

## FROM THE EDITOR

### Muir Lake Open! Let The Fun Begin!

Yes that's right, the midnight derby went as scheduled and I understand some decent fish were caught. The rumors of a winter kill there proved false. However, it looks as if Spring and Chikakoo may have suffered badly. We've not heard word yet on the other local ponds, so if you are out fishing, please post reports on the forum, although you don't have to be too specific in that public place. Bring your secrets to Club meetings.

Our annual Silent Auction fund raiser ran on April 21<sup>st</sup> at Bo Diddlys. Once again our members came through with a fine event. There were a lot more spouses this time around and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We managed to raise about \$2000 each for TU and NLFT&F. Way to Go Brian and helpers!

A successful April program has come and gone. Our Charter Changes were debated in a civil and productive fashion with some amendments adopted. Dale Johnson demonstrated how to tie a Golden Stone nymph, Stephen Spencer gave us an update on local lakes and Dennis Southwick stepped in for Paul Fitt to demonstrate an SA Hopper. Our beginners group continued to grow with two productive sessions. March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> was the Outdoor Show sponsored by The Fishin' Hole and Camper's Village. Our "NLFT&F Kids Tying" booth there was a hit once again with lots of kids and parents were entertained by Club volunteers. Thanks for the efforts to all involved.

At our first weekly meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we have Dennis Southwick doing two of his Muir Lake patterns. The second week, May 9<sup>th</sup>, we have Phil Rowley talking about Fly Fishing for Walleye and Picking Hackle. By popular request, Beginners will be tying a Prince Nymph. Week 3 on May 16<sup>th</sup>, has an open discussion on Boat Safety and Angling Etiquette. The fourth week, May 23<sup>rd</sup> finds Michael Dell talking about 21 Tricks with Peacock Herl. We will continue Beginner Tying with a Bunny Bug. And the Final Week May 30<sup>th</sup> we have Volunteered Tiers showing us their favorite Chironomid Patterns

Our Members Only Beginners Casting Clinic is slated for May 5<sup>th</sup> at Rundle Park. See the box on the second page for details. We'll need volunteers to help teach, so if you can help, contact me. The Intermediate Clinic follows on June 5th at the same locale. Again Volunteers are needed.

Brian Bleackley is still looking for volunteers for June 6<sup>th</sup> to do kids tying at Good Sheppard Elementary School and June 9<sup>th</sup> at River Days. If you can help out give Brian a call.

We're still meeting at Queen Mary Park Community League, 10844 - 117<sup>th</sup> Street. Come join us for coffee and donuts at the nearest Timmy's after.

And lastly, now that the real fishing season is here, make sure to get your new license. Also it would be helpful to club members if you post upcoming trips on the forum. New members can become new friends with a joint trip.

*I finally inflated my new Zodiac! Look out fish!*

*Dave Robinson*

## CLUB MEETINGS

**Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions:**

*Queen Mary Park Community League*

Equipment and Materials:

The format is Informal Drop In

*Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.*

*10844 - 117<sup>th</sup> Street*

Bring your own or use the Club loaners

Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

## TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: Regular program is complete for this part of the year. Programs will resume in the fall.

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## MEMBERSHIP

**Only \$20.00**

January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>

**Benefits Include:**

- Fishing Presentations & Fly Tying Sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- 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

**MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**Tyer:** *Dennis Southwick*  
**Pattern:** *Improved Llama Leech*  
 Hook: Size 12 - Mustad 9672  
 Thread: 6/0 black  
 Bead: Red Tungsten  
 Tail: Olive Llama or Marabou  
 Body: Olive Crystal Chenille  
 Collar: Dark Green Mallard Flank

**Pattern:** *Muir Lake Backswimmer*  
 Hook: Size 10 - Mustad scud hook  
 Thread: 6/0 black  
 Body: Opal holographic super flash  
 Back: Black craft foam  
 Legs: Black rubber legs

**Comment:** *Dennis will demonstrate two patterns of his own design that are useful for local ponds.*

**MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**Presenter:** *Phil Rowley*  
**Topics:** *Fly Fishing for Walleye & How to Pick Hackle*

**Comment:** *Phil will cover the basics of fly fishing for Walleye (although don't expect him to give away his secret spots) and will give a short presentation on how to select hackle.*

## BEGINNERS FLY TYING

**Pattern:** *Prince Nymph*  
 Hook: Wet fly - # 10 to # 16  
 Thread: 6/0 to 8/0 black  
 Tail: Brown Goose Biots  
 Rib: Fine gold wire  
 Body: Peacock herl  
 Beard: Brown Hen Hackle  
 Horns: White Goose Biots

**Comment:** *This is a basic, but effective pattern.*

**MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**Topic:** *Basic Boat Safety & Angling Etiquette*  
**Presenter:** *Open Discussion*

**Comment:** *Open water season is upon us. It's time to review basic boat safety to ensure we have no tragic accidents this season. And we'll discuss basic fishing etiquette that can make you a friendlier angler. We'll call on experienced members to give their take on the two topics.*

**MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**Speaker:** *Michael Dell*  
**Topic:** *21 Tricks with Peacock Herl*

**Comment:** *Michael will do another of his informative and amusing presentations. This time he will show you some tricks for handling peacock herl. Some are simple, and some you have seen before. But there are some new tricks for the old dogs to learn.*

## BEGINNERS FLY TYING

**Pattern:** *Bunny Bug*  
 Hook: Wet fly - # 2 to 2/0  
 Thread: 3/0 or 6/0 Clear or White  
 Weed guard: 30 pound mono  
 Tail: Yellow Cross Cut Rabbit Strip  
 Body: Red and White Cross Cut Rabbit Strip

**Comment:** *Thumper gives his all for the fly fisher. This is a effective fly for pike. The general idea is to make it large and gaudy with lots of action.*

**MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**Tyer:** *To Be Announced*  
**Pattern:** *Chironomids for Ponds*

**Comment:** *We're going to con a member or two to do their favorite Chironomid patter for the local ponds. If you want to volunteer, see Dennis Southwick. If you don't, avoid him like the plague, 'cause he'll be hunting candidates.*

## Beginners Fly Casting Clinic

**A one day Casting Clinic**

**Presented by the**  
*Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers*

**MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2007**

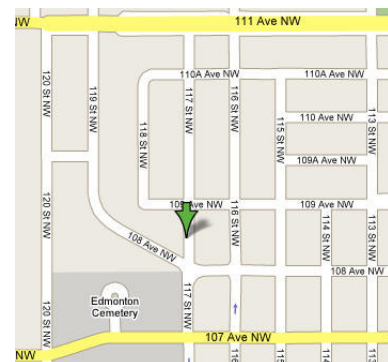
Featuring one-on-one instruction by Club members

**Rundle Park**

**Westernmost parking lot**  
 2903 - 113 Avenue, Edmonton  
**From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Cost Members: \$5.00**  
**Non Members: \$25.00**

## MAP TO NLFT&F HOME



NLFT&F Meeting Location

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Beginners Casting Clinic	Rundle Park
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Intermediate Casting Clinic	Rundle Park
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Demonstration	Good Sheppard Elementary
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	River Days	Rundle Park