



Providing a friendly atmosphere for the novice and expert to learn and share the fly tying and fishing experience

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FROM THE EDITOR

The Northern Lights Fall Program In Full Swing!

Thanks go to our October presenters starting with Dennis Southwick for his session on furred flies and Ken Monk for a very informative session on GPSs. Our conservation session on week three was a spirited discussion on what we might call or adopt as our Home Waters. The last week will feature Barry White tying and talking about fishing streamer flies.

I played hooky last week to get out for some fishing for Rockies with Ken Monk. We used his GPS to lead us to the site, although it didn't recognize part of the road we wanted to use and tried to send us the long way around. It was nice to get out and enjoy the fall countryside and flocks of geese, although the fall weather was cool and overcast. Fishing was slow, but some mid-sized fish were caught. That and leaving the office behind for a day was a nice treat.

The annual "NLFT-TUC Silent Auction Fundraiser" was held at the Mayfield Inn on October 23rd. About 60 attendees enjoyed a fine dinner and silent auction. I hear Brian Bleackley extracted money from anyone with a pulse, which helped the proceeds reach about \$4000.00. We will reserve 20% to fund our support of Project Healing Waters. The lions share will fund our operational expenses for another year. Our thanks go to all those who organized, donated items and participated, including Kimberly and Jennifer Lang who did a fine job collecting money and helping out.

The main features for November are the **A. K. Best Seminars**. These happen on **November 20th and 21st**. Each day is a different format and cost. The Saturday, will have a daylong general fishing and tying seminar at Grant MacEwan University aimed at an audience of up to 75 people for a cost of \$30.00 each. Sunday will be a more exclusive tying only event for only 10 participants. That day's cost will be \$150.00 each. We will be taking names and fees by month's end. If the tying only session is oversubscribed, tickets will be awarded by lottery with fees returned to those unsuccessful.

This month we will try a slight variation to the meeting format. Rather than start right off with announcements followed immediately by the presentation, we will make more time for socializing. We will have the coffee on early and set tables up so you can sit in small groups to tie flies or visit for the first 40 minutes or so. Announcements will precede the presentation which will start about 7:45. The idea is to make meetings more of a social event where you can exchange ideas, tying information and fishing stories in a relaxed atmosphere.

Our November regular weekly program consists of four sessions. **November 3rd** has yours truly, **Dave Robinson**, demonstrating **Damsel Patterns**. Week two on **November 10th** we get **Dave Jensen** joining us from Red Deer and talking about **Sight Fishing**. Week three, on **November 14th** our conservation session is **To be Announced**. And lastly week four on **November 17th** has **Michael Dell** continuing his series on **Tying with Deer Hair**.

TU is still organizing a REDD Survey on the Raven River for sometime before November 15th depending on weather and volunteer availability. The survey involves walking the river and marking spawning activity. You'll need chest waders and one person on each team will need a GPS. This is part of a long range study on trout populations. If you can help out, contact **Richard LeBlanc** at rick.leblanc27@gmail.com.

The ice is coming, so Muir Lake aerators are going in. Be careful fishing near them so as not to tangle line in the blades and when the ice forms, stay well away for safety.

Come on out to a meeting and share your lies and flies !

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Queen Mary Park Community League

Equipment and Materials:

The format is Informal Drop In

10844 - 117th Street, Edmonton

Bring your own or use the Club loaners.

Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

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MEMBERSHIP

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Benefits Include:

- Fishing Presentations and Fly Tying Sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- Fly Fusion Magazine
- 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

NOVEMBER 3RD

DAMSEL PATTERNS

Presenter: *Dave Robinson*

Pattern: *Doc Spratley*

Hook: Wet fly #6 to #10

Thread: Black 6/0

Tail: Pheasant tail fibres

Rib: Flat silver tinsel

Body: Black yarn or floss

Beard: Grizzly hackle or guinea fowl

Wing: Pheasant rump, natural

Head: Peacock herl

Comment: *The venerable Doc Spratley is a very effective pattern on the local pothole lakes. It was developed by Dick Prankard who named it in honor of dentist Dr. Don Spratley who lived in Mt Vermont Washington. It is a very popular BC lake fly. It mostly likely imitates the nymphs of small dragon flies and damsel flies.*

Pattern: *Marabou Nymph*

Hook: Bent shank wet fly #8 to #10

Weight: Fine lead wire

Thread: 6/0 Color to suit

Tail: Marabou fibres

Rib: Fine copper wire

Body: Wound marabou color to suit

Wingcase: Marabou color to suit

Comment *The variation I use is pretty skinny. It is intended to imitate small leech sand damsel fly nymphs. It's a simple pattern to tie, but quite effective. The only special part is the use of a bent hook.*

NOVEMBER 10TH

SIGHT FISHING

Presenter: *Dave Jensen*

Comment: *Dave will travel from Red Deer to talk to us about the techniques and challenges of fishing to sighted fish. While he may refer to how this is accomplished in streams in the Red Deer drainage, the techniques can be applied anywhere.*

NOVEMBER 17TH

CONSERVATION MEETING TO BE ANNOUNCED

Presenter: *To Be Announced*

Comment: *program not known at time of printing.*

Library Audit

Comment: *During this meeting, the DVD's will be taken downstairs to be sorted into order and checked against inventory. We will need a couple of volunteers to help Florin with this task. Let him know if you can assist.*

MEETINGS CONTINUED

NOVEMBER 24TH

TYING WITH DEER HAIR

Presenter: *Michael Dell*

Pattern: *Deer Hair Bomber*

Comment: *Michael will continue his session on mastering deer hair. This time he will show a couple of techniques for spinning hair for this pattern.*

A. K. BEST SEMINARS

Two One-day Events

Featuring world renowned fly tyer and author A.K Best

Day One: General Seminar and Tying Demonstrations

Nov. 20th at *Grant McEwan University* - \$30.00

Day Two: One-on-One Tying Seminar

Nov. 21st at *Queen Mary Park* - \$150.00

*Seating is limited to 10, ticket cutoff November 1st
If oversubscribed, participants will be drawn.*

Tickets: Available from Mervin Hassler at club meetings,
Day one tickets will be available in the shops soon

Comment: *This is AK's first trip to Edmonton, so come on out and see a legend in the industry. Seminars will have the usual type raffles available.*

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Redd Survey

What is it –looking for spawning activity

When – October 15 to November 15 –as people are available

Where – the Raven River

Contact – Richard LeBlanc at rick.leblanc27@gmail.com

Project Healing Waters Event

What is it –Instruction for veterans

When – November 4th, 8:00 pm

Contact – Kerry Pitt at projecthealingwatersca@gmail.com

MAP TO THE HOME OF



Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

