

## FROM THE EDITOR

### Our mid-winter program is in full swing!!

We are still in the process of amalgamating with the Edmonton Chapter of Trout Unlimited. There remain some logistics to sort out, but the process is moving along well. Our first joint meeting was held on February 18<sup>th</sup> with a presentation on the Raven River Study. The meeting was well attended and the information of great interest.

In addition to the above, our program last month included Michael Dell the first week showing us creative use of macramé yarn, tying some of his favorite flies. Thanks for Michael for shifting his presentation from the second week in order to fill in for Rob Clarke who was ill. The recovered Rob showed us some patterns employing polar bear hair on the second week. The last week will be Dennis Southwick showing us how to “Dennisize” a couple of his favorite patterns. It has been encouraging to see the larger turnout and, in particular, the larger number of folks tying along.

As reported last month, despite having to make last minute changes in January, **The Whitlocks’ Seminar** will take place **April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**. Dave and Emily have graciously agreed to make good on the commitment that they were forced to cancel. See page two for details.

Once again we have a good program for March. On **March 4<sup>th</sup>** we get **Barry Wright** doing a **Tye Along Demonstration** (bring your vices) of a **New Green Drake**. Week two on **March 11<sup>th</sup>** will have **Reubven Breikreutz** showing us **How Fly Reels Are Made**. Week three on **February 18<sup>th</sup>** we do our second **Joint Meeting with TU** featuring the **George Sterling** talking about **Athabasca Rainbows**. The last meeting on **March 25<sup>th</sup>** finds **Peter Morrison** showing us **Waders and Clothing** from Reddington.

We have some great volunteer opportunities coming up. These not only give you an opportunity to share your love of the “quiet sport” but they also help in recruiting new members to keep our club strong.

March 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> will again find us in the lower hall at the Northlands Agricom at the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman’s Show, where we will run a Kid’s Tying booth. Helping big and small kids tie a Wooly Bugger is lots of fun. Please help fill out the empty time slots on the volunteer sign up sheet. Call Dave Murray if you can’t get to a meeting to do so.

We do a repeat performance on March 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> for the Fishin’ Hole and Campers Village Outdoor Show at the Mayfield Convention Center. This year we also need to man the TU booth for the Lloyd Shea raffle in addition to our regular tying venue, so we need more volunteers than usual. If you can fill in a few hours, sign up at a meeting or let Dave Murray know.

Lastly, check out page three for some news on proposed legislation affecting our fisheries. Maybe Bill 11 shows our regulators are finally getting the message.

*Come out to a meeting and have some fun tying 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, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, Queen Mary Park Community League, 10844 – 117<sup>th</sup> Street – George Sterling – Athabasca Rainbow Trout

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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

### MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>

**Tyer:** Barry Wright

**Pattern:** A New Green Drake

**Hook:** Standard dry fly #10 or #12

**Thread:** 6/0 olive body and tail  
8/0- olive for balance

**Tail:** Split micro-fibbets on olive dubbing ball

**Body:** Olive turkey biots

**Thorax:** Olive Antron dubbing

**Wing:** Olive dun turkey flat or grey poly

**Hackle:** Olive dyed grizzly

**Comment:** Bring your vices and tools and tie along with Barry as he demonstrates a new take on a favorite pattern. If you ask nicely, he may even tell you when and where to fish it.

### MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>

**Presenter:** Ruben Breikreutz of Leader Sales

**Topic:** Fishing Reels

**Comment:** Leader Sales is the representative for Islander Reels. Ruben will give a presentation on how fly reels are made.

### MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>

#### JOINT NLFT&F AND TU MEETING

#### ATHABASCA RAINBOW TROUT

**Presenter:** George Sterling, Edson Regional Biologist

**Comment:** This is our second joint meeting with TU. George will talk about a trout species that we sometimes catch, but quite often fail to recognize. Come out and learn more about the range and nature of this fish and why it may possibly qualify as an endangered species.

### MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>

**Presenter:** Peter Morrison of Leader Sales

**Topic:** Waders and Fishing Clothing

**Comment:** Peter has presented to us before on rods and lines. His agency represents Reddington clothing and equipment, which will be the main topic of this evening. He also represents Sage in BC, Rio products, Renzettii vices and Dr Slick. I'm sure Peter will answer any questions you may have on these product.

## EVENTS TO PLAN

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

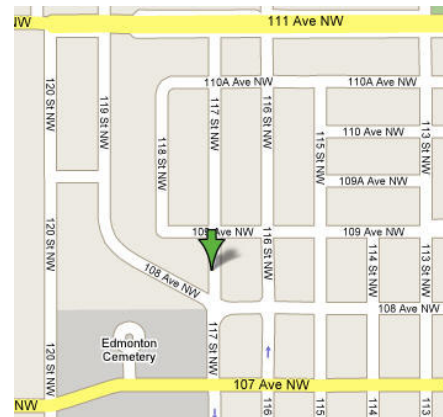
**Public Beginners Tying Seminar** Date TBA

**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.

## MAP TO NLFT&F HOME



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## CONSTITUTION AND BYLAW CHANGES

Keep your eyes on this space for announcement of upcoming changes to NLFT&F's Constitution and Bylaws that support amalgamation with the Edmonton Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

## 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.

## SEMINAR TICKET INFORMATION

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

Tickets available at Club Meetings, all locations of the Fishin' Hole, 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 \$25.00. Bring your January ticket stub to a club meeting or contact President Dave

**For those who purchased January tickets but did not attend on that date.**

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

## PRESS RELEASE ON BILL 11

February 11, 2009

### Bill 11 will provide more sentencing options to better protect Alberta's fisheries

Edmonton... Albertans will continue to see excellent fishing opportunities thanks to legislative amendments introduced in the Alberta Legislature that add several new sentencing options to deter actions that damage the province's fisheries.

Bill 11, the *Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2009*, was introduced by Whitecourt-St. Anne MLA George VanderBurg.

"The proposed legislative amendments respond to public expectations for tougher penalties for fisheries violations," said Sustainable Resource Development Minister Ted Morton. "The amendments will better equip the courts to protect our fish resources by including penalties that hold offenders responsible for returning a damaged fishery back to a healthy state."

Bill 11 will give the provincial courts a wider variety of sentencing options (creative sentencing) to penalize those who contravene the Act. The Act currently limits the courts' ability to impose penalties other than fines and short license suspensions. The new sentencing options include:

- assessing a fishery's restoration costs to convicted persons;
- issuing orders to stop new offences;
- suspending or cancelling licenses;
- assessing additional monetary payments to support fisheries management and habitat enhancement programs; and
- ordering fisheries restoration actions.

"With these changes, Albertans will continue to benefit from the effort and investments made in our fisheries resources by government, fisheries groups, industry and the public," said George VanderBurg, MLA, Whitecourt-St. Anne.

### Media inquiries may be directed to:

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## LIBRARY NEWS

The following books have recently been added to the library

- SC340 – Rainey's catalogue on flies and Material.
- DVD222 – HOOK & Vise volume 1
- DVD223 – Hook AND Vice Volume 1 Trout Flies.
- HC241 – The Fisherman's Companion
- HC242 – Fly-Fishin' Fool
- HC243 – Tie A Fly, Catch a Trout.
- HC244 –Night Fishing For Trout
- HC245 – More Flies, Flowers, Fur & Feathers
- SC339 – The River Why

## PHOTO FILLER



This pike was caught on Talbot Lake in 2007 by a Lee McFadden, a friend of my brother. I had tied up a set of flies for a retirement gift to Lee that featured patterns developed by Albertans. The pattern that did this guy in was one of the Schwabes' Bunny Bug variations. Lee put the monster back, so if you are in the area....

Dave Robinson