

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

Summer's Over! Fabulous Fall Fishing On the Way!

For me the summer was pretty slow fishing-wise. The late spring with all the wet weather cut into stream fishing until well into July. I did get out a couple of times with modest success. I hope to do better starting in September. The summer heat may be departing, but lower water levels and fine fall weather will ensure a good fall fishing season. It's time to cram in those final trips before the snow flies (yech).

Just to recap things since the last newsletter: We held our Introduction to Fly Fishing Seminar May 28th and May 29th followed by the second sessions June 4th and 5th. We had almost two dozen students come out for two full days of instruction on fly fishing equipment, materials, technique and patterns with actual fishing on Cardiff pond. Rick Lang led the effort with help from other club members. All participants seemed to enjoy themselves and most caught fish. Thanks from Rick and me go out to all those NLFT stalwarts who came out to help. We hope to reconnect with the students in the fall with an on-stream session (to be determined).

Our June program consisted of four sessions. It began with Dave Murray tying Woolley's Flies, with a free tye and a casting clinic the following week. The last meeting for the spring session featured our wind up barbeque at the club with burgers, dogs and pop for all comers.

We did not have an official summer program this year. I lie, the club put effort into the Grayling Survey Forum in the Pembina River drainage. From the sounds of things, despite less than cooperative weather and stream flows, there was some success and some puzzling failures. Success was from fish being caught in places that were not anticipated and the failures were some fine looking water that didn't seem to have fish. Once all the results have been tabulated, we'll ask for a report from Jim O'Neill. It looks though, as if it is going to be worthwhile enough for us to continue the effort next year.

Your executive met in mid August to start planning for the fall and winter. In addition to discussing the Grayling Survey, we've been working on timing and budget for the Fall Fundraiser and January Seminar and planning the September program. We will only have three meetings in September. We'll resume our **regular meetings on September 14th at Queen Mary Park** with a "BS and Brag Session". We continue on **September 21st with Dennis Southwick** showing us his easy to tie **Hopper and Humpy**. On **September 28th** we'll have newcomer **Taun Nguyen** giving us a demonstration of **Three New Flies**

We've set the date and location for our **Fall Fundraiser and Silent Auction**. This year we will be at the **St Albert Curling Club** on **November 5th**. The menu features a AAA prime rib dinner. The cost will be \$30.00 per person. Drink costs will be lower than at the last couple of venues and we'll have the place pretty much to ourselves. We need all members to start chasing donations and talking up the event with friends and associates. Attendance and quality auction items are needed to ensure success. A downloadable letter to support getting donations is on the club web page. Remember, this is the one time we have to raise our Chapter operating funds for the year now that all our general membership dues go to TU.

And lastly we have set our date and presenters for the **January Seminar**. This coming year we'll feature the **Dynamite Duo of Jack Dennis and Phil Rowley** on **January 21st and 22nd**. We can guarantee two fun and information filled days from two experienced pros. More details on program and costing to come.

Let's get the fall season started with a bang!

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

September 14th

BS and Brag Session

Comment: *Bring your photos and stories and, if you need to replenish some patterns, your vices and tools. This will be a casual affair with lots of time to share photos tell lies and renew friendships. Coffee served to lubricate the discussion.*

September 21st

Easy Flies

Presenter: *Dennis Southwick*

Pattern: *Easy Hopper*

Hook #12 light wired scud hook (Daiichi 1130)
Thread 6/0 Fire orange or florescent orange
Tail Red elk or deer hair
Body Foam - yellow or tan
Wing Natural elk or deer hair
Legs Rubber hackle - your choice of colour
Post optional - white or orange poly
Glue Zap A Gap (important)

Pattern: *Easy Humpy*

Hook size 12 Dry fly hook (Daiichi 1110)
Thread 6/0 or 8/0 color your choice
Tail Natural elk or deer hair
Body Thread or Dubbing Color your choice
Wing White poly or Antron
Hackle Grizzly or brown grizzly
Skill Patience is important

Comment: *Dennis will demonstrate a hopper variation that did significant damage on the Freeman this summer. He'll also demonstrate and easy to tie Humpy. His comment: "These flys catch fish!"*

September 28th

Three New Flies

Presenter: *Tuan Nguyen*

Pattern: *Mylar Floating Minnow*

Hook: 5XL streamer @2 to 10
Thread: favorite black tying tread
Tail: Black Marabou
Under Body: Closed Cell Craft Foam, 10 mm
Outer Body: Large Mylar Tubing: Olive
Eyes: Sequin, black beads and 20 lbs mono
Body Color: Black Sharpie

Comment: *A large sewing needle will be required (large enough for 20 lbs mono) Substitute Sequin eyes with craft doll eyes, medium*

Pattern: *Horizontal Mohair Dropper Leech*

Hook: 1/32 oz gumball jig, black
Thread: favorite black tying tread
Tail: & Body: Mohair Yarn in your favorite Leech color.
I will be using Black and Peacock
Rib: Fine Red Wire
Dropper loop: 20 lbs mono

Comment: *Optional Marabou tail*

September 28th Continued

Pattern: *Two Tone Chironomid*

Hook: # 12 Scud hook
Tail: Red thread, I use UTC 140
Body: Green thread, I use UTC 140
Bead : Med Black Bead
Rib: Silver Mylar Tinsel,
Thorax: Peacock herl
Gills : White/Cream Antron Yarn

Comment: *Use any thread you like for the body color, black and green are my favorites.*

Upcoming Events

FALL FUNDRAISER AND SILENT AUCTION

When: *November 5th*

Where: *St Albert Curling Club
3 Tache Street St. Albert*

Comment: *This is our one fundraiser for the year. Proceeds go to fund club operations.*

JANUARY SEMINAR

When: *Jan 21st & 22nd*

Where: *Grant MacEwan University*

Who: *Jack Dennis & Phil Rowley*

Club Clothing

Comment: *Logoed Club shirts logoed T-shirts and hats are now available. They can be bought at club meetings when we resume on September 14th.*

Nice Maligne Lake Fish!



Photo Courtesy of Rod Boisvert.

Map to the home of



Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

