

FROM THE EDITOR

Another year has gone by. Did you get enough fishing n?

Winter has hit full force. We now have enough snow to make driving an adventure and the other morning my back yard thermometer read -30C. With that kind of temperature it won't be long before you can safely walk on the lakes, except those with aerators. There are still a disturbing number of people who don't realize the peril of walking on ice adjacent to open water. If you go in, hypothermia is only a splash away. Please be careful and always carry a safety kit the your car that includes a candle, matches, small tin to melt water, extra clothing, a blanket or sleeping bag , snow shovel and some emergency rations and your cell phone. We want everyone to survive our cold weather unscathed.

The last month for 2009 was a varied program. Those of us in a tying mood got going on the Packing Foam Fly Swap. Week one we had Brian Bleackley do Wing Burners and Wing Cutters. The second week Peter Aku gave us the lowdown on the ACA and how it is structured. The final session of the year was our Christmas Wind-Up & Swap & Sale. There were bargains to be had on material and clothing.

We have a varied program for January as well. **January 7th** we get what will be another great presentation by **Phil Rowley** entitled **Favorite Flies of 2008**. Week two on **January 14th** will have **Doug Northstein** giving us a talk on **Staying Safe in Bear Country**. For those like Vince who find the real Fozzy intimidating, this will be chance to hear some good ways to avoid problems. Week three on **January 21st** will be our **Annual General Meeting**. This is where you get to decide on how the club is to be run for the next year. All positions are open for election and a few will need new faces due to incumbents declining to run. So come on out and have your voice heard. The last meeting on **January 28th** will be a **Free Tie and Newbie Night** with your **New Club Executive**. Bring your vices and material and tie a pattern or two along with your club execs. If you are a beginning tyer or just want to find out how to tie a particular pattern, do not be shy! Take advantage of the last week and sit down with one of us and let us know what you need. We are a teaching club and are just dying to help you out!

Our major seminar will go **January 17th & 18th** featuring **Dave and Emily Whitlock** for two days of fly fishing and tying entertainment and knowledge. Dave and Emily will cover a whole range of topics including knots, leaders, bugs and flowers. Dave has promised four tying sessions. Given his fabulous ability this will be great instruction all. We'll have some of Dave's books to buy and get autographed and there will be raffles and a silent auction. I hear the raffle and auction items this year are first rate. The cost is \$80 for two days, but members who buy their ticket from the Club prior to December 31, get a great discount at \$60 each.

Once again we will be running a **Kid's Tying Table** at the **Calgary Fly Fishing Exposition** from **January 23rd to 25th**. Helping kids tie a Wooly Bugger can be a lot of fun. Talk to Dave Murray if you can help out.

Happy New Year to all Fly Fishers and Fly Tyers!!

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Queen Mary Park Community League

Equipment and Materials:

The format is Informal Drop In

10844 – 117th Street

Bring your own or use the Club loaners

Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: January date and topic to be announced Check with Doc or Michael Dell. 7:30pm, Central Lions Senior Recreation Center 11113 113 ST

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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

JANUARY 7TH

Tyer: *Phil Rowley*
Favorite Flies of 2008 plus-

Pattern: **Balance Leech**

Hook: Wet Fly #8 to 16
 Thread 8/0
 Bead: Tungsten mounted on a Safety Pin
 Tail: Marabou and Flashabou
 Body: Sparkle blend dubbing

Comment: *Phil will show us an innovative pattern that is sure to be a hit with all the Stillwater fishermen.*

JANUARY 14TH

STAYING SAFE IN BEAR COUNTRY

Guest: *Doug Northstein*
Sustainable Resource Development
Fish and Wildlife

Comment: *Doug will talk about Bears, their nature and habits and how that presents problems and solutions for fishermen. He'll discuss various means of bear deterrence and avoidance and what to do if you have an unplanned encounter,*

JANUARY 21ST

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Comment: *This is your opportunity to determine how the club is to run for the next year. All executive positions are open for election and several incumbents will not be running again. If you have an inclination to help out, you are more than welcome to step up to the plate and volunteer for any position. We'll try to keep the business short, but the agenda is set by our constitution, so we do have some stuff to get done. Come on out and help us with the annual chores.*

JANUARY 28TH

FREE TYE AND NEWBIE NIGHT

Presenters: *Club Executive*

Comment: *If you are new to the Club, here's your chance to get acquainted and learn how to tie. Your Club Executive will spread themselves amongst the tables and will come prepared to tie a pattern or two. Bring your equipment and questions. We'll be glad to give you a head start on tying. If you are an established tyer who just needs help with a technique or pattern, you are welcome too. And you can always tie some flies for the TU and Casting for Life donation boxes.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 7 th	Meetings Resume	Queen Mary Park
Jan. 17 th & 18 th	Dave & Emily Whitlock	Grant McEwan Main Campus
January 23-25	Calgary Fly Fishing Expo	Spruce Meadows
Feb TBA	NLFT&F Annual Silent Auction	TBA
Mar 12 th & 15 th	Boat & Sportsman's Show	Northlands Agricom
Mar 26 th - 29 th	Outdoor Show	Mayfield Conference Center

JANUARY SEMINAR



Trout Unlimited Canada
Edmonton Chapter

Present

Dave and Emily
Whitlock

JANUARY 17TH & 18TH, 2009

Grant McEwan College

10700 - 104 Avenue

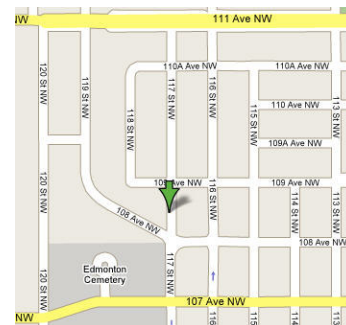
Room # 6-212 - 9 am to 5 pm

\$80.00

Come out and hear from a well-known angler, guide, author and renowned fly fishing expert.

Tickets available at Club meetings, at all locations of the Fishin' Hole and at the Fishing Center and at the door

MAP TO NLFT&F HOME



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR THE FLY FISHER

This year I resolve to:

- Carry fewer boxes of flies I never use
- Look at the water before wading or starting to fish
- Share my successful pattern with another angler
- Not blame the knot in my leader on the wind
- Let my spouse know where I'm going & when returning
- Take one beginner fly fishing
- Check for trees before starting the back cast
- Fish enough to lower my blood pressure 10 points
- Yield the prime spot in the pool to the next angler
- Give more fish a chance to be caught again