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FROM THE EDITOR

We'll be fishing soon!

March was a typically busy month for NLFT&F. In addition to the regular meetings, we had two shows to attend. March 15th to 19th was the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show. It was the busiest show ever. Not only did it seem there were more show attendees, but the rearranged entrance made visitors aware of the lower floor at the Agricom and as a result we saw way more people "down under". The "kids tying" had lineups at times, even with 6 vices in use. Way to go all volunteers! You sent many a parent and kid away smiling.

March 30th to April 1st is the Outdoor Show at the Mayfield Trade Center sponsored by The Fishin' Hole and Camper's Village. We'll have an "NLFT&F Kids Tying" booth there. The newsletter goes to bed before that, so I'll provide a report next month.

Our regular meetings for March were once again well attended. Michael Dell entertained us with a couple of Wooly Bugger variations, Matt Paul, in his first demo, did an admirable job on Marty's Stonefly Nymph, and Rick Lang filled in for Stephen Spencer (as a result of a scheduling conflict) Demonstrating and Eevil Wevil. I missed a couple of beginner tying sessions due to other commitments, but Wooly filled in admirably. Thanks Dave! And I'm looking forward to Peter Morrison's talk on fly lines at the last March meeting.

At our first weekly meeting on April 4th, will be a business meeting to address the proposed Club Charter Changes. The proposed amendments are appended on page three. Hopefully that will go smoothly and we won't have to address those issues for a looong time.

The second week, April 11th, Dale Johnson demonstrates how to tie a Golden Stone nymph While Dale demonstrates; the Beginners will be tying a Chironomid Emerger. Week 3 on April 18th, has Stephen Spencer in. His topic for the evening is "To Be Announced". The final week, April 25th, Paul Fitt will demonstrate Paul's Hopper. We also will continue Beginner Tying with Roman Scharabun's SA Hopper.

Our one-day Public Beginner Tying Seminar is slated for April 14th at NAIT Main Campus in Room A-142. We'll need volunteers to help teach, so if you can help, contact Dave Murray.

Our anual **Silent Auction** fund raiser is scheduled for **April 21**st **at Bo Diddlys**. We need to sell tickets and we need you to buy them, attend and find auction items. See Brain Bleackley if you need tickets to sell, have items to turn in or need donation letters. This is our one major fund raiser for the year, so we need lots of effort to make it a success.

Our Spring Casting Clinics are now set. The Beginner Clinic goes May 5th at Rundle Park. The Intermediate Clinic follows on June 5th at the same locale. Again Volunteers are needed.

We're getting pretty settled into our home at Queen Mary Park Community League, 10844 – 117th Street. The entire Club Library is now there and available for loan.

I bought a new Zodiac! I can't wait to try it out!

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: Queen Mary Park Community League

Equipment and Materials:
The format is Informal Drop In

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. 10844 – 117th Street

Bring your own or use the Club loaners Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: February 26th @ - 7:30 pm, Northgate Lions Seniors Center @ 7524 – 139 Ave. – April 16th, 2007: Jim Stelfox on "Quirk Creek Brook Trout Suppression".

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MEMBERSHIP

Only \$20.00 January 1st to December 31st

Benefits Include:

- Fishing Presentations & Fly Tying Sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- 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 4TH

Major Business Meeting

Topic: Club Charter Changes

Comment: The proposed charter changes as posted on page three will be debated and voted on, While this seems like a tedious process, it is in the best interests of members, so please join in .

APRIL 11TH

Tyer: Dale Johnson

Pattern: Golden Stone Nymph

Hook: size 6 to 8 nymph 3X long - Mustad 9672

Thread: 6/0 brown Uni-thread

Weight: .025 - .035

Tail: goose biots, gold, amber, Lt. brown Shellback: turkey tail segment, coated with flexcement

Rib: Larva Lace Nymph Rib #60 Abdomen: Scintilla #64, or antron mixture

of Ligas #63, 34, 31 Wingcase: same as shellback

Thorax: same as abdomen

Comment: Two years ago Dale was the Iron Fly Tyer, so you know his presentation will be interesting and skillful. Dale will also tie a Bead Head Midge Larvae and if time permits a Larva Lace Midge and a Stone-Hopper Dry Fly.

BEGINNERS FLY TYING

Pattern: Chironomid Emerger

Hook Dry fly - # 10 to # 16
Thread 6/0 to 8/0 black
Rib: Fine red wire
Body: Black thread
Thorax: Peacock herl
Gills: White Anton

Comment: This is a pretty generic type of emerger for use on the local ponds. If we have time I'll show a CDC variation

APRIL 18TH

Topic: To Be Announced
Presenter: Stephen Spencer

Comment: Stephen is the Fisheries Biologist for the North East Slopes Region (around Edson). Due to a scheduling problem, he was unable to attend last month. His program will be tailored to our interests and may include discussion on east slopes cutthroat and small stream stocking.

APRIL 25TH

Tyer: Paul Fitt

Pattern: Paul's Hopper
Hook #6 or #8 – 3x long
Thread 6/0 black

Body: Foam – closed cell in a variety of colors

Comment: Lately Paul has been working on realistic flies, but this time out he will throw us a curve by tying up his variation of an all foam hopper..

BEGINNERS FLY TYING

Pattern: SA Hopper

Hook Wet fly - # 8 to # 14 - 2XL

6/0 or 8/0 tan Thread Tail: Red Deer Hair Rib: Tan Hackle Body: Yellow craft foam Underwing: Crystal Flash Wing: Natural Deer Hair Thorax: Yellow Dubbing Grizzly saddle Hackle

Comment: This pattern was developed by a Roman Scharabun, an NLFT&F member who passed away in 2005. The pattern evolved from a Sofa Pillow but was designed to incorporate strike triggers and float in the surface film

SEMINAR

Beginners Tying Seminar

Saturday, April 14th From 8:30 am to 3:30pm

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology Main Campus - Room A147

Cost: Members: \$5.00

Non-Members: \$25.00 (Includes club membership)

MAP TO NLFT&F HOME



NLFT&F Meeting Location

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 29th - April 1st Outdoor Show Mayfield Convention Center April 14th Beginner's Tying Seminar NAIT A-147 April 19th Annual TU Dinner and Auction Shaw Conference Ctr April 21st Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser Bo Diddlys May 5th Beginners Casting Clinic Rundle Park June 2nd Intermediate Casting Clinic Rundle Park

Proposed Club Charter Amendments on the following page

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

The following proposed Charter Amendments were received by the February deadline for consideration, debate and vote at a Special General Meeting to be held in April.

Article 2 Section J – Revise - "Fisheries Tables" to read "Fisheries Consultation Groups"

Article 4 Section A - Delete - Reference to conflict of interest issues for members of the Club Executive

Article 4 Section A - Add – "Must be eligible to hold Alberta Fishing License"

Article 4 Section E - Revise Executive terms of office – "No executive member to hold same position for more than two consecutive terms and term length to be two years, with ½ executive on alternating terms."

Article 4 Section E - Delete – "President's term of office to be no longer than 2 years"

Article 4 Section F - Add – "Slate of candidates to be determined 10 days ahead of annual general meeting"

Article 4 Section F - Add – "Nominations shall be in writing"

Article 4 Section 4 – Add – "Duties and responsibilities for executive positions to be shall be made available to potential candidates for review prior to nominations"

Article 4 Section 4 – Add – "Nominations shall be accepted from floor only for vacant positions"

Article 5 Section A – Delete last sentence.

Article 8 Section B – Add – "The Annual General Meeting is to occur on the 3rd Wednesday of January at which time the election of club officers will take place and the club's preceding year's business and activities will be reported on."

The following articles had proposals to correct spelling and grammatical errors. There is no change to change to intent function:

Article 1 Section E

Article 1 Section G

Article 2 Section G

Article 4 Section A

Article 8 Section A

The following articles had proposals presented for changes in narrative form that did not present specific wording for an amendment and were thus considered incomplete and will not be included in motions at the April meeting

Article 3 Section F – Discussion regarding clarification of method of determining fines and publication return dates

Article 5 - Discussion regarding changes to Charter

This completes the proposed Charter Amendments