



From the Editor

NLFT-TUC Receives National Award!

We just received the following communication from Keith Ashfield of Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans. "Northern Lights Fly Tyers - Trout Unlimited Edmonton has been selected to receive one of Canada's Recreational Fisheries Awards for the year 2013. The Northern Lights Fly Tyers - Trout Unlimited Edmonton are being recognized for their excellent record of supporting conservation of Alberta's fisheries and recreational angling. Your group's volunteer involvement through the promotion of fly tying and fly fishing, especially to youth, and your contributions to "Casting for Life" and "Healing Waters" are impressive. Finally, the Northern Lights Fly Tyers work on Arctic Grayling populations will help to ensure that recreational fisheries in Alberta are sustainable for future generations." This is a significant achievement and one to be proud of. Kudos go out to all our volunteers who made the contributions of time, expertise and effort in support of our sport. Way to go people! Your efforts are truly appreciated! An award presentation is to be scheduled shortly. An example of what brought us the attention is our recent involvement at the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's show. Our volunteers raised money for fisheries enhancement through the Lloyd Shea Bucket Raffle, helped many kids tie a Woolly Bugger and, in general, promoted Fly Fishing and Fly Tying to the public.

Our regular programs continued in March. The usual start was a short business meeting and Free Tye and Dennis helping out some beginners. The second week we had John Howard of Howards Hackles come to talk feathers. The third week saw Paul Fitt showing us Davie McPhail's Cricket. The last March meeting was our first Surprise Tye event. You will find some of the patterns tied using the surprise materials on our website at the following url <http://forum.nlft.org/index.php?showtopic=4474#entry29017>.

This month we start on **April 3rd** with the usual short business meeting followed by a **Free Tye** and **Beginners Session**. The second week on **April 10th** we have **Brian Wiebe and Friends** talking about **Manitoba Parkland Lakes**. **April 17th** (the 3rd week), we get **Craig Copeland and Harvey Pollok** giving a presentation on **Fish Hatchery and Stocking Issues**. March programs close off **March 24th** with a **Rick Lang** talking about **Testing Knot Strength**. Note that we will be starting our programs shortly after 7pm, so be on time.

Special events for April start **Tying with Phil Rowley on Saturday April 6th at our Queen Mary Park venue**. Phil will feature dubbing techniques aimed at tyers of all abilities. More information can be found on page 2. Our **Public Beginner Fly Tying Seminar** runs **April 20th at Queen Mary Park**. The cost is \$25.00. May features our **Introduction to Fly Fishing Seminar** will be held on **May 25th & 26th at the Lion's Senior Center** (111 ave. & 112 st.) and a fishing venue to be determined. The cost for that seminar is \$50.00 for both days. Tickets are available at club meetings. Dave Towers is looking for volunteer to help.

Florin Sabac, our Librarian, would like some help with our Library. Florin is pretty busy with the books and needs some assistance cataloging and organizing the DVDs. Can you help?

Our annual Fall Fundraiser goes on November 9th at the St Albert Curling Club. This Fundraiser is very important event for us. It is the only source of our annual operating revenue. To be a success we need raffle and auction items and your attendance. We need more volunteers to spread the workload. Your help with this important task is invaluable. Contact Rick or any executive member to volunteer.

My May Cuba trip is getting closer. I'm sorting tackle already!! **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

April 3rd

Business Meeting and Free Tye

Comment: The month starts with a short business meeting with a structured agenda. After that you are invited chat and tye some flies. Any beginner who shows up is encouraged to talk to Dennis Southwick about tying a basic fly.

April 10th

Manitoba Parkland Lakes

Presenter: Brian Wiebe

Comment: Brian and friends will present a slide show on fishing the Manitoba Parkland Lakes. You've heard about the big fish and Tiger Trout. Come see what it's all about

April 17th

Fish Hatchery and Stocking Issues

Presenters: Craig Copeland and Harvey Pollock

Comment: Craig is a fish culture manger with Sustainable Resource Development. Harvey is the manager of the Cold Lake Hatchery. Together they will talk about the issues surrounding hatchery fish and stocking in Alberta. Come and find out about where your tax dollars go in supporting fisheries in Alberta.

April 24th

"Testing Knot Strength

Presenter: Rick Lang

Comment: So you think you know how to tie good fishing knots? Do you have any idea which knots are high strength ones and which are not? Come prepared to learn "hands on" how to tie good knots and have their strength tested. Rick will demonstrate some common and uncommon knots. You may also get a chance to see just how much (or little) pressure you put on a fish during the fight through rod position.

Fly of the Month

Pattern: Evil Weevil

Hook: Tiemco 2487 Scud Hook
Thread: 8/0 brown or olive
Tail: Pheasant tail fibers
Rib: Gold wire - medium
Back: Thin Skin
Abdomen: Arizona Dubbing - peacock
Legs: Goose biots - brown
Thorax: Arizona Dubbing – dark peacock

Comment: The object is to provide flies to stock a box for the annual Trout Unlimited Dinner. Each member is encouraged to tye one or more of each month's pattern and bring it to a club meeting during the month.

Upcoming Events

April 6th Tying with Phil Rowley Queen Mary Park
April 20th Beginner Fly Tying Queen Mary Park
May 25th-26th Introduction to Fly Fishing Lion's Senior Center

Tying with Phil Rowley

April 6th

Dubbing Techniques

Presenter: Phil Rowley

Location: Queen Mary Park Community Hall

Time: 9 am to 5 pm

Cost: \$40.00

Attendance: Minimum: 20 Maximum: 30

Comment: Phil is an expert fly tyer, author and fly fisher. You may have seen him on the TV show The New Fly Fisher. Phil will demonstrate an array of dubbing techniques useful for creating a variety of fly patterns. You don't have to be an expert tyer to attend or benefit from Phil's tutelage. You can expect learning some innovative methods and uses of materials to create a variety of effective fly patterns.

Lloyd Shea Bucket Raffle

For those who don't know, the Lloyd Shea Bucket Raffle is held annually in honor of a long-time supporter of fly-fishing and cold water fisheries conservation in central Alberta area. Lloyd passed away in 2002. His efforts are sadly missed.

This year the raffle raised \$3500 in support of fisheries enhancement. Proceeds will go to support fishing education, cold-water fishery conservation, outreach events, field studies and habitat restoration.

Bamboo Rod Raffle

This year's winner of the bamboo rod donated by Don Anderson was Rick Lang. Lucky Rick! You made us all envious. The raffle raised \$2100.

Map to the home of



Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

