



From the Editor

Fishing Season is here!!

Spring runoff seems to have started already. The river in the city is flowing so fast the police have warned people to stay away. Some anglers report success at Muir and I've heard reports of great fishing at Swan last week. Those reports are certainly better than of our Cuba trip. We saw and caught very few fish this year. Looks like next year will need a change in venue.

The special event for May was our Introduction to Fly Fishing Seminar held May 25th & 26th at the Lion's Senior Center with fishing on Sunday at Cardiff. The event was attended by 25 people who all seemed to enjoy it. We've seen a couple of attendees at a meeting already, so let's hope that continues. Thanks go to volunteers who helped with the casting instruction.

The reconfigured meeting room means we no longer have audible conflicts between the two activities. That was borne out by last month's program which started with a short business meeting and Free Tye started the May programs. The second week we had Neil Waugh talk about "Fishing the Manitoba Lakes". The third week was another good presentation by Paul Fitt showing us how he makes his Paul's Poppers. Week four found us unable to hold a meeting due to the floor being refinished. The odor forced us into the parking lot and then home. The last May meeting had Michael dell demonstrate a trio of Alberta Flies. A big thank you goes out to all our presenters.

June will be a short month club-wise since we will have only two meetings. We start **June 5th** with a **Free Tye, Beginners Session and Demonstration of a Hopper by Dennis Southwick** following a short business meeting. The second and last spring week on **June 12th** will be the **Spring Windup BBQ**. This year we'll spice things up with a **Casting Competition**, so bring your rod and have some fun. Meetings resume in the fall on **September 11th** with a free form session we call **Tye and Lie**.

We've had some communication from Sustainable Resource Development further to the proposed brown trout population and water quality study of Stauffer Creek. (aka North Raven). They are looking for assistance from NLFT-TUC for fish tagging this spring. Keep your eyes on the Forum for details and volunteer requests. Ditto holds for the Grayling Study in the Pembina drainage. We'll be doing fish counts, tagging, temperature and water quality monitoring and fish counts through angling. A number of club members will be meeting the weekend of June 21st at the Wolf Lake campground to kick off the effort. If you wish to join in then or later contact Ken Monk. He will arrange training, assignments and equipment.

Some money we received from the Alberta Conservation Association is going to purchase tying kits for future use in our ongoing educational efforts. The kits have been ordered from the Fishin' Hole and should be arriving soon. As repayment in kind, we will be assisting ACA at their "Kids Can Catch" program in Fort Saskatchewan on June 8th. We're looking to members who can help with some casting demonstration.

Our annual Fall Fundraiser will go on 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.

We plan on having a more structured beginner's tying program in the fall. Let us know what you want it to cover. Meanwhile, it's time to wind up the indoor sessions of spring and go fishing. Come on out to the last two meetings to share your summer plans.

Time to go Fishin' !!

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

June 5th

Business Meeting, Free Tye and Demo

Comment: The last spring month starts (as usual) with a short business meeting with a structured agenda. After that you are invited to chat and tye some flies. Dennis Southwick has promised to demonstrate the hopper pattern he missed when the hall floor refinish drove us away.

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).

June 12th

Spring Wind Up BBQ and Casting Competition

Comment: We will meet at Queen Mary Park where we will BBQ some hot dogs and hamburgers with pop to wash them down.

This year we're adding some excitement in the form of a casting competition. We'll lay out some targets on the grass for a 35 to 40 foot cast. Each contestant will get three attempts and points will be awarded on accuracy. **There will be prizes** so don't be shy bring your rod and have a go. We promise not to heckle *>).

Fly of the Month

Pattern: *Griffith's Gnat*

- Hook: Dry Fly #10 to #18
- Thread: 8/0 black
- Body: Peacock Herl
- Hackle: Grizzly Saddle

Comment: The object is to provide flies to stock a box for the annual Trout Unlimited Dinner. Each member is encouraged to tye one or more of each month's pattern. Bring them to a club meeting or contact Jim Trewin who will collect them.

Upcoming Events

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| June 8 th | Kids Can Catch | Ft Saskatchewan Pond |
| June 21 st – 23 rd | Grayling Survey | Wolf Lake Campground |
| Nov 9 th | Annual Fundraiser | St Albert Curling Club |

Fall Meetings Resume

September 11th
Tie and Lie

Comment: The idea is to get together for coffee and Timbits to discuss the summer's fishing and plan the fall outings. Bring your brag photos.

Some Cuba Photos



Map to the home of

Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

