This should prove interesting.

Calgary Exposition Photos



Jack Dennis

Photo courtesy Lance Taylor



Bill Gouge helping a beginner Photo courtesy Lance Taylor

Upcoming Events

Mar 11	A Day With Jack Dennis	NAIT
Mar. 16-19	Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show	Agricom
Mar. 30-Apr. 2	Fishin' Hole Outdoor Show	Mayfield Inn
April 29	Silent Auction with TU	Bo Diddleys
June 17-18	Brazeau Trip	Brazeau Canon Lodge
May 4	Trout Unlimited Auction	Shaw Conference Center