



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 (almost)!

Better late than never I say. It looks as if Muir will not have open water for opening day. Which brings to mind the usual caution about staying away from ice covered water at this time of year. It's no longer safe to go onto the ice. Also watch for high water levels in streams from early runoff. The river in the city is flowing very fast.

In the interesting news department, I'm pleased to report that Sustainable Resource Development is going to undertake a brown trout population and water quality study of Stauffer Creek. (aka North Raven) this year. They will be doing fish tagging and may be looking for volunteers. Also, our club will continue with the Grayling Study in the Pembina drainage. As I write, a fish trap is being set up in Dismal Creek to count fish as they move through to summer habitat. Once again we'll be doing temperature and water quality monitoring and fish counts through angling. If you wish to help in the ongoing effort, contact Ken Monk. Watch the club web page and forum for news on these conservation efforts.

The Alberta Conservation Association has approached us for help in their Kids Can Catch program in Fort Saskatchewan on June 8th. We're looking to members who can help with the kids tying tables and some casting demonstration. We've received money from ACA to purchase tying kits for future use in endeavors of this kind, your help will be appreciated.

A short business meeting and Free Tye started the April programs. We've reconfigured the meeting room to give both speakers and tyers more privacy and it seems to be working well. The second week we had Brian Wiebe talk about fishing the Manitoba Lakes. The third week was an engrossing presentation by Craig Copeland and Harvey Pollok on Fish Hatcheries and Stocking. That raised some interesting discussion and possibilities. The last April meeting found Rick Lang talk about tying and testing knots and showing us how little pressure actually put on fish most of the time. A big thank you goes out to all our presenters.

This month we start on **May 1st** with a **Free Tye** and **Beginners Session** following a short business meeting. The second week on **May 8th** **Neil Waugh** will tell us stories about **Fishing the Catskills**. Then on **May 15th** we have **Paul Fitt** and his amazing **Paul's Poppers**. For week number four, **Dennis Southwick** will be giving a presentation on **Tying with Foam**. We will be starting our programs shortly after 7pm, so please be on time.

The only special event for May is our **Introduction to Fly Fishing Seminar** to be held on **May 25th & 26th at the Lion's Senior Center** (111 Ave. & 112 St.) and a fishing venue to be determined. The event is sold out, but we do need volunteers to help with casting instruction so contact Dave Towers if you can help.

Florin Sabac, our Librarian, still would like some help cataloging and organizing the DVDs. If you can help with this task talk to Florin at any meeting.

Our annual Fall Fundraiser is currently projected for November 9th at the St Albert Curling Club. This Fundraiser is the only source of annual operating revenue.. We need more volunteers to help solicit auction donations (the heart of the fundraiser) well in advance of the event. The best place to go is to businesses you normally do business with and who know you. Supporting letters are available at the club. Contact Rick or any executive member.

Meanwhile, it's time to do that last bit of tying before fishing season starts in earnest. Come on out to a meeting or two and fill the spaces in your boxes. While you're at it, tie a few more for the fly box we annually donate to the Edmonton TU dinner and auction. A half dozen of the "Fly Of The Month" is a good place to start.

Cuba here I come. The packing has started!!

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

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 1ST

BUSINESS MEETING AND FREE TYE

Comment: The month starts with a short business meeting with a structured agenda. After that you are invited to chat and tie some flies. Any beginner who shows up is encouraged to talk to Dennis Southwick about tying a basic fly.

MAY 8TH

FISHING THE CATSKILLS

Presenter: Neil Waugh

Comment: Neil is a well-known local outdoor writer. He has spent a lifetime fishing Alberta streams. But in this case he's going to regale us with his stories of fishing New York State's Catskill Mountain streams. The Catskills are located about 100 miles north north-west of New York City. Some say that the legendary streams of this area are the birthplace of modern fly fishing. The standard upright winged dry flies with a wound hackle are often referred to a Catskill Patterns.

MAY 15TH

PAUL'S POPPERS

Presenter: Paul Fitt

Comment: Paul does an amazing job of fashioning poppers for pike. Come and see the various stages he make his colorful and artistic patterns in, from raw body to finished fly.

MAY 22ND

TYING WITH FOAM

Presenter: Dennis Southwick

Pattern: *Chernobyl Ant*

Hook: Daiichi #1280 – 2 X long #8 or #10
Thread: #6/0 - Orange
Body: Foam – Black or Tan

Comment: Dennis will demonstrate two different styles of Chernobyl Ant. The color will be tyer choice.

Pattern: *Adrian's Hopper*

Hook: Klinkhammer #8 to #12
Thread: #8/0 – olive
Rib: Sillilegs – Olive (or optional material of choice)
Abdomen: Pheasant Feather – Olive (olive dubbing optional)
Thorax: Dubbing and Foam – Olive
Hackle: Olive Saddle
Legs:: Pheasant Tail Fibers Knotted (rubber optional)
Wing: Pheasant (elk or deer hair optional)

Comment: Dennis will demonstrate a new pattern he found. Of course he will "Dennsize" it (hence the optional material noted in brackets).

NOTE REGARDING CLUB LOGO

You may have noticed a minor change to the newsletter masthead. Apparently the fish previously faced the wrong direction according to TU copyright. It's now been fixed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 25th-26th Introduction to Fly Fishing Lion's Senior Center
November 9th Annual Fundraiser St Albert Curling Club

MEETINGS CONTINUED

MAY 29TH

ALBERTA FLIES

Tyer: Michael Dell

Pattern: *Vitamin C (originator Dean Baayens)*

Hook: Nymph or Wet Fly size #10 to #18
Thread: #6/0 - Orange
Bead: Black (optional)
Body: Floss - Orange
Over Body: Antron – White, dubbed roughly as a halo

Pattern: *C Prince*

Hook: Nymph or Wet Fly size #10 to #18
Thread: #6/0 - Orange
Tail: Goose Biot
Body: Floss - Orange
Wings: Goose Biot - White

Pattern: *Mike's Beetle (originator Mike Burrington)*

Hook: Nymph size #6 to #10
Thread: #6/0 – Black
Weight: Lead wire – wrapped shaft length, cemented then over wrapped
Hackle: black, palmered, then clipped short
Body: Chenille - Black

Comment: Michael will demonstrate some Alberta specific patterns you won't see anywhere else.

FLY OF THE MONTH

Pattern: *Parachute Adams*

Hook: Dry Fly #10 to #18
Thread: 8/0 Gray
Tail: Hackle fibers
Body: Dubbing – Gray (or Goose Biot)
Wing: Antron – White (or high viz pink?) as a post
Thorax: Dubbing – Dark Gray (or peacock herl)
Hackle: Gray and Brown Saddle mixed – tied parachute

Comment: The object is to provide flies to stock a box for the annual Trout Unlimited Dinner. Each member is encouraged to tie one or more of each month's pattern and bring it to a club meeting during the month.

MAP TO THE HOME OF



Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

