

## FROM THE EDITOR

### The New Year Starts With Some Changes to the Executive

Club Elections were held at the annual general meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> with a couple of changes in the executive. Dave Murray (aka Wooly) is our new President with Brain Bleackley filling the backup role as the President of Vice. Our new secretary is Pauline Huss (it only took a little arm twisting and a decline from Vince to run again). Greg Scratchley takes over from Dennis Southwick in charge of Program. Other than those changes, the remaining executive is the same as last year (it seems we couldn't get out of it). Many thanks go out to those agreeing to serve the club this year with special thanks to our outgoing executive members Vince Schembri and Dennis Southwick. We've been extremely fortunate to have the quality, enthusiasm and effort of all those who make this club tick.

The new meeting format continues to work well. We see lot of vices at meetings and the banter and discussion is fun. We're still encouraging attendees to wear nametags so that we can get to know each other better. Once again, if you haven't been to a meeting recently, come on out and see for yourself. The coffee's on. You will be pleasantly surprised.

The **Skip and Rick's Fly Fishing Road Show** held **January 19th and 20th** was outstanding! Both gentlemen gave fine presentations and there were many smiles and laughs along the way. Skip covered fishing situations and techniques well and Rick did a fine job of making entomology understandable and practical for the fly fisher. We may see them back here sometime in fishing season in order to try for some arctic grayling and pike.

January 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> brought the Fly Fishing Symposium in Calgary. This year we not only manned the Kids Tying booth but, in conjunction with Calgary Hook and Hackle, also an Adult Tying area. While the kids tying seemed a bit slower at times, the addition of the adult area was a resounding success, with lots of adults tying a fly for the first time. The cooperation of the two clubs to man the two areas worked well. Getting us together, courtesy of Jenna at Superfly, proved to be a fine idea as we were able to meet and strike up budding friendships with our Calgary counterparts. It looks like we may be planning some joint events with them in the future.

February's program contains four meetings. Our first weekly meeting on **February 6<sup>th</sup>** will be a **Skip Morris Flies Night**, where we all tie patterns recently introduced to us **Skip Morris**. We also have **Beginner Session #9**, with us tying a '52 Buick. The second week, **February 13<sup>th</sup>**, we have **Mike McLeod of Commercial Solutions** showing and discussing **Personal Protection for Anglers**. On the third week, **February 20<sup>th</sup>**, we have **Greg Scratchley** doing **Chironomids**. We also have **Beginner Session 10**, with us tying a **Adams**. Our last February meeting on **February 27<sup>th</sup>** will find **Greg Scratchley and Dave Robinson** doing a presentation on **Furled Leaders**. Don't forget to bring your vices to any of the tying session and tie along.

*On the bright side, -40 will do in a bunch of Pine Beetles \*->*

*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 – 117<sup>th</sup> Street**

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

## TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: Seminar Room, Northgate Lions Seniors Centre (7524 139 Avenue)  
7:30 pm, February 25<sup>th</sup>, Program to be announced

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## MEMBERSHIP

**Only \$20.00**

January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>

**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

### FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

**Topic:** *Skip Morris Tye Night*

**Note:** *OK, so we didn't have time on short notice to recruit a feature tyer, so we've decided to sit around the tying tables and tie up a few patterns that Skip demonstrated at the recent seminar. The idea is that by doing this we can cement memories of what he said. Should work for this old f@rt.*

### Beginners Session #9

**Pattern:** '52 Buick

**Hook:** Mustad 9672 - #10 to #16  
**Thread:** 6/0 to 8/0 Olive  
**Weight:** Optional lead wire  
**Tail:** Mallard flank fibers - light yellow  
**Rib:** Small gold oval tinsel  
**Body:** Yellowish-olive Anton dubbing  
**Legs:** Mallard flank fibers - light yellow  
**Hed** Dark brown SLF or squirrel dubbing

**Comment:** *According the Reg Denny's "Flies of Alberta" this is called the '52 Buick because "nothing can stop it". It imitates caddis larvae.*

### FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>

**Tyer:** *Mike McLeod of Commercial Solutions*

**Topic:** *Personal Protection for Anglers*

**Note:** *Mike will show and discuss a variety of personal protection and field supplies for anglers including bear bangers, spray, signaling devices, flashlights, eye protection and floatation..*

### FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>

**Tyer:** *Greg Scratchley*

**Pattern:** *Imitative Chironomids*

**Note:** *Scratch was short on details, but he did say he'll deal with larvae, pupae and adults. I suspect he'll be using a range of materials and hooks to create a variety of patterns that are closer to the naturals than the typical bits of wire and plastic. Either that or he'll fake it.*

### Beginners Session #10

**Pattern:** Adams

**Hook:** Tiemco 101 - #14 to #18  
**Thread** #8/0 Gray or Black  
**Wing** White turkey flat  
**Tail:** Grizzly hackle fibers  
**Body:** Gray Anton dubbing  
**Hackle** Mixed brown and grizzly hackle

**Comment:** *This is a generic may fly imitation. Often used as a searching pattern for rises to unknown insects. But don't ever use it on grayling in October. You may need an arm transplant.*

### FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>

**Presenters:** *Dave Robinson & Greg Scratchley*

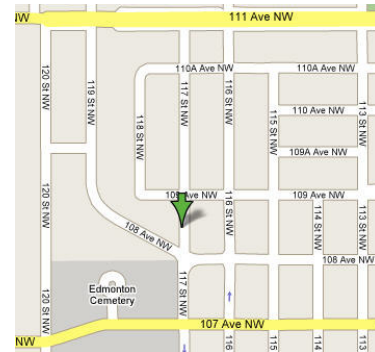
**Topic:** *Furled Leaders*

**Comment:** *Greg and Dave will do a tag team presentation on the construction and benefits of furled leaders*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	TU & NLFT&F Silent Auction	Bo Diddleys
March 13 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Edmonton Sportsman's Show	Northlands
March 27 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Show	Mayfield

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## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

If you haven't already done so, it's time to renew your Memberships for the 2008 year.

## SEMINAR THANK YOUS

I may miss someone, but here goes

Dennis	for "travel" and venue arrangements
Brian B	for organizing and solicitation of raffle items
Rick L	or planning, travel and treasury work
Brian D	for book sales and door duty
Mike and Emmerson	for raffle duty.
Scratch and Commercial Solutions	for the printed program
Bill G and Scratch	for "enlightening" A/V work
Jerry P	for late night framing
Dave M	for being MC and keeping everything on time

All our corporate contributors who contributed raffle items and advertised in the program. Special thanks to all those who bought tickets, showed up and purchased books and raffle tickets. Lastly, a big thanks to Rick Hafele and Skip Morris for two fine days. We hope to see you here again, soon, perhaps in fishing season!



Rick Hafele

Skip Morris