



*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 New Year Starts with a Bang!

Our seminar "A Dynamic Duo of Fly Fishing" featuring Jack Dennis and Phil Rowley was a resounding success. An attendance of 55 were roundly entertained and educated. Both Phil and Jack did a bang up job. We saw presentations on such things as Why Not To Teach Your Wife to Fly Fish, Euro Nymphing, Tying the Blue Winged Olive, Terminal Solutions for Stillwaters and many more. We raised enough money through ticket sales, raffles and the 50/50 this year to ensure we at least broke even on costs and have a bit of money in the kitty for next year. We'll be floating ideas for future presenters in the next few months. Meanwhile thanks go out to our two fine presents for their efforts. Thanks to all the NLFT helpers too.

Our regular January program consisted of four sessions. On January 4<sup>th</sup>, Dave Murray demonstrated some caddis patterns. January 11<sup>th</sup> we were informed about Battle River issues by Dr Michael Sullivan. The final January meeting was a Free Tye. The third week was our Annual General Meeting. In addition to reports for last year's executive, we elected our new executive (see the updated masthead on the right) and adopted the proposed changes to the club constitution. Many thanks go out to those on the executive who did yeoman duty in keeping the club running and solvent over the last year. Many are returning to the executive, some in new positions and some hanging onto their old ones. Special thanks go out to Emmerson Dober, Brian Donnelly and Mervyn Hasler who did not return for another year but have left the club better off than when they began. Great job guys!

This is leap year and the month starts on a Wednesday. We thus have the very unusual occurrence of five meetings in February. February 1<sup>st</sup> kicks off with Dennis Southwick demonstrating Roman Scharabun's SA Hopper. The second meeting, on February 8<sup>th</sup> we have Phil Rowley covering Stillwater Patterns that he missed giving at the seminar. The mid February meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> we get a talk by Bill Patterson on The Value of Stocking Lakes. The fourth meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a Free Tye. Dennis will pilot a new beginner idea that day as well. The last meeting, on February 29<sup>th</sup> will have Rod Boisvert showing us Going Deep with the Peacock Leech.

We will be preparing this month for the busy couple of months ahead. We have two major outreach efforts in March. The first is the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's show which runs from March 15<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup> at the Expo Center at Edmonton Northlands. As usual we will be manning the Kids Tying Tables. This needs lots of volunteers over four days. We'll also be promoting Club Memberships and our Beginner Fly Tying and Introduction to Fly Fishing Seminars. The second event is the Outdoor Show at the Mayfield Convention Center the weekend of March 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. This annual event is put on by Camper's Village and the Fishin' Hole. Not only will we be manning the Kids Tying, promoting the club and its events, we'll also be manning the Bucket Raffle for the Lloyd Shea Fisheries Enhancement Fund. With the two events so close together this year, again, we'll need lots of volunteers.

The next major events are Beginner's Fly Tying Seminar planned for April 14<sup>th</sup> and the Introduction to Fly-fishing Seminar set for May 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. We'll be looking for volunteers for these as well. Keep your eyes on the web age for further information.

An on that note, you may have noticed an appearance change in the Forum. A software upgrade for improved security forced the change. Let us know what you think.

*May the New Year bring you memorable fishing experiences!!* **Dave Robinson**

## CLUB MEETINGS

**Queen Mary Park Community League**

Equipment and Materials:  
The format is Informal Drop In

**10844 - 117<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>

*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 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**SA HOPPER**

**Presenter:** *Dennis Southwick*

**Pattern:** *Roman Scharabun's S. A. Hopper*

Hook: Tiemco 200R #8 to #14  
Thread: # 8/0, Fire Orange  
Tail: Hackle fibres, red  
Rib: Hackle, brown, clipped short  
Abdomen: Craft foam, 2mm, yellow  
Under-wing: Crystal flash  
Wing: Elk Hair, natural:  
Thorax: Olive dubbing  
Hackle: Grizzly Saddle

**Comment:** *Roman Scharabun was one of the founding members of the club and an inventive fly tyer. Dennis will give a bit of history on Roman and demonstrate one of his most effective patterns.*

**FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**FLY PATTERNS FOR STILLWATERS**

**Presenter:** *Phil Rowley*

**Comment:** *Phil will demonstrate some of his favorite patterns for fishing Stillwaters. This presentation is one we missed including at the January seminar due to time constraints.*

**FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**DO HATCHERY TRUCKS  
MAKE HAPPY ANGLERS?**

**Presenter:** *Bill Patterson ACA Fisheries Biologist*

**Comment:** *Bill will discuss the evaluation of entrenched assumptions of Put-and-Take fisheries. Stocking trout to create successful sport fisheries is an irresistible lure to fisheries managers and sport anglers alike. But the implicit assumptions behind this simple process have seldom been questioned or assessed. Using common fisheries monitoring techniques, combined with social surveys, at nine Alberta lakes, Bill quantified three main assumptions behind put-and-take stocking.*

**FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**FREE TYE**

**Comment:** *Bring your vices out and spend some time chatting and tying with your fishing friends. Dennis Southwick will do a pilot run of a new idea for a beginner program that he intends to run concurrent with the Free Tye Evenings. His idea is to include some entomology instructions along with pattern and technique work*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 15 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Boat and Sportsman's Show	Northlands
March 22 <sup>nd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Show	Mayfield
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Beginner's Fly Tying	Queen Mary Park
May 26 <sup>th</sup> +27 <sup>th</sup>	Intro. to Fly Fishing	Queen Mary Park

## MEETINGS CONTINUED

**FEBRUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**GOING DEEP WITH THE  
PEACOCK LEECH**

**Presenter:** *Rod Boisvert*

**Pattern:** *The Peacock Leech*



Hook: Mustad C53S #8  
Weight: Lead wire  
Thread: # 6/0, Olive  
Under-body: Peacock Dubbing  
Over-body: Black Marabou  
Highlight: Crystal Flash - Green

**Comment:** *Rod will demonstrate one of his interesting patterns.*

### SPECIAL NOTE:

*The Fish & Wildlife Division of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development is having a public information meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, in Rocky Mountain House. The meeting will provide an opportunity for people to view presentations on local fisheries, wildlife and enforcement matters in the Clearwater Area. The meeting will be held at the Walking Eagle Motor Inn (4915 - Hwy 11) in Rocky Mountain House between 7 pm and 10 pm that evening.*

### MAP TO THE HOME OF



Northern Lights Fly Tyers  
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

