

## FROM THE EDITOR

### Fishing Season Finally Here!!

The weather has certainly improved with spring exploding on us the last couple of weeks. It was helped along with some rain that should also help our lake levels a bit. I missed the "Mayday" fun at Muir Lake but managed to catch a very nice female rainbow the next weekend despite being blown all over the lake by the gusty winds. Jamie played ballast but was left to catch his first fish of the season at Beaumont the next day.

I've heard and seen reports of fish caught and trips being planned. It sounds as if club members are getting out there, so keep your eyes on the Forum for planned and impromptu trips.

The program for May was a mixed bag. We were supposed to have A Free Tye the first week, but lack of a key left a bunch of us repairing to Timmies for coffee instead. I think the TU Dinner and Auction had something to do with that. Week two Greg Scratchey and Lance Taylor tied up Wire Body Flies. Dennis Southwick entertained us week three discussing his 7 minimalist's "go to" flies. Week four was Angler Safety helping us get ready for the season.

Once again Vince pitched raffle tickets hard. This time it was for a fly tying materials cabinet. The lucky winner Barry Wright. We raised about \$340 from the sale.

The Beginner Casting Clinic on May 3<sup>rd</sup> had about 20 students with four instructors. It went very well with all students learning the basic casting stroke. Thanks very much to John, Rick and Ron for helping out. As I write this the Intermediate Clinic is coming up on May 31<sup>st</sup> at Rundle Park. I expect roughly the same cast of characters to be there for a review and refresher and to learn how to turn the basic stroke into "fishing casts".

The program this month opens on June 4<sup>th</sup> has Prez Dave Murray demonstrating Quill Bodies. Week two on June 4<sup>th</sup> brings our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Pre Season Material Swap. There should be lots of odds and ends of materials and other fishing stuff available for bargain basement prices. Week three on June 18<sup>th</sup> we host Cameron Stevens of Goulder Associates talking about assessment work on the Raven River. Week four on June 25<sup>th</sup> we will do our usual Spring Wind Up with pizza, pop, munchies and a free tye.

Our summer program is much more relaxed and starts on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We alternate fishing outings to local venues with free ties at Queen Mary Park. The schedule is posted on page 2.

While we won't be officially taking part, River Days is June 12<sup>th</sup> at Rundle Park.

We've been invited by the Calgary Hook and Hackle to join in their "Bow River Fishout" on July 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Carsland Weir Campsite. This invite is a first for CH&H. I came about as a result of connections made at the Calgary Fly Fishing Symposium. There should be some good conversation, good fishing and the odd libation. It's a fine opportunity to make better friends of our southern neighbors. Cost is \$20 per night per unit with a BBQ Saturday at \$15 per head. If you can make the time to go, post your intention on the Forum. May be we can make up a good contingent to carry the flag.

*Fishing time is here! Woo Hoo!!*

*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: Regular program returns in the fall.

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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

### JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>

**Tyer:** *Dave Murray (aka Wooley)*  
**Pattern:** *Quill Bodies*  
**Hook:** Dry Fly #12 to 18  
**Thread:** 6/0 color to suit  
**Body:** Stripped hackle quills or peacock herl  
**Wing:** Anton, color to suit  
**Hackle:** Saddle hackle, color to suit

**Comment:** *President Dave will show us how to make fly bodies made of feather quill. This technique makes for a small, light body with natural segmentation.*

### JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>

#### PRE SEASON MATERIAL SWAP

**Comments:** *Bring out your surplus tying material, fishing gadgets and gear. Proceeds of club material sales go to the club. This is a chance to get rid of or acquire some more "junk" and help build club coffers. (Remember one man's junk is another's treasure.)*

#### FREE TYE

**Comments:** *Those not into buying more stuff (silly people they are) can repair to a quiet corner to tye flies and tell lies.*

### JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>

**Speaker:** *Cameron Stevens Ph. D.*  
**Topic:** *North Raven River*

**Comment:** *Cameron is an aquatic biologist with Goulder Associates. He will discuss the assessment work they are doing on the Raven River. They will be doing a fly-over survey this summer. Come and find out what else is planned.*

### JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>

#### Spring Wind Up

#### Pizza, Pop, Stories and Summer Plans

**Comment:** *The Club provides pizza and pop. Yu bring your selves and your fly tying kit and join us in a little conversation, trip planning and a free tie. Fill your boxes with that special pattern you just know you'll need for your favorite water.*

### JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>

#### Summer Fun Begins

**Topic:** *Local Fishing Outing*

**Location:** *Muir Lake*

**Comment:** *Come on out for a club outing and see if we can turn the lake into a bowl of cheerios.*

### AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> TO 17<sup>TH</sup>

#### Tom Fry Memorial Alberta Klave and Fly Swap

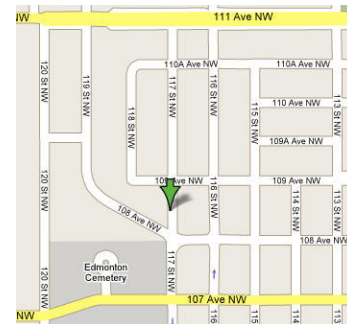
**Comment:** *Ranger Bob has helped organize another fishfest for those brave enough to sit near one of his fires, drink single malt, fish a bit and spend some quality time with a bunch of reformed bait fishers (Hi, my name's Dave and I used to dunk worms). See the follow url for additional information.*

<http://forum.nlft.org/index.php?showtopic=2427>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Intermediate Casting Clinic	Rundle Park
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	River Days	Rundle Park
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Local Fishing Outing	Muir Lake
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Free Tye	Queen Mary Park
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Local Fishing Outing	N Saskatchewan River
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Free Tye	Queen Mary Park
July 20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fish Out with Calgary Hook & Hackle	Carsland
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Local Fishing Outing	Star Lake
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Free Tye	Queen Mary Park
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Local Fishing Outing	N Saskatchewan River
August 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Alberta Klave and Fly Swap	Carsland
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Free Tye	Queen Mary Park
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Local Fishing Outing	Muir Lake
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Meetings Resume	Queen Mary Park

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## INTERMEDIATE CASTING CLINIC

**Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008**

**10 am to 4:30 pm**

**Rundle Park- far west end parking lot**

**Members: \$5.00**

**Non-members can join at the venue**

**Bring your Rod, Reel and Line**

**Sunhat, Sunscreen and Eye Protection**

**Fishing license (just in case)**

### Map to Rundle Park Clinic Location

