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Fly Tyers & Fishers



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FROM THE EDITOR

WE'RE MOVING!!!

Yes, that's right. Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers are moving our meeting location. The City of Edmonton is closing the Central Lions Seniors Center at the end of December for a year and a half in order to undertake major renovations. So we needed a new home. The choice has been made and it's not a long distance move, only about 8 blocks.

The **Queen Mary Park Community League** is our new home at **10844 – 117th Street**, starting **January 3rd**. It's just across from Rosario's Restaurant. The rooms are spacious, the storage adequate and there's plenty of off-street parking. And importantly, the cost is affordable. Check the Map on Page 2.

November's programs went well. Ron Hagen rounded up a few potential rod builders and we started the beginner's sessions. Bill Gouge gave us a good overview of how to photograph our fly tying efforts and Vince demonstrated his favorite CFF. Greg gave a brief overview of GPS equipment and its use. Finally, Michael Dell took on Fishing Lakes. It was a full month.

This month is a short one due to the Christmas season! For our first weekly meeting on **December 6th**, **Brian Bleackley** does a **show-and-tell on Fly Tying Tools**. The second week, **November 13th**, **Dennis Southwick** presents a **Royal Humpy**. We also continue the **Beginner Tying Sessions with an Adams**. Week 3 on **December 20th**, we have our **Christmas Wind-up**.

The annual FESA Silent Auction in support of Muir Lake held November 18th at Bo Diddleys was a resounding success. Jointly with TU, The Edmonton Old Timers and Edmonton Trout Club we raised about \$4500.00. That will be enough to keep the aerators running and keep up with minor improvements. Our thanks go out to all those who attended and bid on items. Huge thanks go to Brian Bleackley and his helpers for organizing the event, obtaining auction items and running what was a very enjoyable evening

Muir Lake is now iced-up and closed to fishing. Northern Lights will be taking our turn at the Muir watch during January. Our volunteer members drive by occasionally to see if they aerators are running and ensure no-one is straying too close. If you want to add you name to the list of watchers, let Emerson Dober know.

Our major seminar **January 20th and 21st** is all set. Tickets are now available. See Emerson Dober to get yours early! Posters are up in all the shops and some magazine advertising is coming. **Dave Hughes and Jim Schollmeyer** are still finalizing the actual program, but the list of possibilities is exciting.

Note that the NLFT&F Meeting is scheduled for January 17th. Plan now to come out and help ratify our new bylaws and elect the new executive.

Dang we've had a lot of snow already! Are winter woolies enough? **Dave Robinson**

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: *Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.*
Lions Senior Citizens Center *11113 - 113 Street*
Equipment and Materials: Bring your own or use the Club loaners
The format is Informal Drop In Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: Next program December 18th @ Lions Seniors Center - 11113 - 113 Street - (Arts & Crafts Room 3) - 7:30 pm, Speaker to be announced.

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MEMBERSHIP

Only \$20.00

January to December

Benefits Include:

- Regular meetings and tying sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- Club event discounts
- Selected retailer discounts (with card)
- Access to club library
- Fellowship of like-minded fishers
- Tying and fishing "secrets"

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MEETINGS

DECEMBER 6TH

FLY TYING TOOLS

Presenter: *Brian Bleackley*

Comment: *Every wondered what that funny looking gizmo you got in your fly tying kit was for? Did you know there is a tool for tying knots in feathers and why you might want to do so? How many kinds of dubbing twistlers do you think there are and what is so magic about a Magic Tool? Brian is going to give you as many of those answers as he can. If you think you know all that stuff, then bring all those oddball tools you have and play "Stump the Brian".*

DECEMBER 13TH

FEATURE FLY

Pattern: *Royal Humpy*

Tyer: *Dennis Southwick*

- Hook #12 standard dry or 12 scud light wire.
- Thread 8/0 brown or black
- Tail Moose mane
- Body Peacock hurl & red floss
- Overbody Deer or elk hair
- Wing White calf tail or white antron
- Hackle Brown & grizzly or brown at least

Comment: *Dennis will also demonstrate a variation of the standard Humpy using foam. Be sure to have some foam colours of your choice (brown, tan, black or a bright colour), then basically the same materials as a regular humpy.*

BEGINNERS FLY TYING

Pattern: *Adams Dry Fly*

- Hook # 12 standard dry
- Thread 6/0 gray or black
- Tail Moose mane
- Body Gray dubbing
- Wing White antron
- Hackle Grizzly saddle - fine

Comment: *We'll offer the third session of the year for new fly tyers. Bring your vices and tools if you want to help out.*

DECEMBER 20TH

CHRISTMAS WIND UP

Comment: *This is a chance to share some Christmas fellowship. NLFT&F will provide the refreshments (non-alcoholic). You provide the atmosphere. For the ambitious, bring your vice and stuff and tie up a Christmas themed fly. Santa won't likely be making an appearance as he's started his gig at Capilano Mall in preparation for the big day.*

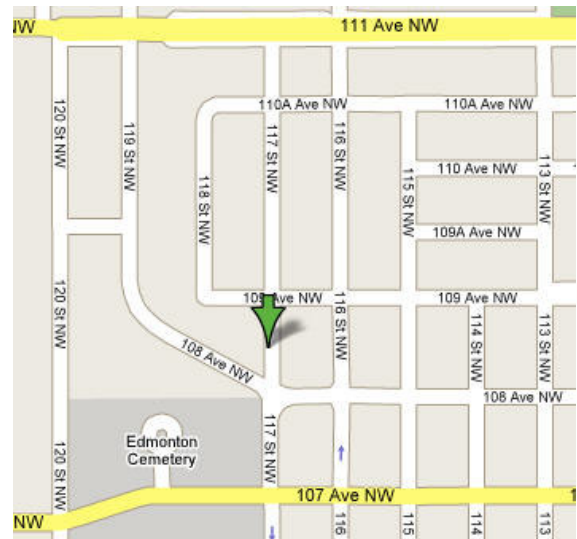
DECEMBER 27TH

NO MEETING

JANUARY 3RD

TO BE ANNOUNCED

MAP TO NEW HOME



NLFT&F Meeting Location - Starting January 3rd

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 20th & 21st Dave Hughes & Jim Schollmeyer Grant McEwan

JANUARY SEMINAR

Dave Hughes and Jim Schollmeyer

January 20th and 21st, 2007

Grant McEwan College

Main Campus - 10700 - 104 Avenue

Room 6-212

9 am to 5pm both days

Cost \$75.00 for both days

GIFTS FOR THE FLY FISHER

At the risk of being thought repetitive, I'm including a list from 2002 of the kind of things a Fly Tyer and Fisher would like to find in their stocking.

- Shortie Wading Vest (for those with chest waders)
- Inflatable PFD (for those with a float tube)
- Fishing Calendar with photos of famous trout streams.
- Subscription to Fly Tyer, or American Angler Magazines
- Polarized Sunglasses with side shields
- Fluorocarbon Tippet Material- 3x, 4x and 5x Spools
- Rotary Fly Tying Vise (Why not upgrade?)
- Ceramic or Ruby Tipped Bobbin
- Thompson "Ice Tempered" Scissors
- Clip on magnifiers for glasses
- Whitting Farms No2 Grizzly Saddle Hackle
- Rio or Scientific Anglers "Intermediate" Fly Line
- **Ticket to Dave Hughes and Jim Schollmeyer**

