



From the Editor

May is "Rivers Run Thorough It" month!!

This time the month-long theme is all about rivers. Look for each program to contain some connection with fishing in flowing water. The month long theme idea seems to be gaining traction so we'll be looking for more theme month suggestions for the fall.

Unfortunately due to receiving program info late, the May newsletter is a bit behind schedule. Some events have already taken place. The Annual TU Dinner and Auction was on May 8th at the Crown Plaza/Chateau Lacombe. We had enough volunteers to help out and by all reports the event was a rousing success. We started our regular monthly program on May 7th with a short business meeting followed by a Free Tye, Beginner Session and Discussion. And last weekend we ran the second Learn to Fly Fish Seminar. Although attendance was small, it made for a good teacher to pupil ratio. And those who did come learned a lot.

The second week regular program event is on **May 14th** and will feature **Tying Booths** with a theme of **Summertime Dry Flies**. We continue on week three on **May 21st** with a **Free Tye, Beginner Session and Discussion on Flowing Water Tactics**. Week four on **May 28th** has **Dennis Southwick and Steve DiGiuseppe** tying **Big Flash Flies**.

On **May 24th Doc (aka Mike)** is running a **Muir Lake Cleanup and BBQ** out at the lake. If you want to pitch in, come prepared to help with some refreshments or snacks and your fishing gear. It stands to be a great get together.

Also on May 24th we will run our Beginner Casting at Rundle Park at a \$25.00 cost. Participants are on their own for lunch. The suggestion has been made to adjourn the clinic sometime after lunch and go out to Muir to practice on water and join the party there.

Since we had to cancel the Intermediate Casting Clinic due to low enrolment, we'll try to cover the intermediate casting stuff by introducing casting sessions at Queen Mary Park during regular meetings, weather permitting.

June will be a short month for NLFT. The first week on **June 4th** will again be a **Free Tye, Beginner Session and Discussion** (topic to be announced). The second week on **June 11th** will be our **Spring Windup and Barbeque**. There may not be a June newsletter.

April meetings consisted of 5 sessions. The first meeting was the usual business meeting followed by a free tye and a round table on still water patterns. The second week featured Phil Rowley and his terrific presentation on fishing still waters. Week three was a Free Tye and Beginner session featuring the Sno Cone. On week four we had Craig Copeland come and talk about hatchery operations and stocking. The last April session featured Charlie Eddy tying some east coast style streamers. A big thank you goes out to all our presenters.

Charlie Craven's book "Basic Fly Tying" still guides our beginners program. We have a few new members using it to learn at their own pace. You can find them tying with Club members assistance at any meeting, this month featuring moving water patterns.

We ran the first Learn to Fly Fish at the Lions Seniors Center on April 26th with about 20 attendees. Rick Lang did his usual outstanding job of leading the instruction and a good time was had by all. We all learned how to cast in cold temperatures and wind.

We have a couple of other upcoming events. On May 30th Cabalas opens its new store. We already have volunteers to provide a presence, but you may want to check the place out.

And lastly, the Kids Can Catch event is planned for June 14th at Ft Saskatchewan. If you think you'd like to contribute some quality time with eager would-be fishers, let any exec member know.

Spring is here let's go fish!

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 7th

Business Meeting, Beginners, Free Tye and Discussion

Comment: The first May meeting will consist of the usual short business meeting followed by beginners tying "must have" nymphs for rivers such as pheasant tail, hare's ear, copper john and prince nymph and a discussion session on flowing water patterns.

May 14th

Summertime Dry Flies

Comment: We will feature "booths" where you can learn synthetic and natural material wing profiles and how to tie the venerable Elk Hair Caddis. Michael Dell, Dennis Southwick and Rod Boisvert will man "booths" for information and tie along.

May 21st

Beginner Night and Flowing Water Discussion

Comment: Tonight beginners will focus on the Fly of the Month pattern, which is the Stimulator. Those not tying can join in on a discussion about all things related to flowing water, such as reading water, common hatches and more.

May 28th

Big Flash Flies

Comment: Tonight we blow the lid off your fly boxes with "Big Flash Flies." From unsinkable foam patterns to the fly of the month, Dennis turns his vise to showcase the Stimulator and stone fly nymph, and Steve DiGiuseppe shows us high floating foam body flies

June 4th

Business Meeting, Beginners, Free Tye and Discussion

Comment: The first June meeting will consist of the usual short business meeting followed by beginners tying flies for summer and a discussion session on where we want to go fishing this summer.

June 11th

Spring Wind UP and BBQ

Comment: Come on out to Queen Mary Park for burgers and pop as we get together to recap the year and plan for summer. We'll run our casting contest again just for fun, so bring your rod and reel and as the Kiwis say: "Give it a go!"

Upcoming Events

May 24 th	Beginner Casting Clinic	Rundle Park
May 24 th	Muir Lake Clean up	Muir Lake
June 7 th	Cabelas Store Opening	Cabelas
June 14 th	Kids Can Catch	Ft Saskatchewan

Fly of the Month

Pattern:	<i>Stimulator</i>
Hook:	Size 8 to 14 - 2x long
Thread:	8/0 orange
Tail:	Elk Hair
Rib:	brown, clipped
Body:	Orange dubbing
Thorax:	Yellow dubbing
Hackle:	Grizzly saddle



Comment: This month's fly is a staple for both spring and late season fishing. It can represent either a stonefly or a hopper. You can substitute material colors to suit the expected insect from black for the early Squallas to yellow and green for hoppers or if you're lucky, black and orange in big sizes for the salmon fly hatch.

Upcoming Clinic

Beginner Casting Clinic

May 24th – 9am to 5pm

Rundle Park- West End Parking Lot
2909 113 Avenue

Cost \$25.00 - Lunch on your own

Map to the home of



Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

