

## FROM THE EDITOR

### What an eventful month January was!!

Firstly, we are now in the process of amalgamating with the Edmonton Chapter of Trout Unlimited. The local TU chapter ran into problems getting enough executive members to continue. Rather than let the chapter fold, we jointly decided that the best course was to join forces. There's a bunch of logistics to sort out, such as name and constitution, but the process is well underway. Our first joint meeting is on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Secondly, we had a significant hiccup involving our major seminar on the weekend of January 17<sup>th</sup>. On the Wednesday before, we were informed that Dave and Emily Whitlock couldn't attend due to circumstances beyond their control. Rather than hang their heads, our executive, led in yeoman fashion by Brian Bleackley, leapt into the breach and put together an impromptu replacement featuring Jim McLennan and Phil Rowley. These two gentlemen demonstrated incredible professionalism and commitment to the sport by putting together an outstanding program on very short notice, leaving all attendees feeling that they had learned a lot and that the seminar was a great success. Our heartfelt thanks go out to both Phil and Jim for the big favor they did us and for a job very well done. A large thank-you goes out to those from NLFT&F who pitched in to help reorganize and man the seminar. I won't name names for risk for missing somebody, other than huge thanks to Brian Bleackley who shouldered the bulk of the reorganizing work. Way to Go!! Oh Yeah, **The Whitlocks' Seminar will take place** on a delayed basis on **April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**. See page three for details.

Thirdly, we held our annual general meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>. This resulted in a new executive being elected featuring some incumbents (Wooly returns as Prez.), some returnees (Dennis and Vince) and a new member (Barry Wright). See the list at the right for details.

Fourthly, we again ran a Kid's Tying Table at the Calgary Fly Fishing Exposition from January 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. Helping kids (both big and small) tie a Wooly Bugger was lots of fun. We talked to lots of show attendees and enjoyed sharing the tying area with the Calgary Hook and Hackle. We'll definitely have to arrange a joint outing with them this summer. On another positive note, Casting for Life used a shadow box from Tak Shimazu and a Green Drake box from Barry Wright to raise \$1000.000 for the cause. Great work guys!

In addition to all the above, our program last month included Phil Rowley tying some of his favorite flies and a talk session led by Doug Northstein on Bear Safety. The last week will be a Newbie Tie with the new Club Executives.

We have a good program for February. On **February 4<sup>th</sup>** we get **Rob Clarke** from **Superfly** doing a **Tye Along Demonstration** (bring your vices). Week two on **February 11<sup>h</sup>** will have **Michael Dell** showing us **Fun With Macrane Yarn** using three venerable patterns. Week three on **February 18<sup>th</sup>** we do our first **Joint Meeting with TU** featuring the **Raven River Study**. The last meeting on **February 25<sup>th</sup>** finds **Dennis Southwick** showing us **Two Denisized Flies**.

*Don't miss out on the fun. Come out to a meeting and tie with us!!* **Dave Robinson**

## CLUB MEETINGS

**Queen Mary Park Community League**

Equipment and Materials:

The format is Informal Drop In

**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 Meeting: Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, Queen Mary Park Community League, 10844 – 117<sup>th</sup> Street – Raven River Study – Brian Popowich

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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

### FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

**Tyer:** Rob Clarke

**Pattern:** Hairy Carey

Hook: #6 Streamer 2 or 3X long Mustad 9672  
 Thread: 8Black 6/0 unithread  
 Tail: Calf tail, peacock sword or golden or Amherst Pheasant crest (use your imagination)  
 Body: Medium black crystal chenille  
 Wing: Polar Bear (10 strand orange) and grey fox (options include bucktail, ostrich and mallard)  
 Flash: Crystal flash or Flashabou  
 Hackle: Pheasant rump (natural brown)

**Comment:** We welcome Rob from Superfly back to demo a couple of patterns in the "tye along" style. For each, Rob will first do a quick tye followed by a step-by-step demonstration with time for the audience to tye along. Rob will provide the necessary materials. All you need to bring is your vice, thread and tools.

### FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>

**Tyer:** Michael Dell

**Pattern:** Don Andersen's CFF (Hundred Fish Fly)

Hook: dry fly size 10-16  
 Thread: brown or olive 8/0  
 Tail: brown macramé yarn (polypropylene),  
 Body: peacock herl wrapped in a rope, reinforced with thin copper wire or tying thread  
 Wing: white macramé yarn downwing  
 Hackle: brown

**Pattern:** House and Lot Variant Variation

Hook: dry fly size 10-18  
 Thread: brown or olive 8/0  
 Wing: white macramé yarn, divided  
 Tail: white macramé yarn  
 Body: peacock herl stripped for back 1/3 quill body, full herl for middle 1/3  
 Hackle: brown

**Pattern:** Foam Humpy

Hook: dry fly size 10-18  
 Thread: red 6/0 (or colour to match body)  
 Wing: white macramé yarn, divided  
 Tail: white macramé yarn  
 Overbody: foam  
 Body: tying thread  
 Hackle: brown

**Comment:** Michael will tye up patterns using Macramé yarn.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	NLFT&F Annual Silent Auction	Bo'Diddly's
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	Boat & Sportsman's Show	Northlands Agricom
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Show	Mayfield Conference Center
April 25 <sup>th</sup> &26 <sup>th</sup>	Whitlocks' Seminar	Grant McEwan College

### FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>

#### JOINT NLFT&F AND TU MEETING RYAN POPOWICH - RAVEN RIVER STUDY

**Comment:** This is our first integrated program with Trout Unlimited. Ryan Popowich from Goulder and Associates will provide a preliminary report on the study on the Raven River. The Lloyd Shea Fund from Trout Unlimited Edmonton Chapter provided the initial \$30,000 to start, coupled with funds from Trout Unlimited Cold Water Conservation Fund, Alberta Conservation Association and Goulder & Associates brought the total to \$90,000. This comprehensive study will show the requirements the Raven River will need to improve water quality and form the basis for work to be done.

### FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>

**Tyer:** Dennis Southwick

**Pattern:** Bead Head Sparkle Pupa

Hook: 8 to 16 1x long nymph or dry fly hook  
 Thread: color to match insect or black 8/0  
 Bubble: Antron yarn combed  
 Underbody: Antron touch dub color to match insect (olive)  
 Legs: soft hackle fibers (optional)(furnace or brown)  
 Collar: Dubbing color of choice (dark brown)  
 Bead: gold tungsten

**Pattern:** EZ2C Caddis

Hook: 8 to 20 1x long standard dry fly  
 Thread: Olive 8/0  
 Body: Olive dubbing  
 Underwing: Elk hair stacked  
 Overwing: Yellow Calf tail (yellow polly)  
 Hackle: Grizzly brown mix

**Comment:** These two should be enough if not, Dennis will slip in the Enchanted Prince (easier than it sounds)

## SILENT AUCTION - FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

Once again the Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers will hold an annual fund raising silent auction

**Date:** February 28<sup>th</sup> - 6 pm

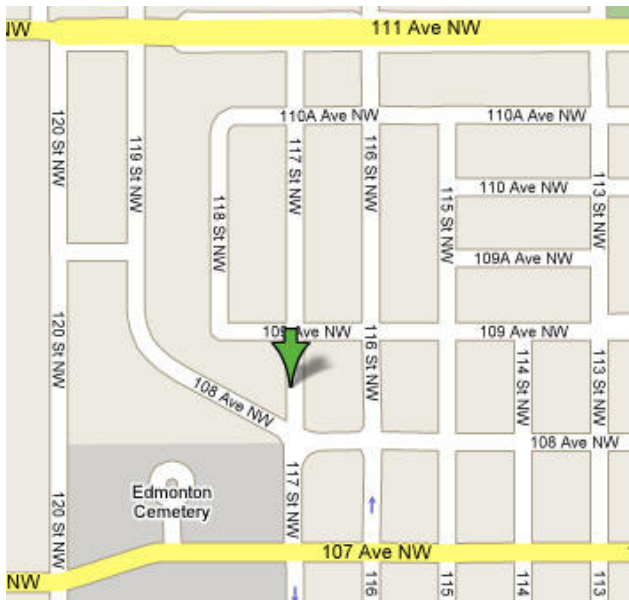
**Location:** Bo'Diddly's Roadhouse  
 11650 142 Street

**Cost:** \$12.50 (includes steak dinner)

**Comment:** To make this a success, we need you not only to attend and bid on the silent auction, but we need you to bring along friends and acquaintances and to acquire items for the auction. Brain Bleackley will have solicitation letters at each meeting and suggestions on how to obtain auction items.

See page 3 for info on the postponed Whitlocks' Seminar

## MAP TO NLFT&F HOME



## EVENTS TO PLAN

We have a few events coming up in spring that will need some help in planning and execution:

**Public Beginners Tying Seminar** Date TBA

**Beginners Fly Casting Clinic** Date Late May TBA

**Intermediate Fly Casting Clinic** Date Early June TBA

**Comment:** If you can help out with any of these events, let anyone on the Club Executive know. We need your help to make them a success.

## CONSTITUTION AND BYLAW CHANGES

Keep your eyes on this space for announcement of the upcoming changes to NLFT&F's Constitution and Bylaws needed to support amalgamation with the Edmonton Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Our Constitution requires notice of proposed changes and any special meetings to consider them,

## APRIL SEMINAR



Trout Unlimited Canada  
Edmonton Chapter

Present

**Dave and Emily  
Whitlock**

**APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

Grant MacEwan College

10700 – 104<sup>th</sup> 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 INFORMATION FOR APRIL WHITLOCKS' SEMINAR

**For those who have not purchased tickets yet:**

Tickets will be available at Club Meetings, at all locations of the Fishin' Hole, at the Fishing Center and at the door for the cost of \$80.00

**For those who attended the January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Seminar:**

You can purchase "Rain Check" tickets for the April Seminar, prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>, for the amazing low cost of \$25.00, by bringing your January ticket stub to a club meeting. You can contact President Dave Murray if you can't make a meeting.

**For those who purchased tickets for the January Seminar but chose not to attend on that date.**

You can exchange your January ticket for an April one, for no cost, at the door or at any club meeting prior to the April event. You can contact President Dave Murray if you can't make a meeting.