



From the Editor

A New Northern Lights Year Starts!

Happy New Year to Northern Lights Fly Tyers – Trout Unlimited Edmonton. I hope 2015 will be as fun-filled and successful as 2014.

This will be my last newsletter as Editor. Both my wife and I have recently retired and will be moving to Victoria in the spring. I will thus be unable to do justice to the monthly missive. As I noted last month, I have thoroughly enjoyed the friends, fellowship and knowledge I've gained in this organization as well as the opportunity to pass on that knowledge and friendship to others. I will miss my good friends and fishing buddies at NLFT.

I will be back in Edmonton from time to time as I still have family there, and when in town I will attend meetings and hopefully go fishing with my friends. I've made contact with the Haig Brown Fly Fishing Association in Victoria and they seem like a similar bunch to NLFT. So there may be opportunity for some exchange of ideas, programs and fishing opportunities.

December was a pretty quiet Northern Lights month. The first week regular program on December 3rd was the usual business meeting and free tie. We wound up the month on December 10th with our usual Pizza and Pop Christmas Windup.

January will be a busy month. The first regular program goes **January 7th** and will be a **Business Meeting and Free Tie**. We will have a short discussion on a topic to be announced. Week two on **January 14th** will feature **Beginner and Intermediate Tying Sessions** where beginners continue with our established program and intermediate tyers get a chance to learn and explore new techniques. Week three on January 21st will be our Annual General Meeting where we review the previous year, elect new club officers and consider a Club name change. Be sure to come out and provide your input into how the club is run and on what you would like to see in the upcoming year. For the last meeting of the month on **January 28th** our presenter will be **Dennis Southwick**. He will talk about **Wet Flies and Soft Hackles**. The January Fly of the Month is a '52 Buick.

Our annual major Fly Fishing Seminar will be on January 17th & 18th and features Ed Engle and Phil Rowley. This two day information-packed event will be held at Grant McEwan University, Room 6-212. Tickets are \$65.00 and cover both days. They are available at Club meetings and on line. The programs will cover many fishing topics including tying and fishing small flies. More detail on the anticipated program is provided on the club web page.

A unique opportunity has come up for a **Special Fly Tying Seminar with Hans Von Klinken** who is the developer of the Klinkhammer style of fly and hooks. He will be in town and has agreed to provide us with an evening session and workshop. The event will be held on **January 26th at 7:00pm at the Ogilvie Community Center at 951 Ogilvie Blvd NW**. Many of us have used Klinkhammer hooks to tie emerger and dry fly patterns that seem to be very productive. This is an opportunity to learn from an expert how to tie and fish these flies.

And as a final note, proposed changes to club constitution and by laws were published in the December newsletter for a vote at the Annual General Meeting in January. The proposal is to change the club name basically to replace "Fly Tyers" with "Fly Fishers". The impetus behind the proposed change was to have the club name be more representative of the club membership and activities. The executive also believe that the change will help attract a broader audience to provide some membership renewal and keep the club a dynamic organization.

"Goodbye and thanks for all the fish!"

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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Club Website

<http://www.nlft.org>

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"

Membership

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Meetings

January 7th

Business Meeting and Free Tye

Comment: We will have a short business meeting followed by a BS session and a free Tye. The business meeting will be followed by an impromptu discussion on a topic to be announced at the meeting. Bring your vices, tools and materials and tye a few flies.

January 14th

Beginner and Intermediate Tying Sessions

Comment: This will be a learning and tying session. Beginners will continue with the program based on Charlie Craven's book. Those who are interested in more advanced techniques and patterns will be helped as needed by members present. So bring your vices, tools and materials and your questions and needs for advice and take advantage of the expertise our members have. We are a teaching club and happy to share.

January 21st

Annual General Meeting

Tentative Agenda

- Call to Order
- Adoption of Agenda
- Minutes of last AGM
- Business arising from previous AGM
- Reports from: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Programs
- Newsletter, Library and Membership
- Election of New Officers
- Appointment of Auditors
- Changes to Club Charter
- New Business
- Adjournment

Comment: If you can't make it yourself, please pass a proxy on to some who can to ensure we have a quorum.

January 28th

Wet Flies and Soft Hackles

Presenter Dennis Southwick

Pattern *Stewarts Black Spider*

- Hook: #14 Dry Fly
- Thread: Brown Pearsall Silk
- Hackle: Starling

Comment: Dennis wants this to be more of a learning session than a tying presentation. So come and listen to some sage advice on the history and utility of these older patterns and how and when to fish them. Bring your vices and be prepared to tie along.

Upcoming Events

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| Jan. 17&18 | Ed Engle and Phil Rowley | Grant MacEwan |
| Jan. 26 th | Hans Von Klinken | Ogilvie Community Center |

Fly of the Month

Pattern: '52 Buick

- Hook: # 8 to #12 - nymph
- Thread: 8/0 black
- Tail: olive guinea fowl
- Rib: Flat silver tinsel
- Body: olive seal dubbing
- Legs: olive guinea fowl
- Head: Peacock herl



Comment: This is another venerable pattern that has accounted for a lot of fish in our pothole lakes

Special Tying Seminar

HANS VON KLINKE

- What:** A special seminar by the inventor of the Klinkhammer style fly
- When:** January 26th @ 7:00pm sharp
- Where:** Ogilvie Community Center
951 Ogilvie Blvd NE Edmonton
- Cost:** \$5.00 to cover venue and coffee costs

January Fly Fishing Seminar

ANNUAL TWO-DAY SEMINAR FEATURING

Ed Engle and Phil Rowley

- Date:** January 17th and 18th 2015
- Where:** Grant McEwan University
104 Ave Campus - Room 6-212
- When:** 9am to 4pm Sat. 9 am to 4pm Sun.
- Cost:** \$65.00 covers both days
- Comment:** This will be a very informative event featuring two specialists in their area of fly-fishing. Topics will be wide-ranging and aimed at beginner and expert alike. You can expect to hear about tying and fishing small flies, still water tactics and much more.

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