

From the Editor

Santa's Coming and He's Making a List!

Have you been Naughty or Nice? Did you limit your catch rather than catching your limit? Did you share the water or hog the pool? Did you pack garbage out or leave it behind? Did you share a successful fly or give misdirection? Did you take your better half somewhere other than a lake? Remember, it's the small things St. Nick notes.

The courts have recently directed a company found guilty of a chemical spill to have its fine directed to an environmental enhancement project. Michael Dell and TU convinced them that a great use would be establishment of a new delayed harvest fishery near Winfield. The potential lake is being researched and the change in regulations is expected for the 2009 year. This is an encouraging example of how to handle environmental issues.

The change in our meeting format has been great. We've had a number of active vices at meetings and the banter and discussion has increased a lot. We're encouraging everyone to wear nametags so that we can get to know each other better. Everyone seems to be having fun and meetings now end no earlier than 9pm. If you haven't been to a meeting recently, come on out and see for yourself. The coffee's on. You will be pleasantly surprised.

Our club "rummage sale" last month was a great success. We sold about \$1100.00 worth of materials, hooks, books etc. That will let us add more DVDs to the library. Jerry's looking for suggestions on what to acquire, so if you have a favorite, let him know.

December's program is short. Our first weekly meeting on **December 5th** will again be an **Executive Tye Along**, showcasing our new format. The second week, **December 12th**, we have **Michael Dell** demonstrating a **Matuka Streamer**. We also have **Beginner Session #6**, with us tying a **Flashback Pheasant Tail**. On the third week, **December 19th**, we have our **Christmas Wind Up** with pop and pizza. Bring your photos and stories for the year

Club Elections will be held at the annual general meeting on January 19th. We will have at least two vacancies on the executive (President and Secretary). This is a volunteer driven organization and we want some new blood amongst the leadership. If you want to contribute to the Club and have an impact on its direction, step up to the plate and offer your services. If you wish to run for any executive position, let Pauline know as she's the Elections Officer.

January brings with it the Fly Fishing Symposium in Calgary. As usual, we will be sending a contingent to enliven proceedings and man the Kids Tying Booth. If you want to volunteer, speak to anyone on the executive. More information will come in the January newsletter.

We're in the final stages of planning **Skip and Rick's Fly Fishing Road Show** which is will be held **January 19th and 20th** featuring **Skip Morris and Rick Hafele**. Keep your ears open for volunteer opportunities. Posters should be in the fly shops by now and tickets are available at Club meetings and the fly shops. Remember, they make a great Christmas gift.

Memberships for 2008 are available starting Dec 5!

Dave Robinson

Club Meetings

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions:
Queen Mary Park Community League

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.
10844 – 117th Street

Equipment and Materials:
The format is Informal Drop In

Bring your own or use the Club loaners
Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

Trout Unlimited Notices

Trout Unlimited Events: Seminar Room, Northgate Lions Seniors Centre (7524 139 Avenue)
7:30 pm December 17th, 2007: Don Anderson – The Status of Alberta Fishing

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Membership

Only \$20.00

January 1st to December 31st

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"

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Meetings

December 5th

Executive Tie

Comment: *This week, after a short business meeting, we will again use the new layout and format to expose your outgoing club executive to close scrutiny. We will spread ourselves amongst the tables and tie one or more of our favorite patterns. Bring your vises and materials and tie along with us. If last time was any indication, expect lots of vices & advice.*

December 12th

Tyer: *Michael Dell*

Pattern: *Matuka Streamer*

- Hook: Streamer hook size 2-8
- Thread: 3/0 black
- Weight: Lead substitute wire (optional)
- Body: Yarn or chenille, tan or brown
- Wing: Two matched feathers, right and left
- Rib: Gold wire
- Hackle: Feather the same size and colour as wing

Note: *The Matuka winging style is way of attaching a streamer wing so it will not foul around the hook bend.*

Beginners Session #6

Pattern: *Flashback Pheasant Tail Nymph*

- Hook #14 to 6 wet fly 2 X long - Tiemco 200R
- Tail: Pheasant tail
- Rib: Fine gold wire
- Back: Pearl Mylar or Flashabou
- Abdomen and Legs: Pheasant tail
- Thorax: Peacock Herl

Comment: *Good generic nymph with a bit of flash. Can also be tied with a bead head or weighted.*

December 19th

Christmas Wind Up

Pop, Pizza and Brag Night

Comment: *This is our annual year end wind up. The Club provides pizza and pop along with the usual coffee and tea. You provide the photos and stories covering your year's fishing. Bring your vices as well just in case you want to tie some festive flies.*

Blind Bugger Ball Photo

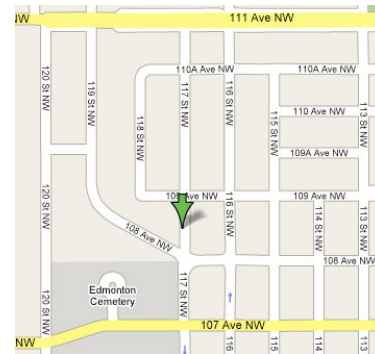


So who exactly is blind?

Upcoming Events

January 16 th	Club Elections	Queen Mary Park
January 19 th -20 th	Hafele & Morris Seminar	Grant MacEwan
January 25 th -27 th	Calgary Fly Fishing Expo	Spruce Meadows
February 28 th	TU & NLFT&F Silent Auction	Bo Diddleys
March 13 th -16 th	Edmonton Sportsman's Show	Northlands
March ??	Outdoor Show	Mayfield

Map to NLFT&F Home



NLFT&F Meeting Location

January Seminar

Skip and Rick's Fly – Fishing Road Show

A Two Day Fly-Fishing Seminar

January 19th & 20th, 2008

Featuring

SKIP MORRIS & RICK HAFELE

Main Campus - Grant McEwan Community College – Room 6-212

9 am to 5 pm Saturday – 9 am to 4 pm Sunday

Cost: Both days \$80.00

Fly Fishing Christmas Gifts

Club Logo Clothing: Hats, t-shirts, fishing shirts, fleece vests and jackets make great gifts.

Club Membership: Give someone you know who's not a fly fisher a membership and offer to take them fly fishing.

Hafele and Morris Ticket: After all, what fly fisher wants to miss this dynamic duo.

Package of Tapered Leaders: Any fly fisher needs a guilt free way to get rid of "wind knots". Two for Loren I think.

Nymph Fishing Rivers and Streams by Rick Hafele: For those, like Vince, who find nymphing an under-used technique.

SOSpenders: For those who have trouble staying upright when wading. That would be Bob, Lance and Splash right?

Patterns of Umpqua Feather Merchants: For that tyer who has trouble sticking to patterns. What, not Dennis?

Spare Fly Rods: For unexpected breakages. How many Brian?

Bonefishing Trip to Belize: A guy can dream can't he?

Tentative January Program

January 2nd Executive Tie

Comment: *We'll start the year off with an open tie. To encourage mixing and tying, your executive will once again spread themselves amongst the tables and tie one or more of our favorite patterns. Bring your vises and materials and tie along with us.*

Beginners Session #7

Pattern: Chernobyl Ant

Comment: *We'll get someone (Dave Rick or Woolly) to teach one of our favorite attractor patterns.*

January 9th

Tyer: Phil Rowley

Topic: How We Won the Canadians

Note: *Phil will describe how the team he was on won the 2007 Canadian Fly Fishing Championships. He may also tie a fly or two.*

January 16th Annual General Meeting

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Previous Minutes
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Membership Report
- Program Report
- FESA Report
- Newsletter Report
- Library Report
- Election of Officers
- New Business

Comment: *We'll need your participation to ensure the Club is set up to run effectively for the next year.*

January 23rd

Pattern: Michael Sullivan

Tyer: Large Ecosystem Changes

Comment: *This talk is about Alberta examples of what happens when you introduce large ecosystem changes.*

Beginners Session #8

Pattern: RB Emerger

Comment: *We'll tie a fly invented by a Club member that is designed to represent an emerging midge.*

January 30th

Topic: Knotty Night

Presenter: Dave Robinson

Comment: *Dave will demonstrate a few common knots. Material will be provided to practice.*

Skip and Rick's Fly - Fishing Road Show

Program Outline

Day 1

Morning

- Rick Understanding Western Hatches Part 1
- Skip Fundamentals of Nymph Fishing
- Rick Understanding Western Hatches Part 2

Afternoon

- Skip Fishing the Depths of Lakes
- Rick Understanding Western Hatches Part 3
- Skip Doing Creeks

Day 2

Morning

- Skip Tying and Fishing Mayflies Part 1
- Rick Caddis: What, Where and When
- Skip Tying and Fishing Mayflies Part 2

Afternoon

- Rick Understanding Emergers
- Skip Tying and Fishing Mayflies Part 3
- Rick Five Fishing Mistakes You Don't Want to Make

Membership Reminder

You will need a membership card to vote at the NLFT&F annual general meeting January 23rd and for retailer discounts starting in January.

Memberships for the 2008 year will be available starting December 5, 2007.

Winter Warning

Now that the real cold weather has arrived, if you plan on going ice fishing or fishing in the few remaining open streams, make sure you **understand the symptoms of hypothermia and know what to do** if you or your fishing buddy start to show them.

If you are thinking of going ice fishing, **be very careful of ice thickness**. At a minimum, 3" to 4" of solid ice are necessary for walking on ice. **Do not go anywhere near open water**. And if you venture out on ice, make sure to **carry a pair of ice picks, on a rope, around your neck**. In the event you accidentally fall through, they will save your life. And remember that your vehicle insurance is void if you drive on ice covered water.