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### From the Editor

#### Fall Fishing is Winding Down. Our Indoor Season is Picking Up.

Fall has meant more fishing for me. I've had a trio of recent trips. Two were with buddy Ross Chow, one to the Red Deer and one to the Little Smoky. Both were very successful, but fish numbers were a bit lower than last year. I hate to admit it, but on the trip to the Red Deer, I became another victim of the "Bobber Pool". I'd caught a nice fish from amongst the flat rocks. After releasing it I was wading carefully to the shore when I stepped on what I thought was a sandy patch on the bottom, only to find out it was one of of them dang slippery rocks I'd previously warned Ross about. It's amazing how wet you can get in knee deep water. Even more embarrassing was that was the second spill of the day, having gone down on my knees off a rolling rock further up river. It's been awhile since I got ducked and was a cool reminder of how easily it happens. That's Ok as the fall weather and company made up for it. The other trip was with Mike Monteith. I bought Doc's Stillwater Day at the silent auction last fall fundraiser. We had a great day on Star Lake! Thanks Doc! His white boatman was a deadly pattern, accounting or all my fish. I even learned a few things during the day. Doc managed to convince me to try a float tube. I found it an interesting experience, but like all boats, there are pluses and minuses. Say, maybe that's an idea for a session this winter "Which watercraft do you like and why?" (Listening Dennis?)

On the topic of the Fall Fundraiser, we definitely need your help for this year's edition to be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> (at the St. Albert Curling Club) Tickets \$30.00 at the club meeting in October). This is our only source of operating funds for the year, so it needs to be a success! To date, donations are only trickling in. We need lots more auction items. Members have to get out there and solicit donations; ideally from places you normally do business. The personal touch is by far the best approach. Come on folks. I know you can do it! Talk to Aaron if you can help out.

Last month featured three sessions. We started the month with a brag and free tye session, followed with yours truly and Dennis Southwick demonstrating some grayling flies. We wound up the month with Michel Dell showing us some stonefly adult patterns.

We only have four meetings in October even though there's five Wednesdays in the month. because the hall is booked for the 31<sup>st</sup> so you'll have to miss a Wednesday and feed the little monsters who come knocking at your door. We start October 3<sup>rd</sup> with a short business meeting followed by a Free Tye. Dennis Southwick will demonstrate a basic Beginners Patten. For the second meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> we get regaled by Ken Monk who'll tell us all about his recent Trip to Scotland. And yes, you can show up, because he promises not to play the bagpipes. For week three on October 17<sup>th</sup> we get Dennis doing a demo based on Glitter Thread. For the last week, on October 26<sup>th</sup> we once again get Michael Dell, this time presenting Large Stoneflies.

Dennis has obtained the range of programs that Rick Haefele can present at our January Seminar and will be asking for your input on what you would like to see Rick do. Ditto will follow for Brain Chan. On that note, we do have a few ideas for November already, but your input is needed so that the program is interesting to you.

You will also note a couple of events coming up. The Fly Fishing Film Tour is coming November 20<sup>th</sup> at Schanks Sports Grill. More information to come on that and the results for the grayling survey to come next month

Enjoy the fall weather while you can. Old man winter is on his way! 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**

#### October 3rd

### Free Tye and Beginner Fly

**Comment:** Bring your vices and continue work on replacing all those flies lost to fish over summer. Dennis will present a basic beginner fly for those who want to watch and tie along.

# October 10<sup>th</sup> Glitter Thread

Presenter: Dennis Southwick

Pattern: Chromie

Hook: Scud size 12, Bead: Tungsten (gold)

Thorax: Peacock

Gills: White antron (poly) Body & Rib: Glitter thread

Pattern: Lafontaine Diving Caddis

Hook: Size 14 Daichi 1640

(or any short shank dry fly hook)

Bubble: White Anton (poly)
Body: Glitter thread
Wing: Deer or elk hair

Thorax: Dark dubbing or ostrich hurl.

Pattern: BWO Parachute Extended Body

Hook: Size 16 Daichi 1640

(or any short shank dry fly hook)

Wing: White poly

Thorax: Peacock herl or olive dubbing

Body: Glitter thread

Hackle: Dun or grizzly dry fly

Pattern: Partridge and Yellow

Size 14 daichi 1110

(or any standard 14 dry fly hook)

Body: Yellow glitter thread

Thorax: Peacock hurl or peacock dubbing

Hackle: Brown partridge feather

**Comment:** Dennis will do a series of flies featuring glitter

thread.

## October 17<sup>th</sup> A Scottish Adventure

(No we're not drinking Scotch and 5 alive)

Presenter: Ken Monk

**Comment:** Ken will regale us with photos and a description of his recent trip to the Olde Sod. I hear he found some famous rivers. Not sure about and haggis or kilt stories though.

# January 2013 Seminar

**Comment:** We have booked two excellent presenters for our January Seminar for next year, Brain Chan and Rick Haefele. Tell us the topics you'd like to see covered, so we can develop a program that suits your needs.

# **Meetings Continued**

# October 24th Large Stoneflies

Presenter: Michael Dell

**Comment:** Mike says that over the years he has been fortunate to know many fine Alberta anglers and learn their patterns. These are Alberta Patterns You Won't See Anywhere Else

**Pattern:** Green Thing

Hook: Nymph hook size 2-16 Olive 3/0 or 6/0

Weight: Lead wire wrapped entire length of shaft,

overwrapped with thread and cemented

Tail: Brown or black hen hackle, short

Body: Olive marabou (variations grey or gold), spun

in dubbing loop

Hackle: Brown or black hen hackle

Thorax: Olive marabou (variations grey or gold), spun

in dubbing loop

**Comment:** Don Andersen has caught a pile of fish over the last 35 years with this olive marabou nymph. It is a generic pattern tied in the round, and can represent stonefly or mayfly nymphs. Michael will tie the large version.

Pattern: Bill's X

Hook: Streamer hook size 2-6
Thread: brown or orange 6/0
Body: golden stone dubbing, rough

Wing: brown macramé yarn, tied ½ bullet head style Legs: speckle flake pumpkin rubber hackle (or your

choice)

Indicator: Orange yarn or foam (optional)

**Comment:** Bill Clendon's version of the Madam X for a Golden Stonefly adult. Don Andersen calls this pattern Billy's Monster or the BM.

## **Upcoming Events**

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fund Raiser St. Albert Curling Club November 20<sup>th</sup> Fly Fishing Film Tour Schanks Sports Grill January 00<sup>th</sup> - 00<sup>th</sup> Chan & Haefele Seminar Grant MacEwan

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