



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

January Seminar a Smash Hit!

The main feature for January was our **Annual Major Seminar**. We were completely captivated by **Dave Hughes and Todd Oishi** on the weekend of **January 15th & 16th** at **Grant McEwan**. The program featured a mix of stream and lake fishing topics from both Dave and Todd with some entomology and fly tying by Dave and information gleaned from fly fishing competitions from Todd. Both presenters did a bang-up job. The atmosphere was relaxed, friendly and fun filled. The two days were chock full of useful information tips and techniques. I think everybody went away with something new to think about. For me, Todd's tip on tying triple a surgeon's knot with forceps was worth the price of admission by itself. You can see a video clip of it on the main web page.

On that note, you'll see the main web page is looking a bit more current these days thanks to Greg Scratchley and Ken Monk. They now have it set up so several people can add content. You'll find links to typing demos, past meetings, the current newsletter and other fly fishing stuff there. If you have anything to contribute, drop an e-mail to me or Ken.

Our Annual General Meeting was held January 19th. We elected a new executive consisting President - Dennis Southwick; Vice President - Ken Monk; Secretary - Peter Little; Program - Brian Donnelly; Treasurer - Mervyn Hasler; Librarian - Florin Sabac; TU Rep - Rick Leblanc; Newsletter - Dave Robinson and Membership - Emmerson Dober. Thank you to all who agreed to serve for this year. The contact info is at right.

An organization like NLFT-TUE runs on its volunteer's efforts. In addition to the above people, the club relies on its members to offer a sound and interesting program. We will be striking a program committee to help with both the organization of our outreach efforts and with our week-to-week presentations. If we can get a few motivated individuals involved, the workload for each one will be very light. Just because you are new or a bit shy doesn't mean you can't help your club prosper, so consider helping out from time to time.

We are planning our second "Introduction to Fly Fishing" seminar for spring and hope it will be as successful as last year. While Rick Lang will carry the bulk of the presentation we will need help for the on-water casting and fishing portion. I expect sometime in March Rick will be asking for help. Also in March we will be attending both the Sportsman's and Fishing Hole shows. We need help in organizing these events and manning the Kid's Tying Booths at each and the Lloyd Shea raffle at the Fishin' Hole show. You can expect sign up sheets for all this to start showing up at meetings this month.

Our January weekly program consisted of three additional sessions. January 5th we had Mervyn Hasler, talking about his "Cape Breton Adventure". January 7th, Dennis Southwick tied "Four Interesting Patterns" and on January 25th we replaced the Blind Bugger Ball with Andy Kichener showing us "Tubeology". It was an interesting month indeed.

Are you as tired of shoveling as I am? Let's hope all the snow we've had translates into higher water levels in the lakes this summer. While we wait for the snow to melt, we can always pass the time at a club meeting. February meetings are: **February 2nd** with **Florin Sabac** presenting **Mikulak Sedge & Pheasant Tail Nymph**. **February 9th** will be **A Free Tye** and **Beginner Advice** session. **February 16th** we have a conservation session with a **Speaker to be Announced**. And lastly, on **February 23rd** we will have **Duane Radford** speaking about **Fly Fishing for Lake Trout**. Come out and enjoy the fun.

Attend a club event and make some new friends !

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
Or on TU renewal date

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

FEBRUARY 2ND

TWO INTERESTING FLIES

Presenter: *Florin Sabac*

Pattern: *Mikulak Sedge*

Hook: #6 2x or 3x wet fly

Thread: 6/0 olive

Tail: Deer Hair

Body: Olive seal fur

Wing: Deer Hair in 3 sections

Hackle: Brown Saddle

Pattern: *Pheasant Tail Nymph*

Hook: # 18 to #12 nymph

Thread: 8/0 tan or orange

Tail: Pheasant tail fibres

Rib: Copper Wire

Body: Pheasant tail

Thorax: Peacock herl

Wing Case: Pheasant tail

Legs: Pheasant tail

Comment: *Florin will tie a useful sedge (caddis) pattern, developed by Calgarian Art Mikulak, followed by an old standby. He'll also describe various things you can do with the standard pheasant tail nymph pattern.*

FEBRUARY 9TH

FREE TYE AND BEGINNER ADVICE

Comment: *This is your chance to shoot the breeze while you tie flies to fill the space in your boxes from last season. Bring your vice, tools and materials for a couple of patterns and have at it. If you are a novice, this is also your chance to corner a more experienced tyer for advice and help with techniques.*

FEBRUARY 16TH

CONSERVATION MEETING

Presenter: *To Be Announced*

Topic: *Something Interesting*

Comment: *At time of the newsletter going to press we have yet to finalize a speaker or topic for this session.*

JANUARY 23RD

FLY FISHING FOR LAKE TROUT

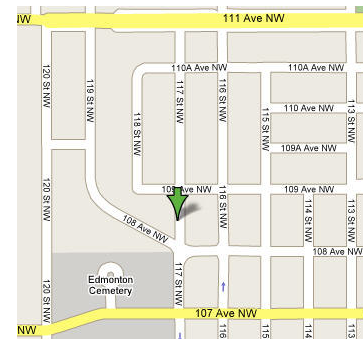
Presenter: *Duane Radford*

Comment: *Duane's topic will be Fly fishing for Lake Trout and he will present destinations, tactics and flies. Duane is an award-winning writer and photographer and is currently Vice President of the Outdoor Writers of Canada. He's also an accomplished wild game chef and has written a fish and wild game cookbook. Duane was formerly Director of Fisheries for Alberta Sustainable Resource Development. Thanks go to Peter Little for arranging for Duane to speak.*

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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.*

Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show

When: *March 17th to 20th*

Where: *Northlands Expo Center*

Comment: *Kids tying and general info booth*

Edmonton Outdoor Show and Sale

When: *March 31st to April 3rd*

Where: *Mayfield Conference Center*

Comment: *Kids Tying and Lloyd Shea Raffle*

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



PARTNERSHIP

"You give me half the fish, and I'll tell my mom to let you live."

This one's for Vince