

## FROM THE EDITOR

### What happened to Spring?

The weather threw a curve at us last week. The dump of snow put paid to my ideas of fishing the N. Saskatchewan River here in town. Instead I finished my spring task of cleaning up and outfitting Zoie the Zodiak in my basement. She's now packed up and ready to go, if it ever warms up enough to melt the ice. Let's hope the ice either is gone or is far enough from shore for us to enjoy the "Mayday" fun at Muir Lake.

April was a full month. The first week we had the Iron Fly Tyer. Alex (aka Ballast) Del Hiero dropped in to defend his title against "old timers" and club founders Barry White and Dennis Southwick. Barry did a masterful job with the packaging ribbon provided as the "secret material". So he's now the defending Iron Fly Tyer. Week two had Barry giving a slide show on the post-flood Bow River and beginners tied the Clouser Minnow. Week three, was pretty quiet with only a few showing up with gear to spruce up. Week four we had a bunch of members tying up flies for the TU Dinner Box with the beginners including their Stimulators. The last week is to be the Fish ID Test and more time spent filling the TU dinner box.

The funniest thing of the month was watching Vince pitch the sale of the Sage Rod raffle tickets so hard that he sold them all in one night. Then he proceeded to win the dang thing! His reaction was something to behold. I wonder if he's come down off the ceiling yet. Not only was Vince rewarded for his efforts, but the raffle added about \$1000 to the coffers to be split between us and Trout Unlimited. Way to go Vince you lucky dog!

Our Beginners Tying Seminar at NAIT on April 12th went very well. Students were outnumbered by instructors, so they got lots of attention. Thanks to Dave Murray for arranging the venue and all the volunteers who showed up to help. The newbies managed a credible job of tying five patterns over the course of the day.

A number of members helped a bunch of kids at a Cub meeting to help tie some flies and earn badges. We were well received and it sounds like this might become an annual event.

The program this month opens **May 7<sup>th</sup>** with **A Free Tye**. This is because we don't want our program to distract potential attendees at the **TU Dinner and Auction held the same night**. Week two on **May 14<sup>th</sup>** has **Greg Scratchley** tying up **Wire Body Flies**. Week three on **May 21<sup>st</sup>** will have **Dennis Southwick** showing us his **Magnificent 7**, a set of favorite "go to" flies. Week four on **May 28<sup>th</sup>** we will have **Angler Safety** with a tag team of presenters helping you get ready for the season..

Once again May has a few things coming up in addition to regular meetings. May first, there will undoubtedly be a few members show up at Muir Lake for the 2008 christening. The **Beginner Casting Clinic is May 3<sup>rd</sup>** and the **Intermediate Clinic is May 31<sup>st</sup>**. Both are one-day events tentatively at Rundle Park same as last year. We'll need both volunteers and participants for both of them.

*Please melt snow! I'm getting the itch real bad!*

*Dave Robinson*

## CLUB MEETINGS

**Queen Mary Park Community League**

**10844 – 117<sup>th</sup> 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: Annual Dinner and Auction, May 7<sup>th</sup> Shaw Conference Center

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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

**MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

### TROUT UNLIMITED ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION

*Comments: For those who can afford the ticket or want to help Michael Dell out, this is a great event. There are both live and silent auctions and a variety of raffles. There are lots of items available, both fishing and non-fishing. Your ticket also buys you a TU annual membership.*

### FREE TYE

*Comments: For those not going to the TU Dinner, we'll meet at Queen Mary Park and tie a few flies for those early season outings. I'm planning on tying up a few Chironomids using the liquid lace technique.*

**MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**Tyer:** Greg Scratchley  
**Topic:** Wire Body Flies

**Comment:** Greg may be accompanied by Lance in this demonstration. The topic is flies known to the English as Buzzers. The venerable Copper John is a typical one, but expect a few different styles. All are designed to sink well.

**MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**Tyer:** Dennis Southwick  
**Topic:** The Magnificent Seven

**Comment:** Dennis is going to demonstrate his 7 favorite "go-to" flies, or at least patterns that are always available in his fly box. They are: Adams, Light Cahill, Elk Hair Caddis, Gold Ribbed Hares Ear, Pheasant Tail, Prince Nymph and Woolly Bugger. He'll give a bit of history on each fly and why they are standard in most fly boxes. Attendees are welcome to discuss his selections and propose their own.

**MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

### ANGLER SAFETY

**Presenters:** The Tag Team Trio of Dave Robinson, Rick Lang and Greg Scratchley

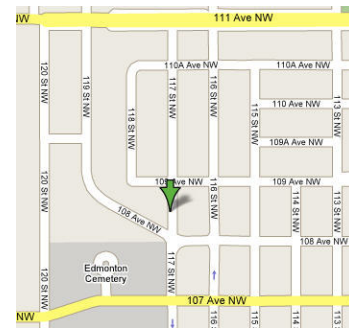
**Topics:** Dave: Safety First - Trip Planning  
Rick: Getting There - Road Safety  
Dave: Safety Afloat - Boat Safety  
Greg: Don't Fall In - Wading Safely

**Comment:** This presentation is not just for new fly fishers, but can serve as a reminder to old hands that we shouldn't take safety while fishing for granted. Come on out and refresh your knowledge on how to come back from your fishing adventures alive and well.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beginners Casting Clinic	Rundle Park
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Annual TU Dinner Auction	Shaw Conference Center
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Intermediate Casting Clinic	Rundle Park

## MAP TO NLFT&F HOME



## CASTING CLINICS

### Beginner

**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008**  
10 am to 4:30 pm

### Intermediate

**Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008**  
10 am to 4:30 pm

### Location

Rundle Park  
Far West end parking lot

### Cost

**Members: \$5.00**  
Non-members can join at the venue

### Equipment Required

Rod Reel and Line  
Sun hat, sunscreen and eye protection  
Fishing license for the Intermediate

### Map to Rundle Park Clinic Location

