



*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

### **Snows almost gone! Open water soon!**

We're finally seeing some nice warm weather. I've heard reports of lots of water in the fields and ditches this spring, so maybe lake levels will benefit. We certainly need the moisture. Unfortunately one of the down sides of all the snow that brings the moisture is that it blocks the light that drives plant growth in the lakes and ponds. Decaying plant matter can rapidly deplete oxygen levels. This can result in fish dying from oxygen deprivation, in what is known as winter kill. I've already heard rumors of winter kill at some local ponds, but nothing is confirmed yet. We'll know much better after ice-out and turnover. Let's hope for the best.

We started April with our efforts at the Fishin' Hole and Campers Village Outdoor Show at the Mayfield Inn Conference Center. Once we again entertained lots of kids and a few adults by helping them tie wooly buggers. We also manned the once again successful Lloyd Shea bucket raffle. We will be passing on our thanks via the Fishin' Hole to all the raffle prize donators. Their support is outstanding! We also sold a whole raft of tickets for the bamboo rod raffle which was won by a gentleman from the Yukon. Many, many thanks go to Don Anderson for his generous donation of a beautiful rod. Extra Kudos goes to Superfly for donation of the materials, hooks and equipment necessary for us to mount the three day effort. We couldn't do it without their generous support.

Our Public Beginner Fly Tying Seminar went on April 16th at Queen Mary Park. We had 8 students come out for a full day of instruction on fly tying equipment, materials, technique and patterns. Rick LeBlanc did a masterful job of leading the effort with help from four other club members. Thanks go to all our volunteers. We've even see some of the beginners out a regular meeting since, so the enthusiasm must have stuck.

We had 4 regular meetings in April. April 6<sup>th</sup> we had Barry Wright tying some Bob Cormier Patterns. April 13<sup>th</sup> was a regular Free Tye session. Rick's provided basic instruction to a half dozen beginners. On April 20<sup>th</sup> Jim O'Neill came in to talk about the Grayling Conference and a potential grayling inventory project. April 27<sup>th</sup> Dennis Southwick will be finishing the month with soft hackle flies. Thanks go to the presenters and the appreciative audiences. Club meetings attendance is increasing and the buzz is starting with anticipation of fishing to come.

Our regular program for May once again consists of four sessions. It starts on **May 4<sup>th</sup>** with **Rod Boisvert** tying a **Trio of Rod's Flies**. On **May 11<sup>th</sup>** we will have our regular **Free Tye** and **Beginner Advice** session. Let's keep the vice count up and make sure to extend the session until almost 9 pm. (We quit a bit early last month.) **May 18<sup>th</sup>** we get our own **Dan Tulik** presenting **Tying with Dipper Dan** where he will demonstrate a couple of different patterns. The month winds up on **May 27<sup>th</sup>** with yours truly **Dave Robinson** demonstrating **Parachutes** using a couple of different materials. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie.

Our second "Introduction to Fly Fishing Seminar" for **May 28<sup>th</sup>** for the classroom session and **May 29<sup>th</sup>** for the field session was rapidly sold out. I'm sure we'll have open water by then and will need help for the on-water casting and fishing portion. The response to the May session was so overwhelming that we arranged for and sold out a second two-day session on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. All this success means we'll need volunteers. This is one of the best ways for our club to recruit new members, so if you can pitch in it will help swell our numbers.

**Hurray for spring! Bring on the fish!**

**Dave Robinson**

## Club Meetings

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

**10844 - 117<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>  
Or on TU renewal date

### **Benefits Include:**

- Fishing Presentations and Fly Tying Sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- Fly Fusion Magazine
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> Rod's Trio

**Presenter:** Rod Boisvert

**Pattern:** Muddler Minnow

Hook: Mustad C53S - #6  
Thread: Brown 6/0 Uni  
Tail: Brown turkey strip – married  
Body: Gold holographic tinsel  
Under Wing: 1 - squirrel tail, 2- red calf tail  
Over Wing: Turkey strip section + antelope body hair  
Head: Antelope body hair spun

**Pattern:** Rod's Damsel

Hook: Mustad C53S - #6  
Thread: Olive 6/0 Uni  
Tail: Olive marabou  
Rib: Gold wire  
Body: Olive marabou  
Eyes: 30 lb brown maxima mono  
Head: Olive marabou

**Pattern:** Polar Ice Woolly Bugger

Hook: Mustad Signature C53S - #6.  
Bead: Gold 1/8 Tungsten.  
Thread: Olive 6/0.  
Tail: Olive Marabou.  
Rib: Gold wire.  
Body: Olive Crystal Chenille.  
Over-Body: Olive Polar Ice chenille.

**Comment:** Rod will demonstrate three interesting patterns.

### May 11<sup>th</sup>

### Free Tye and Beginner Advice

**Comment:** Bring your vices and tools and tye along with us. Tie your own patterns or tye along with an experienced tye. Rick Leblanc will again lead a separate beginner session. Of course coffee and conversation will be part of the evening.

### May 18<sup>th</sup>

### Tying with Dipper Dan

**Presenter:** Dan Tulik

**Pattern:** Bead Head 20 Incher

Hook: streamer hook #10 to #4  
Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0  
Weight: Lead free wire  
Tail: Brown biots  
Bead: Tungsten bead sized to suit  
Rib: Fine green wire  
Body: Peacock herl  
Thorax: Tan dubbing  
Shell back: Turkey tail  
Legs: Hungarian partridge

**Pattern:** Humpkin Head

**Comment:** I tried to find pattern info for the Humpkin Head on the net but to no avail. I guess we'll see what exactly it is on the night. Call it a surprise pattern.

## Meetings Continued

### May 28<sup>th</sup> Parachutes

**Presenter:** Dave Robinson

**Pattern:** Parachute Adams

Hook: #14 dry fly, straight eye  
Thread: Gray 8/0  
Tail: Gray Z-lon  
Wing: Various parachute materials  
Body: Gray goose biot or grey dubbing  
Thorax: Gray dubbing  
Hackle: Brown and grizzly saddle

**Pattern:** Parachute Royal Wulff

Hook: #14 dry fly, straight eye  
Thread: Gray 8/0  
Tail: Golden pheasant crest  
Wing: Various parachute materials  
Body: Peacock herl and red floss  
Thorax: Peacock herl  
Hackle: Brown saddle

**Comment:** Dave will demonstrate how to make parachute posts with different materials for two traditional patterns.

### INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING SEMINAR

**When:** May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Queen Mary Park Community League and a field venue to be determined

**Comment:** These sold out seminars cover the basics..



Rod Boisvert's Fishing Boat

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