



*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

### We're Gearing Up for Spring

I have to start off this month's newsletter with an apology. Somehow in passing out thanks to our "retiring" executive members, I missed thanking Brian Donnelly for his work on Membership. The fault is all mine. How that happened I don't know, because Brian certainly is a memorable person, as is his contribution to the Club over the last few years. I could plead pressure of time trying to get the newsletter out on short notice, but that doesn't wash.

Unfortunately, it's far too easy to take the efforts of those friends around us for granted. That isn't the case with Brian as we all greatly appreciate his work and patience, particularly during the difficult transition period. Sorry Brian. We do greatly appreciate your contribution.

While thinking of passing out thanks, our appreciation goes out to last month's presenters including: Nick Sliwdanich talking about Wholesale Sports, Phil Rowley showing us The New Fly Fisher and talking about Muir Lake, Laura McPherson talking about Culverts, Brian Bleakley for tying Unibobber patterns and Peter Morrison for talking about "Fishing the Far North". Thanks to each of you for your efforts.

Our program this month starts on **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** with **Rick LeBlanc** presenting **Rick's Entomology Primer**. Week two on **March 10<sup>th</sup>** we'll have **Merv Hassler** with a **Streamer Spectacular**. Week three, on **March 17<sup>th</sup>** will be our **Conservation Session**. **Cal Kullman** will give us an update on the **Health of the North Saskatchewan River**. Week four on **March 24<sup>th</sup>** we will have **Peter Morrison** back with us, this time talking about **Sage Rods**. The last week of the month on **March 31<sup>st</sup>** will feature the ever entertaining **Iron Fly Tyer**. I will run the show this year. We will have three victims, er ... volunteers, to take on the task of challenging Rick for the coveted title. It is a fun experience and all they'll face is a tiny bit of heckling.

Our upcoming events for 2010 can be found in the list on page two. For March, other than the regular meetings, the main events are: The Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show which runs from March 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> at Northlands. We'll need three sets of volunteers to cover off the kids tying, general demonstration and ticket and membership sales. If you give us a full session, you get free admission and we'll pay for your parking. A sign up sheet is available at meetings. This is a great way to meet the public and discuss fly fishing as a sport and promote fisheries conservation, so come out and give us a hand. Near month's end, The Fishin' Hole Outdoor Show is on at the Mayfield Convention Center on March 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. Here again volunteers will be needed to set up and man the booths. We'll have sign up lists at meetings for this event also.

The raffle for the bamboo fly rod donated by Don Anderson is still on. Tickets are selling briskly. We draw the winning number at the Fishin' Hole Show. Get your tickets soon.

There are workgroups currently planning two main spring events. One, spearheaded by Dave Murray, is working on a "Beginner Tying Seminar" and the other, headed by Dennis Southwick, is working on an "Introduction to Fly Fishing" course. Both are aimed at the general public. We hope to have dates and more information soon.

And final news for the month is a reminder of the upcoming Trout Unlimited Annual Edmonton Dinner and Auction on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Edmonton Crowne Plaza. Tickets are \$150.00 each which includes your dinner and a TU membership. We'll need volunteers to assist with various activities on the evening. So mark our calendar to be either an attendee or volunteer for this major Trout Unlimited fund raiser.

*Support our freshwater fishery. Without it we lose our favorite pastime! 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>

### Benefits Include:

- Fishing Presentations and Fly Tying Sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- Canadian Fly Fisher
- Club event discounts
- Selected retailer discounts (with card)
- Access to large club library
- Fellowship of fellow fishers
- Tying and fishing "secrets"

### Membership

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## MEETINGS

**MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>**

### RICK'S ENTOMOLOGY PRIMER

**Presenter:** *Rick LeBlanc*

**Comment:** *Rick has been taking seine samples of local waters for the past six years, and has learned a few things that are particular to our area. He applies this knowledge towards a commonsense approach to fly fishing. Save yourself the trouble of taking hundreds of samples, and benefit from Rick's interest in entomology.*

**MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>**

### STREAMER SPECTACULAR

**Tyer:** *Merv Hasler*

**Pattern:** *The Chief*

Tag: Narrow Flat Silver Tinsel  
 Tail: Red Duck or Goose Feather  
 Body: Red silk  
 Rib: Narrow Flat Silver Tinsel  
 Throat: Red and Yellow Saddle Hackle  
 Wing: Red Saddle Hackle over Yellow Saddle hackle  
 Cheeks: Jungle Cock, Rather Short

**Pattern:** *Grey Ghost*

Tag: Narrow Flat Silver Tinsel  
 Body: Red or Orange Floss  
 Rib: Fine Silver Wire  
 Wing: 4 Grey Saddle Hackle  
 Over Wing: 4 Strands of peacock Hearl  
 Throat: Golden Pheasant Crest Fibers  
 Cheeks: Silver Pheasant Body Feathers and Jungle Cock Eyes

**Pattern:** *Cosseboom Streamer*

Tag: Flat Silver Tinsel  
 Tail: Golden Pheasant Crest  
 Rib: Flat Silver Tinsel  
 Body: Orange Silk Floss  
 Throat: Extremely Small bunches of 4 items: Bronze Peacock herl, Grey Squirrel Tail, Green Peacock herl, Red Squirrel Tail, AND DO IT AGAIN  
 Wing: Black and White Teal Feathers as a collar  
 Cheeks: Teal Body Feather, Jungle Cock Eyes  
 Head: Red Thread

**Comment:** *Merv will tie some of his favorite streamers.*

**MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**

## CONSERVATION FOCUS MEETING

### NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER HEALTH

**Presenter:** *Cal Kullman*

**Comment:** *Cal Kullman is from the National Award Winning "River Watch" program. He will discuss the program that includes water chemistry and biology tests from their 10km float on the North Saskatchewan River with high school students.*

## MEETINGS CONTINUED

**MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>**

### SAGE RODS

**Presenter:** *Peter Morrison*

**Comment:** *Peter will show us how Sage rods are made and will bring some samples for us to look at and maybe test out.*

**MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

### IRON FLY TYER

**Presenter:** *Chairman Robinson-Kaga*

**Defender:** *Rick Leblanc*

**Challengers:** *Barry Wright, Carl Johnson, Merv Hasler*

**Format:** The competitors will use their own materials and equipment to construct three flies in a one-hour time frame: a dry fly, a wet fly and a streamer. A "surprise" material will be given out at the start of tying that must be incorporated into each fly. Flies will be judged on: Appearance, Tying Techniques, Originality, Best Use of Mystery Material and Potential Catching Ability. The winner earns the coveted title of "Iron Fly Tyer" until the next competition.

**Comments:** *Chairman Dave will host this annual (mostly) event to put our club's finest tyers to the ultimate test. Unknown materials and tight time linse will have three competitors test their tying skills. Who will stand the test of fire and become the next IRON FLY TYER?*

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2010

Mar 18 – 21 Edmonton Sportsman's Show Northlands  
 Mar 25- 28 Fishin' Hole Outdoor Show Mayfield  
 Spring Beginner's Tying Seminar Queen Mary Park  
 Spring Introduction to Fly Fishing Queen Mary Park

## FALL TYING SEMINAR ADVANCE NOTICE

*Our featured guest for a One Day Fall Fly Tying Seminar in October or November will be A. K. Best, one of fly tying's legends. We'll let you know further details as they develop.*

## MAP TO THE HOME OF



Northern Lights Fly Tyers  
 Trout Unlimited Edmonton

