

FROM THE EDITOR

Spring is almost here. Why do we still have ice??

This late spate of cold weather has slowed up spring breakup a bit. I understand that the small ponds have open water and fish can be caught. Stay away from any left over ice though as it is fragile and very dangerous to walk on. Mur opens May 1st and although there's some ice, it appears it will be at least partly fishable. Can't come soon enough if you ask me.

Last weekend featured the long awaited **Whitlocks' Seminar**. If you didn't come, you missed a great show by the "master of deer hair" Dave and his lovely wife Emily. The atmosphere was very informal and there was lots of fun and banter. Both Dave and Emily said they had a great time and were glad they came. Thanks go out to all club members who volunteered in any of the various capacities. It's through your efforts that our reputation as a great club continues to grow.

The process of amalgamating with the Edmonton Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hopefully take a big step on May 6th when the motion to adopt the necessary changes to the NLFT&F Charter is presented. A "Notice of Motion" to that effect was sent out last newsletter. You are encouraged to become familiar with the proposal, including a name change, and vote at the May 6th meeting.

Our **Beginners Fly Tying Seminar** is set for **May 2 at Queen Mary Park**. Veterans will be there to help you learn the basics and start filling their boxes for the upcoming season. We will have sign up sheets at the April 29th meeting, but if you don't sign up, you can still show up at the door. The more, the merrier.

We have our annual **Member's Beginners Fly Casting Clinic** set for **May 16th at Rundle Park**, perfectly timed for early Muir Lake fishing, and we have the **Member's Intermediate Casting Clinic** planned for **June 6th also at Rundle Park**.

Our program last month featured The Iron Fly Tyer the first week. Evil Chairman Brian took away our thread, tools and extra material and made us tie with just bungee cord. Lots of fun and heckling didn't deter Rick Leblanc who reigns as the Iron Fly Tyer for a year. The second week, yours truly did a passable (I hope) job demonstrating three different weaving techniques for caddis larvae. The third week had Roger Kelly talking about TU's Yellow Fish Road Program. Jerry Plastow missed his talk on shadow boxes so we had a free tie instead. The last week will have Barry Wright tying a parachute wood ant.

We have a good line up for our May program. On **May 6th** we will have a **Special General Meeting** to deal with **Charter Changes** and a **Fly Tye** for the **TU Dinner**. Week two on **May 13th** we have **Dave Murray** demonstrating **Foam Flies**. Week three on **May 20th** we do another **Joint Meeting with TU** featuring **Peter Aku of ACA** talking about **Aerated Lakes in Alberta**. Week four, **May 27th** Superfly's **Rob Clarke** shows us a couple of traditional **Dry Fly Patterns**. Come on out and join us at a meeting, the coffees' on and the conversation is enjoyable.

Midnight Muirness is upon us!!

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Queen Mary Park Community League

Equipment and Materials:

The format is Informal Drop In

10844 – 117th Street

Bring your own or use the Club loaners

Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Meeting: Wednesday, May 20th, 7 pm, Queen Mary Park Community League, 10844 – 117th Street – Peter Aku - ACA – Aerated Lakes in Alberta

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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

MAY 6TH

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Topic: *Charter Changes to amalgamate with Trout Unlimited*

Comments: The notice of motion was presented at the last meeting with the proposed changes circulated via the April newsletter. The motion to adopt the changes will be made, discussed and voted on at this meeting. Only those with currently valid Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers memberships are permitted to vote.

Topic: *Fly Tye for TU Dinner*

Comments: If the special meeting ends soon enough we will have a free tye where you can tie up a half dozen flies of your chosen pattern to donate to the TU Dinner box. These donations typically raise a reasonable amount of money at the dinner's silent auction for the good cause of our coldwater fisheries.

MAY 13TH

Tyer: *Dave Murray*

Pattern: *Foam Flies*

Foam: Yellow Black Brown and Orange
Hook: Any size dry fly you chose
Thread 3/0 or 6/0- to match foam
Dubbing: Black dry fly, fine
Hackle: Your choice dry fly

Comment: A Predator Beetle and a Foam Hopper are on the menu for President Dave's demo. I expect even Vince to bring his vice and tie along as these are dry flies.

MAY 20TH

JOINT NLFT&F AND TU MEETING

AERATED LAKES IN ALBERTA

Presenter: *Peter Aku, ACA*

Comment: This is likely to be our first meeting as a combined organization. Come out and celebrate by hearing Peter talk about what is required for a lake in Alberta to be aerated, the types of aeration used and the current locations

BEGINNERS TYING SEMINAR

Saturday, May 2nd 2009

Queen Mary Park Community League

10844 - 117 Street

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Members: \$5.00

Non-Members: \$25.00 (membership included)

MAY 27TH

Presenter: *Rob Clarke*

Pattern: *PMD*

Hook: Standard dry fly 94840 or similar
Thread: Uni 8/0 Light Cahill
Tail: Med or light Dun Microfibre or hackle fibers
Body: PMD superfine, or light yellow rabbit.
Hackle: medium or light dun dry fly quality saddle insect comes in light ginger too not to confuse anybody)
Wing: White or light dun turkey flats.
Pearl crystal flash is a high viz option that fish actually prefer at times.

Comment: *That's right Rob doesn't do quill wings. Don't think they are worth the effort, and a thorax dun fishes best as an adult, and a comparadun or soft hackle as an emerger.*

Pattern: *Royal Coachman*

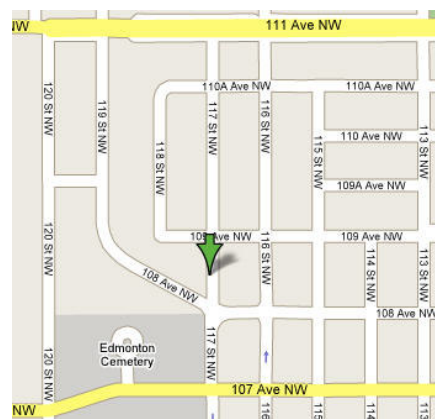
Hook: Standard dry
Thread: 8/0 black Uni thread
Tail: Moose mane (on a Wulff) or golden pheasant tippet (on a coachman)
Body: Peacock hurl, red floss (or thread on smaller patterns) and peacock hurl. 3 equal parts
Hackle: dry fly quality coachman brown
Wing: White CDC

Comment: *You may guess Rob doesn't work with quill slips much. Everyone should enjoy the cdc wing, and it's way easier for all skill levels.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 2 nd	Beginner Fly Tying Seminar	Queen Mary Park
May 7 th	Annual TU Dinner Auction	Crowne Plaza
Mar 16 th	Beginner Casting Clinic	Rundle Park
June 6 th	Intermediate Casting Clinic	Rundle Park

MAP TO NLFT&F HOME



WHITLOCK SEMINAR PHOTOS



Dave, Dave and Emily with our appreciation gifts
Photo courtesy Bill Gouge



Dave and Emily signing books
Photo courtesy Bill Gouge

CASTING CLINICS

Beginner

Saturday, May 16th, 2008
10 am to 4:30 pm

Intermediate

Saturday, June 6th, 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

