



From the Editor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – November 7th

Our annual fall fundraiser is scheduled for November 7th. As usual we will need donations for the silent auction. A solicitation letter will be posted on the website shortly.

We're gradually getting back into a regular club meetings schedule

As many of you know late summer and into autumn can be a great time to get out fishing since the trout have an increased appetite as they try to fatten up for the long winter that will be here too soon (bur-r-r-r). Many of our club members are taking advantage of the opportunity to go fishing while the weather holds out. Some club members are also hunters and are out trying to bag their favorite game birds or that elusive elk, moose or deer. Hopefully, the reason that a number of our regular club members have been missing the September meetings is because of the call to take advantage of the fall outdoor sporting season. I've always experienced that it is a great time to be out in nature with the changes in colors, the smell in the air of fermenting leaves and especially the good times with fishing/hunting buddies even when the fishing and hunting success is not up to par. Muir will be closed on the 31st and many fishing spots will either be closed or have the ice forming on the edges of our favorite lakes and streams all too soon.

October Meeting Programs:

We will start off on October 7th with our monthly club business meeting followed with a free tie. Experienced tiers are encouraged to assist our beginner tiers as needed. On October 14th our special guest presenter is Alison Ronson from Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS). Alison's topic for this evening will be "Protect Alberta Head Waters". We are requesting all members to please be on time as the presentation will start at 7:00 P.M. sharp. On October 21st it will be a fly tying presentation with a "Yet to be named Presenter". By October 28th most of the local fishing opportunities will over so we will be having a hands-on "Fly Reel & Line Cleaning Workshop". We pay a pretty good buck or two for our equipment and it works best if it is well maintained. This evening will be an opportunity for all members to bring your reel(s) and fly line(s) and learn the proper way to clean and lubricate them to get maximum performance. Well maintained equipment should add confidence to our fishing excursions when we head out to our favorite waters next spring.

John Marple

Club Meetings – Wednesday's at 7:00 P.M.

Queen Mary Park Community League
Equipment and Materials:
Bring your own or use the Club loaners.

10844 – 117th Street, Edmonton
The format is Informal - Drop In
Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

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Membership

\$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 (card)
- Access to large club library
- Fellowship of fellow fishers
- Tying and fishing "secrets"

Membership

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This Month's Meeting Programs

October 7th

BUSINESS MEETING + FREE TIE

October 14th

**ALISON RONSON, SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTER
FROM CANADIAN PARKS AND WILDERNESS
SOCIETY, "PROTECT ALBERTA HEAD WATERS".**

October 21st

**FLY TYING PRESENTATION WITH A YET TO BE
NAMED PRESENTER**

October 28th

**FLY REEL & FLY LINE CLEANING AND LUBRICATION
HANDS-ON WORKSHOP – ALL MEMBERS TO BRING
THEIR REEL(S) AND LINE(S)**

Aeration Systems in Alberta

Sad News for all Alberta Anglers.

"Up until very recently we have been operating our surface aeration systems under the assumption that if we did our due diligence and undertook "reasonable" precautions to warn the public of the hazards associated with the open water that we create in the ice, that we would have a substantial defense should an incident occur. However, we have now been provided with two different legal opinions that indicate that under Sec 263 of the criminal code, regardless of the precautions, warnings or barriers implement, if someone falls into the hole and dies we are guilty of manslaughter. This section of the criminal code does not provide for a due diligence defense. So as you can imagine this has created significant issues for our aeration program. At the moment we have decided that we will not be running the surface aeration program this year (unless we can find a way around the associated criminal liability); however, we are looking at a couple other options for subsurface aeration that

does not create a hole in the ice. The techniques we are looking at are much more expensive than the surface aeration, and have not been tried in our lake systems before (to the best of our knowledge).

We are working towards having a concrete plan to bring to the Fisheries Round Table meeting on October 17. I believe the plan will include three key points: 1) Attempt to super saturate all locations using surface aeration prior to ice-up. 2) Use subsurface aeration techniques on select lakes during the winter of 2015/16. 3) Stock larger trout in the spring in those lakes that do not get aerated and may suffer winter kill. None of this is confirmed, but this is the direction we are looking.

Once the Federal election is over we will ask our stakeholders to help us is persuading the Federal Government to make changes to section 263 to allow for surface aeration that benefits society as a whole (assuming reasonable efforts are made to inform people of the danger).

Shutting down aeration is not something we wanted to do, in fact we had plans to start expanding the aeration program, but this obscure law has created a significant liability that we can't ignore. We will figure something out, but there could be a couple years when the fishing in your favorite lake is not as good as it once was. I am hoping this can be minimized."

Todd Zimmerling, President and CEO of the Alberta Conservation Association: