



*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

### March brings hints of spring, but cabin fever still rules!

March came in kind of mild, which if you believe the old wives' tale, means we'll see poorer weather at the end of the month. But what do old wives know? I'm busy tying a few flies to fill the holes in my boxes from last year in hopes of an early spring. I'm also adding a few "must have" patterns for my upcoming trip to Cuba. If spring doesn't come early here, then at least I can go where it is already summer. Six NLFT guys are headed south in May for a shot at some Bonefish, Permit and Tarpon. I got a taste of what is to come two weeks ago in Hawaii. I didn't get a chance fish on our vacation to the Big Island, but did swim with some dolphins. That was a pleasant break from Edmonton's winter. I even missed the big snow.

For those who stuck around, our regular February program consisted of five sessions. On February 1<sup>st</sup> we had Dennis Southwick demonstrating an SA Hopper. February 8<sup>th</sup> Phil Rowley demoed patterns for Stillwaters. The third February week on the 15<sup>th</sup> Bill Patterson talked about his research into stocking efforts and angler satisfaction. The week of February 22<sup>nd</sup> was a Free Tye. The final (and unusually extra, fifth) week of February we got Rod Boisvert demonstrating a Peacock Leech and Fullback Nymph (an extra pattern in honor of Leap Day). Thanks go to all our presenters for entertaining and thought provoking programs!

March sees us get back to the usual number of meetings. March 7<sup>th</sup> starts with a business meeting followed by Ken Monk and Kristi Kinoshita giving us a working Tour of the Club Web Page and Forum. For the mid March meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> we have Dennis Southwick presenting Let's Get Stoned. The third meeting, on March 21<sup>st</sup> will be a Free Tye. Once again Dennis will pilot a new beginner idea that day as well. Lastly for the month, On March 28<sup>th</sup> we will have Elton Hunter as a guest speaker talking about being Bear Aware.

We continue preparations for our two major outreach efforts in March. The Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show is March 15<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup> at the Expo Center at Edmonton Northlands. Over the four days the Kids Tying Tables will need volunteer instructors and the booth will need helpers to promote Club Membership and our sport, plus help sell tickets to our Beginner Fly Tying and Introduction to Fly Fishing Seminars. If you work a 4-hour shift we'll pay your parking and if you work two shifts over a meal time we'll pay for your food. Of course for volunteers show admission is free.

The second event for March is the Outdoor Show at the Mayfield Convention Center the weekend of March 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. This annual event is put on by the Fishin' Hole. Not only will we be manning the Kids Tying, promoting the club and its events, we'll also be manning the Bucket Raffle for the Lloyd Shea Fisheries Enhancement Fund. With the two events so close together this year, we'll need lots of volunteers. See Dave Towers at any meeting or drop him a line at the e-mail address on the right to sign up.

After March, the next major events are the Beginner's Fly Tying Seminar planned for April 21<sup>st</sup> (Note that the date for the Fly tying Seminar has changed since last newsletter due to room availability) and the Introduction to Fly-fishing Seminar set for May 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. We'll be looking for volunteers for these as well. We'll have posters and tickets for sale at the two and further information on the web page.

We have one other volunteer request. Our Librarian, Florin Sabac would like some help in cataloging our library. This would entail entering book information into a computer database so that we can better manage our inventory. If you think you can help out, let Florin know.

*Spring may be a ways off, but it's not too early to prepare!*

*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

**MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>**

### WEB PAGE NIGHT

**Presenters:** Ken Monk and Kristi Kinoshita

**Comment:** This is intended for the less techno savvy. After a short monthly business meeting, Ken and Kristi will do a live demo of the Club Web Page and Forum. They will show you how to navigate the site, set up your profile, post to the forum and how to size and post photographs.

**MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>**

### LET'S GET STONED

**Presenter:** Dennis Southwick

**Pattern 1:** Brook's Montana Stone

- Hook: 3x long wet fly, #2 to #10
- Thread: # 8/0, black
- Weight: Gold bead or 0.025 lead wire or substitute
- Tail: Goose biots, black
- Rib: Wire, gold or copper
- Body: Yarn or dubbing, black and fuzzy
- Hackle: ostrich herl and 1 grizzly and 1 brown saddle

**Pattern 2:** Neo 20 incher

- Hook: Daichi 1270, 3x long nymph, #2 to #10
- Thread: # 8/0, tan or olive
- Bead: Black or Gold
- Weight: 0.025 lead wire or substitute, front half
- Tail: Goose biots, brown or black
- Rib: Wire, gold
- Abdomen: Peacock Herl or Peacock Arizona dubbing
- Thorax: Arizona semi-seal golden peacock
- Wing Case: Thin Skin – mottled oak

**Pattern 3:** Stimulator

- Hook: 3x long dry fly, #8
- Thread: 36/0 or # 8/0, orange or red
- Tail: Elk Hair
- Rib: Brown Hackle
- Abdomen: Dubbing or Antron yarn, orange
- Wing: Elk Hair
- Thorax: Dubbing, yellow
- Hackle: Grizzly saddle

**Comment:** Dennis will talk about stoneflies and demonstrate a pattern for each of the insect's stages of interest to the fly fisher. This is an important trout food and anglers should have a sampling of these patterns for most Alberta streams

**MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>**

### FREE TYE

**Comment:** Bring your vices out and spend some time chatting and tying with your fishing friends. Dennis Southwick will again try a pilot run of his new idea for a beginner program that he intends to run concurrent with the Free Tye evenings.

## MEETINGS CONTINUED

**MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>**

### BE BEAR AWARE

**Presenter:** Elton Hunter

**Comment:** Elton will discuss how to avoid getting eaten by a bear while fishing. Or at least he'll tell you how to reduce your chances of a serious bear encounter. I know Vince will be there and all ears.

Here's a couple of relevant cartoons I've been saving for this.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Boat and Sportsman's Show Northlands
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Show Mayfield
- April 21<sup>st</sup> (changed) Beginner's Fly Tying Queen Mary Park
- May 26<sup>th</sup>+27<sup>th</sup> Intro. to Fly Fishing Queen Mary Park

## MAP TO THE HOME OF



Northern Lights Fly Tyers  
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

