



Providing a friendly atmosphere for the novice and expert to learn and share the fly tying and fishing experience

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From the Editor

Spring is here! Sort of...

The weather is changing as I write this with a mix of warm days and cold nights. The snow is almost gone and the river ice is starting to thin out. Stay alive and off of any ice from here on out. Open water is not far off. And Muir Lake opens up May 1st (Where's the clock Lance?)

The end of March winds up a pretty busy time for the Northern Lights Fly Tyers. We had a great turnout of volunteers for both the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's and the Fishin' Hole and Campers Village Outdoor Shows. Our booths were well attended and lots of kids (both young and old) tied wooly buggers. Our new banners were the envy of other booths. We sold lots of raffle tickets, both on Don Anderson's cane rod and on the Bucket Raffle for The Lloyd Shea fund. The latter raised over \$5000.00. The raffle for the cane fly rod donated by Don Anderson was drawn at the Outdoor show with the ever-lucky Doug Como the winner. Congratulations Doug! And thanks again Don! At last count it raised about \$2500.00.

And heaps of thanks go out to all our volunteers at both shows (you know who you are) with special thanks to Carl Johnson for doing the lions share of organizing, setup, pack up and manning the booths. Great job Carl!

Last month's presenters at our regular meetings also deserve our heartfelt appreciation including: Rick LeBlanc giving us an entomology primer, Merv Hassler demonstrating some Streamer Patterns, Cal Kullman talking about "River Watch" and Peter Morrison for talking about Sage Rods. The Northern Lights thanks each of you for your contribution. The last program for the month of March is the Iron Fly Tyer. Who knows what secret material is in the works this year? It should be a hoot watching as Rick defends his title.

Our program this month starts on April 7th with Barry Wright talking about Rotary Vices. Week two on April 14th we'll have Geoff Pieroway Showing us his Pieroway Fly Rods and talking about Spey Casting. Week three, on April 21st will be our Conservation Session. The new CEO of TU Canada Jeff Surtees the will pay us a visit along with Lorne Hutchison Director Finance and Admin and Kimberly Davidson, Membership Coordinator. Week four on April 28th we will have our annual Swap Meet .

Our upcoming events for 2010 can be found in the list on page two. Aside from regular meetings, the main event for April is Our Beginner's Fly Tying Seminar on April 10th for which we'll need volunteers to assist with the instruction. One-on-one teaching would be ideal, so sign up at a meeting if you can help out. Dave Murray is organizing.

Dennis Southwick and his work group, are putting details together for the two day long "Introduction to Fly Fishing" course. At this time we have at least 10 participants, so I'm sure it will be a successful event. We will be looking for people to help out with presenting some of the topics. An agenda will be available at meetings in April, so if one of the subjects is close to your heart, please let us know as we would like to involve as many club members as possible. We will need volunteers to assist with the casting portion as well.

Again this month the final note for is a reminder of the upcoming Trout Unlimited Annual Edmonton Dinner and Auction on May 6th at the Edmonton Crowne Plaza. Tickets are \$150.00 each which includes your dinner and a TU membership. We will be raffling off a ticket a week at meetings during the month of April for \$2.00 a chance. So come on out to a meeting and give your luck a try. We'll also need volunteers to assist with various activities on the evening. Be sure to mark our calendar for this major Trout Unlimited fund raiser.

It's time to get that tackle in shape. Open water soon!

Dave Robinson

Club Meetings

Queen Mary Park Community League
Equipment and Materials:
The format is Informal Drop In

10844 - 117th Street, Edmonton
Bring your own or use the Club loaners.
Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

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Membership

Now \$40.00

January 1st to December 31st

Benefits Include:

- Fishing Presentations and Fly Tying Sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- Canadian Fly Fisher
- 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

March 31st

Iron Fly Tyer

Presenter: *Chairman Robinson-Kaga*
Defender: *Rick Leblanc*
Challengers: *Barry Wright, Carl Johnson, Merv Hasler*
Format: The competitors will use their own materials and equipment to construct three flies in a one-hour time frame: a dry fly, a wet fly and a streamer. A “surprise” material will be given out at the start of tying that must be incorporated into each fly. Flies will be judged on: Appearance, Tying Techniques, Originality, Best Use of Mystery Material and Potential Catching Ability. The winner earns the coveted title of “Iron Fly Tyer” until the next competition.

Comments: *Chairman Dave will host this annual (mostly) event to put our club's finest tyers to the ultimate test. Unknown materials and tight time lines will have three competitors test their tying skills. Who will stand the test of fire and become the next IRON FLY TYER?*

April 8th

Rotary Vices

Presenter: *Barry Wright*

Comment: *Heard about rotary vices sold by Renzetti, Peak, and Griffin but have no idea why you'd want one? Do you wonder why a hard working bobbin would need a rest? Do you have a true rotary vise and don't really know how to use it? Barry, our esteemed president will explain and demonstrate the basic rotary vice. He will demonstrate using the common Wooly Bugger and Elk Hair Caddis patterns.*

April 14th

Spey Rods

Presenter: *Geoff Pieroway – Pieroway Rod Company*

Comment: *Geoff is the president of the Pieroway Rod Company. Our booth was adjacent his at the Sportsman's show. Geoff will talk about his company's rods with an emphasis on Spey rods. For those unfamiliar with the term, Spey casting involves two handed rods and a casting method similar to roll casting. After Geoff's talk we will go outside for some demonstrations and practice*

April 21st

Conservation Focus Meeting

Trout Unlimited Executives

Guests: *Jeff Surtees – CEO TU Canada*
Lorne Hutchison – Director Finance & Admin
Kimberly Davidson – Membership Coordinator

Comment: *The executives for Trout Unlimited Canada will come to Edmonton to met the club and talk about our new relationship as the Edmonton Chapter.*

Meetings Continued

April 28th

Swap Meet

Comment: *This is an annual event where members get to unload (oops I mean sell to eager buyers) unused or surplus equipment or tying materials. So have you got any extra, used gear? Now will be the time to sell it. The club also has a lot of items to add. Don't miss it. There will be some great deals.*

Upcoming Events 2010

Fly Tying Seminar for Beginners

Featuring one-on-one instruction by Club members

Saturday, April 10th, 2010

From 8:30 am to 3:30pm

Queen Mary Park Community League

10844 - 117th Street

Cost: \$25.00

An Introduction to Fly Fishing

A two-day course instructed by Club members

Saturday, May 29th & Sunday May 30th, 2010

From 8:30 am to 4:30pm both days

Queen Mary Park Community League

10844 - 117th Street

Cost: \$50.00 (includes lunch each day)

Fall Tying Seminar Advance Notice

Our featured guest for a One Day Fall Fly Tying Seminar in October or November will be A. K. Best, one of fly tying's legends. We'll let you know further details as they develop.

Map to the home of



Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

