



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

Christmas time is coming! Have you been good?

Now is the time to reflect on a year's fishing and decide if it was a good one or not. For me it was an average year. Family stuff, yard work and lousy weather put a bit of a crimp in my fishing, but I did have a few nice trips, the highlight of which was the Cuba Trip. I played hooky again early in November for one last go fishing for Rockies with Ross Chow. Fishing was medium paced, with about 15 mid-sized fish each caught over about 4 hours. It was a touch chilly late in the day, but the company, fish and sounds of hundreds of geese massing for migration made for a great day out.

Our November meetings kind of bracketed the A. K. Best Seminars. Yours truly did a presentation on Damsel patterns the first week, Dave Jensen spoke about sight fishing the second and Michael Dell continued his presentations on tying with deer hair the last week.

The main feature for November was the A. K. Best Seminars. Last Saturday, found about 25 attendees enjoying A. K.'s presentation on tying techniques and materials, while the Sunday had 10 tyers attend a hands-on workshop. I attended both days and found both seminars educational and enjoyable. A. K. is a fine gentleman with a wealth of stories, a down to earth approach and a fine sense of humor. I learned a couple of techniques that made the cost well worth the price of admission. As a club we came close to breaking even on the weekend. A bit more support by club member attendance would have been nice financially. To help improve attendance, we need your comments on what you want to see for these types of events so that we can tailor them to your wants and needs. Feel free to speak up.

Our December regular weekly program consists of only three sessions. **December 1st** we will get **Florin Sabac**, demonstrating **Variations on AK Best Patterns**. Week two on **December 7th** we get **Phil Rowley** giving us a show and tell, talking about **Shooting the New Fly Fisher**. Week three, on **December 15th** will be our **Christmas Wind Up with Pizza and Pop**.

Last month we tried a slight variation to the meeting format. We took a bit more time for socializing. We had coffee on early and set the tables up so you could sit in small groups to tie flies or visit for the first 40 minutes or so. The presentation started at about 7:45. We'll try again this month. Let us know if this improves the club atmosphere.

January will host two significant events. First will be our **Annual Major Seminar**. This year we will have **Dave Hughes and Friends**. The seminar will be on the weekend of **January 15th and 16th** at **Grant McEwan**. The program is still being developed, but you can well imagine a mix of lake fishing topics with some fly tying thrown in. The venue will be as usual at the main campus of Grant McEwan University on 104 Avenue in room 5-212. Cost will be \$30.00 for one day - \$50.00 for both. Keep your eyes on the Forum and in the January Newsletter for more information. We'll have tickets available sometime in December

The second January event will be our **Annual General Meeting on January 19th**. This is where members get to set the next year's direction through election of officers. Annual reports and some minor club charter changes will also be on the agenda.

TU completed the redd Survey on the Raven River during November. Results will likely come back to us in the New Year. Thanks go out to all who provided assistance.

The ice is here, but it's early days yet, so stay clear until it's 4" thick and stay away from any aerators. We don't want to lose anybody to a cold demise.

Bring your vice to a meeting and start stocking those boxes !

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

Now \$40.00

January 1st to December 31st

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

DECEMBER 1ST

VARIATIONS ON AK BEST PATTERNS

Presenter: *Florin Sabac*

Pattern: *Winged Beetle*

Hook: Wet fly #6 to #16

Thread: Black 8/0

Tail: Various materials

Body: Black foam

Legs: Black hackle

Comment: *Florin will demonstrate this interesting pattern with a couple of variations for the wings that AK showed us.*

Pattern: *AK's Midge*

Hook: Wet fly #12 to #18

Thread: 8/0 Color to suit

Body: Thread or Peacock Herl

Wing: Ziplock freezer bag

Hackle: Saddle, color to suit

Comment: *This is a very simple and effective looking pattern.*

DECEMBER 8TH

SHOOTING THE NEW FLY FISHER

Presenter: *Phil Rowley*

Comment: *Phil has been involved in the filming of the TV show "The New Fly Fisher". He will talk about his personal experiences in filming and producing such a show.*

DECEMBER 15TH

CHRISTMAS WIND UP

Comment: *Once again we'll have pizza and pop for our Christmas wind up. (Not sure about the anchovies).*

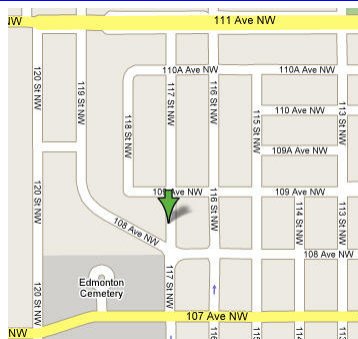
NOTICE OF MOTION

A Notice of Motion for minor changes to the Club Charter will be presented at the December Business meeting on December 1st. Details of the proposed changes will be available at Club Meetings and on the Club Web Page. The actual motion will be presented at the Annual General Meeting in January.

MAP TO THE HOME OF



Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton



MEETINGS CONTINUED

JANUARY 5TH

MY CAPE BRETON ADVENTURE

Presenter: *Mervin Hassler*

Comment: *This year Mervin took a trip to his old stomping grounds n Nova Scotia. He'll tell us of his experiences travelling there and fishing some of the hallowed Atlantic Salmon water.*

JANUARY SEMINAR

A Two-Day Fly Fishing Event

Featuring

Dave Hughes and Friends

January 15th and 16th

Grant McEwan University, Main Campus, Room 5-212

Tickets: \$30.00 for one day, \$50.00 for both

Comment: *More details on program to come, but you can expect presentations on a variety of fishing topics and some fly tying. Of course we'll have our usual raffles and draws*

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting

When – January 19th

Where – Queen Mary Park Community League

What – Annual reports, election of officers for 2011 and minor changes to club charter

Calgary Fly Fishing Symposium

When – January 28th to 30th

Where – Calgary – Spruce Meadows

Comment – NLFT-TUE will not be taking part officially this year. The Kids tying booth will be the responsibility of Calgary Hook and Hackle

FISHING PHOTO



A Nice November Rocky