



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 approaches! It's Time to Get the Gear in Order.

The weather has finally turned the corner. While March weather wasn't great, we kept busy with two major outreach efforts. The Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show was March 15th through 18th at the Expo Center at Edmonton Northlands. Over the four days the Kids Tying Tables were well served by a bunch of volunteers who did a bang-up job promoting the club and its seminars and helping kids (and many adults) tie a basic fly.

The second event for March was the Fishin' Hole's Outdoor Show at the Mayfield Convention Center the weekend of March 22nd to 25th. Once again a flock of volunteers manned the Kids Tying Table, keeping any youngster passing by entertained and promoting the club and its events. We also sold tickets for the Bucket Raffle for the Lloyd Shea Fisheries Enhancement Fund. Heartfelt thanks go to our many volunteers who put in yeoman service over two consecutive weekends. Your efforts and personal touch speaks well for our club. Very special thanks go to Dave Towers who did a fabulous job organizing, selling tickets, engaging the public in conversation and in general being an outstanding "mother hen". His efforts made the both weeks a resounding success.

Our March program consisted of four sessions. March 7th Ken Monk and Kristi Kinoshita demonstrated how to access and use our web pages. On March 14th Dennis Southwick demonstrated a bunch of stonefly patterns. The third week of March on the 21st was a free tye. The final week was supposed to be a bear awareness presentation, but our guest speaker was unable to make it, so Michael Dell filled in admirably by demonstrating a Pheasant Tail pattern. He finished off by carrying on an entertaining conversation with attendees on a variety of fly tying topics. Many thanks go to Michael for a fine job filling in on short notice. My thanks go out to all our presenters for helping with our programs in a very busy month!

April sees us get back to normal meeting commitments with only one special event. April 4th starts with a short business meeting followed by a demonstration of a **52 Buck** and a **Free Tye**. If there's enough interest **Dennis Southwick** will give **Beginners** some guidance on **Tools and Equipment**. For the second monthly meeting on April 11th we have **Doc Montieth** presenting **KISS** (see page two for details). The third meeting, on **April 18st** will feature **John Acorn** a local celebrity, talking about **Aquatic Entomology**. On **April 25th** we wind the month up with a **Free Tye**. If there's interest, **Dennis Southwick** will also run a **Beginner Session**.

Our next major event is the **Beginner's Fly Tying Seminar** planned for **April 21st**. While we didn't sell many tickets at the shows, we will have posters in the shops and hope to have at least a modest turnout. Our Introduction to Fly-fishing Seminar is set for May 26th & 27th. We sold out all the tickets and have few names on the waiting list. We will need a few volunteers for the Saturday to help set up and welcome attendees. The big volunteer need will be for casting instruction helpers on the Sunday. With a minimum 20 students, we'll need at least 8 people. If you can help out, let Dave Towers or Dennis Southwick know. We'll try to put a short instructor training session together before the big day.

Our Librarian, Florin Sabac is still looking for help in cataloging our library by helping enter book information into a computer database so that we can better manage our inventory. If you think you can help out, let Florin know. And lastly for this month is a reminder of the upcoming national TU Dinner and Auction to be held on May 10th. We'll be looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks. Once again, if you can help, let Dave Towers know.

Spring is getting closer every day! Fishing is in the air!

Dave Robinson

Club Meetings

Queen Mary Park Community League

Equipment and Materials:

The format is Informal Drop In

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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

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

April 4th

One Fly, Beginner's & Free Tye

Presenters *Kristi Kinoshita or Dave Robinson*

Pattern: *52 Buick*

Hook: #12-#8 Nymph
 Thread: 6/0 black thread
 Tail: Olive guinea fowl or mallard flank
 Body: Various shades of green seal fur
 Rib: Medium oval silver or gold tinsel
 Beard: Olive guinea fowl or mallard flank
 Head: Peacock herl

Comment: *One of us will tie a traditional wet fly pattern. This is also a Beginner's Night where, for those interested, Dennis will discuss tools and equipment. You are encouraged to bring your vices and either tye along with us or work on filling your boxes.*

April 11th

KISS

(Keep it Simple, Stupid)

Presenter: *Mike (Doc) Montieth*

Pattern: B. A Bloodworm

Hook: Mustad C53S
 Thread: red
 Head: bloodworm tungsten
 Rib: fine gold wire
 Body: large red holographic mylar tinsel
 Thorax: red thread
 Glue: Sally Hanson's hard as nails

Pattern: *Black Thread Midge*

Hook: Mustad C49S
 Thread: black 8/0
 Rib: fine gold wire
 Body: black 8/0 thread
 Thorax: peacock herl
 Gills: Stillwater Solutions midge gill
 Head: black bead size
 Glue: Sally Hanson's hard as nails

Pattern: *Doc Swimmer*

Hook: Mustad nymph 3399
 Thread: black 8/0
 Butt: silver or gold tinsel
 Body: black chenille
 Wing Case or Shell Back: Stillwater Solutions midge gill
 Legs: black stretch floss

Pattern: *Star Scud*

Hook: Mustad nymph 3399
 Weight: lead wire
 Thread: tan 8/0
 Rib: fine gold wire
 Body: Wapsi Sow Scud Dubbing, Rainbow
 Shell Back or Exoskeleton: - 1/8" Stillwater Solutions calibaetis midge flex

Comment: *Doc will show us his 4 most productive patterns that are quick and simple to tye.*

Meetings Continued

April 18th

Aquatic Entomology

Presenter: *John Acorn*

Comment: *Most of us know John from his TV appearances as The Nature Nut. John is a naturalist who is known for his inspiring personality and infectious love of nature. He is a local Edmonton celebrity, combining folk music with educational lyrics about the natural world. He is a lecturer at the University of Alberta, a research associate at the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology, and a research associate at the E.H. Strickland Entomology Museum.*

April 25th

Free Tye

Comment: *This will be an open evening where you get to come and tye flies for those early spring outings. For those interested, Dennis will run a Beginner's Corner where he will teach the Griffiths Gnat. It will also be a chance to plot Muir Madness for May 1st.*

'Toon of the Month



Spring is time to watch out for thin ice

Upcoming Events

April 21 st :	Beginner's Fly Tying	Queen Mary Park
May 1 st	Muir Madness	Muir Lake
May 10 th	TU National Dinner & Auction	Westin
May 26 th &27 th :	Introduction to Fly Fishing	Queen Mary Park

Map to the home of



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