



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

Welcome to a New Year at Northern Lights!

Having had time over the Christmas season to reflect on a year's fishing and club operations, my opinion is that it was a slightly above average year for me and for the club, despite a few glitches. Family matters drew me out to Victoria several times this year and interfered a bit with my fishing, but I did have a few nice trips, the highlight of which was the Cuba Trip. I'm looking forward to repeating that experience in early May 2011. It would be nice to actually land one of those monster Tarpon. I expect more family related trips to the coast this coming year and hope to take advantage of them to try some fishing on The Island.

As far as the last year for the Club is concerned, it was a good one. We ran two excellent seminars in 2010 with Gary Borger and Mike Lawson in January and AK Best in the fall. We ran our first "Introduction to Fly Fishing" course last spring and it was successful enough to warrant another one this year. Our attendance as a club at the Calgary Fly Fishing Symposium is being put on hold this year due to issues last January with assistance at the Kid's Tying. However, where we managed those events ourselves at the Sportsman's and Fishing Hole shows, things went much better and we will repeat those this year. Our fall fundraiser did OK, but could have been better attended. We'll try to provide more lead time and promotion this year. We do need help in organizing events and putting together regular programs for the coming year, so don't be surprised if you are asked to help out from time to time. It would also be nice to see more faces at regular meetings.

And to continue the recap of 2010, we managed to put together programs for each of our regularly scheduled weeks, although at times it was a last minute struggle. Our regular meeting attendance was down a bit. This year we will do some advance planning to deal with both issues. December weekly programs consisted of only three sessions. December 1st we had Florin Sabac, demonstrating "Variations on AK Best Patterns". December 7th, Phil Rowley talked about "Shooting the New Fly Fisher". And on December 15th we had our "Christmas Wind Up with Pizza and Pop".

The main feature for January will be our **Annual Major Seminar**. We will be thoroughly entertained and educated by **Dave Hughes and Todd Oishi**. The seminar will be on the weekend of **January 15th & 16th at Grant McEwan University on 104 Avenue in room 5-212**. The program is being finalized. You can expect a mix of stream and lake fishing topics, some talk about entomology and fishing competitions with fly tying demonstrations as well. Cost will be \$30.00 for one day - \$50.00 for both. Keep your eyes on the Forum and elsewhere in the newsletter for more information. We have tickets available at meetings and in the shops.

The second January event of importance 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. As usual, all positions on the executive are up for contention, so if you want to contribute to the managing club activities, you are welcome to put your name forward.

The remaining meetings for January are: **January 5th** where **Mervyn Hasler** presents "My Cape Breton Adventure", **January 12th** with **Dennis Southwick** tying **Three Interesting Patterns** and **January 25th** with the return of the **Blind Bugger Ball**. Come out and enjoy the fun.

If anybody is up for some ice fishing, I have a hint. Try Cold Lake with white jigs fished just off the bottom. I hear the lakers are big and hungry.

Join us at a meeting and enjoy your fishing buddies' company ! **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

JANUARY 5TH

MY CAPE BRETON ADVENTURE

Presenter: *Mervin Hassler*

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

JANUARY 12TH

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Presenter: *Dennis Southwick*

Pattern: *Turkey Biot Parachute*

Hook: #14 or #16 Dry

Tail: Black false eyelashes

Body: Grey turkey biot

Post: Pink Poly

Thorax: Gray Dubbing

Hackle: Grizzly

Pattern: *Craven Ant*

Hook: #16 Dry

Thread: Gray 6/0

Body: Black and burnt orange dubbing

Back: Elk or deer hair

Pattern: *No Name Soft Hackle*

Hook: #14 or #16 Dry

Body: Black glitter thread

Rib: Red holographic tinsel

Thorax: Peacock Arizona dubbing

Overwing: White poly

Hackle: Black hen neck

Comment: Dennis will entertain us with three interesting patterns that use some different materials.

JANUARY 19TH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Agenda

Annual Reports – President, Treasurer, Programs, Trout Unlimited, Membership, Newsletter, Library

Charter Changes – Minor editorial changes to the charter are being proposed as well as minor changes to conflicting clauses regarding terms of office and club naming issues.

Elections of Officers – All executive positions are open to election and nominations will be accepted from the floor

Comment: This is your chance to have input into how the Club runs for the next year. Come on out and comment, volunteer and vote.

JANUARY 26TH

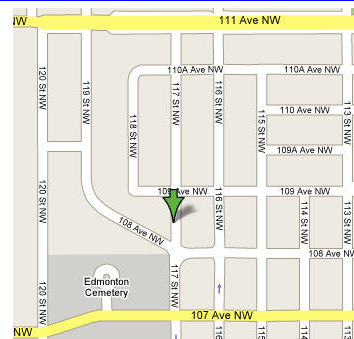
BLIND BUGGER BALL

Comment: In this event, three contestants are provided with the vice, thread, tools and materials to tie a basic Woolley Bugger. The catch is that they get to tie while blindfolded. Come out and enjoy the fun of watching and heckling.

MAP TO THE HOME OF



Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton



JANUARY SEMINAR

A Two-Day Fly Fishing Event

Featuring

Dave Hughes and Todd Oishi

January 15th and 16th

Grant McEwan University, Main Campus, Room 5-212

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

Comment: We have two excellent presenters. Dave we've seen before and he's always exceeded expectations. Todd is new to us, but comes with an impeccable resume. You can expect a variety of topics and presentations. Look for tickets at Club meetings and in the fishing stores.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Calgary Fly Fishing Symposium

When – January 28th to 30th

Where – Calgary – Spruce Meadows

Comment – NLFT-TUE will not be taking part officially. The Calgary Hook and Hackle is responsible for the Kids Tying.

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