

## From the Editor

### Rest in Peace Bobber!

I'm sad to share that we lost one of our much loved club members. Bob Guidos, affectionately known to club members as Bobber, passed away on January 31<sup>st</sup> and is now casting his favorite "Ida May" flies in the big rivers and lakes inside the pearly gates. A sympathy card was signed by club members attending the February 11 meeting. The card and a bouquet of roses were personally taken to Bob's wife Joan. Joan and her daughter, Cindy, asked me to pass on to the club that during his last days Bob asked them to thank the club members for their love and friendship over the years. The club meant a lot to Bob and he appreciated the camaraderie and all the great times he spent with us tying the flies and fishing them. Many of our club members have fond memories of great tying and fishing trips with Bobber and he will be missed.

Once again March will be a busy time for our club as we participate in the **Edmonton Boat and Sportsmen's Show** at **Northlands** on **March 12 to 15**. We will be demonstrating to youngsters how to tie flies (wooly buggers) but this year we are encouraging the participation of the parents and guardians of the kids as well. It is a great opportunity to promote and share with visitors to our booth what our club activities include. In addition, assistance will be needed the man the booth for the **TU Lloyd Shea raffle**. Dick Slobodian, (780) 464-3266, is our club contact for this special program. Please call Dick and let him know the dates that you are available to assist.

When I opened the latest copy of Fly Fusion, I was pleased to see the article from TU's Currents, "Ensuring Grayling Survival In Northern Alberta." A tip of the hat to the club members who have supported and participated in this project and especially to Jim O'Neil and Ken Monk for their leadership, project coordination and writing the article reporting on the Grayling projects activities.

**Split-cane Raffle Ticket Booklets** – Please hand in the booklets to Dave Towers as we will be selling the remainder of the tickets at the Sportsmen's Show.

A big Thank You to **Rick Lang**, Rick will once again be instructing the "Learn to Fly Fish" course this year. It is to be held on Saturday, April 25, at the club. Please pass on the word to anyone that you know who is interested in knowing more about this great sporting activity that we share.

At our March 11 evening there will be a "mixed bag" type of fly tying competition where members sit and tie a fly with "mystery" materials. We will be looking for some volunteers to sign up on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup>. That way one can practice for a week but not know what materials will be used.... There will be a secret ballot vote to decide on the top three flies tied that evening and yes prizes will be awarded to the lucky winners.

On page three is a story submitted by Neil Sutherland one of our club members. It was several years ago but a memorial one: "My Best Day Fishing Ever". Thanks Neil.

*John Marple*

## Club Meetings – Wednesday's at 7:00 P.M.

**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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### Club Website

<http://www.nlft.org>

## Membership

**\$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 (card)
- Access to large club library
- Fellowship of fellow fishers
- Tying and fishing "secrets"

### Membership

**Skylar Robertson**  
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## This Month's Meeting Programs

### March 4th

#### BUSINESS MEETING - BEGINNERS & FREE TIE

We will have our monthly business meeting followed by fly fish networking, beginner tying and a free tie. Spring will be here soon, so bring your vices, tools and materials and tie one (or two or three) on.

### March 11th

#### AN EVENING FUN TIE

An evening "fun tie" – We will be having a "mixed bag" type competition where members sit at a table and tie with some mystery materials. There will be a secret ballot vote to decide on a top 3 flies.....and prizes for the winners.

### March 18th

#### ROSS CHOW WILL DISCUSS FLY REELS

Ross will discuss the types of different drags, features to look for when purchasing a reel and answer questions related to the fly reels.

### March 25th

#### DAVE PARK, FISHERIES BIOLOGIST

David Park, Section Head, Fisheries Management, ESRD, Fish and Wildlife Division, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, is our scheduled guest and he will be sharing some of the following topics: Fisheries management organization, immediate impact of budget cuts, the stocking policy, the stocking of tiger trout, regulation changes for 2015 & 2016, license fees (especially the status of the request to institute a seniors' license), efforts to eradicate illegally stocked perch and new initiatives. Dave indicated that it will be his pleasure to discuss various areas of fisheries management and fishing in general so come prepared with you questions for Dave.

#### Upcoming Events this Month

March 8	Daylight Fishing Time Begins	Set your Clocks!
March 12-15	Boat and Sportsman Show	See Below!
March 17	St. Patty's Day	Bushmills /Jameson?
March 20	Spring Equinox	Fishing time is a coming!

### Edmonton Boat & Sportsmen's Show

March 12-15

#### "Volunteer Fly Tiers are Needed"

Please contact Dick Slobodian at the club meetings or call him (780) 464-3266 and let him know what dates and times you are available to assist with this activity.

Edmonton Expo Centre, Northlands

<http://www.edmontonboatandsportshow.ca/>

## POTHOLE PRACTICE TIME COMING SOON TO A STREET NEAR YOU!



## Split-Cane Fly Rod Raffle

### ANNUAL CANE ROD RAFFLE

Donated by: Don Anderson

Once again Don has been very generous and he has graciously donated one of his handmade split-cane fly rods for our fly fishing club to raffle off as a fund raiser to help us finance our projects, etc.

Tickets are available from many of the club members and at our booth at the Sportsmen's Show.

Please visit Don's site and watch the video.

<http://www.bamboorods.ca/>

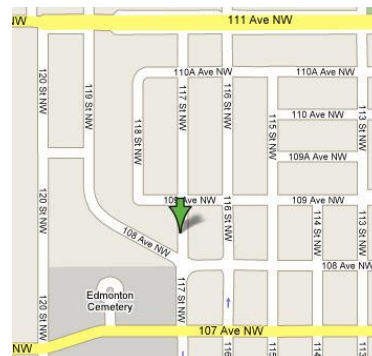
## CLUB MEETING PRESENTATIONS

A very important part of our club activities is to present every week programs that are new, educational and beneficial to our members. If there are programs / activities that you as a member would like to know more about please let the executive know. Presently we are in need of someone to assist in coordinating the monthly presentations. If you are interested, please contact Dave Murray. Thank you.

### Map to the home of



Northern Lights Fly Fishers  
Trout Unlimited Edmonton



## My Best Day Fishing. EVER by Neil Sutherland

The date was July 10, 1976. I've just checked in to my favorite fishing camp, Aurora Lakes Resort, near Little Fort, British Columbia. In spite of an eight-hour drive, I'm excited, as I had not wet a line since the previous summer. I rush to set up two rods, get a long-handled net and stuff a back-pack with wet and dry Hardy Marquis 8/9's, my wet and dry fly-boxes, a gunny sack, an anchor rope, my old Pentax Spotmatic, two sausage rolls and three beers.

My goal is the big-fish lake – Richard. But first is a 1½-mile hike to Gem Lake on a bush trail. I practically run up this trail organize the boat and do the Muskol spray thing. I bow-wave my way across Gem, and gallop the 200 yards to Richard.

I load up a boat and head to the drop-off just out from the boat-launch inlet. I drop anchor in about 15' of water and set-up a wet line with a twelve-foot 4lb-tippet leader and a Montana Nymph. I open a beer, take a deep breath, cast as far as I can out into the lake, take a deep pull at the beer and start a twitch retrieve. **Nothing!** I try again a little to the right of my first cast, take an even deeper pull at the beer (I hope you sense my Scientific Method training) and begin my retrieve.

This time the line stopped dead. Oops, a log! But then the line headed west at breakneck

speed and stopped perhaps 50 yards into my 200 yards of backing. I stood up and carefully started retrieving line and I can see by the flash of silver in the clear water of Richard Lake, that I have hooked a good fish. I think seven runs later I boat the fish, quaff the remnants of my beer, up anchor and head to shore to the lunch site where I plan to photograph this beauty which I estimate at ten pounds. I fear that if I put this prize in the gunnysack I would mark its beauty with crisscross marks.

On shore, I realized that that I have two problems. I have only one picture left on the spool and the exposure meter battery is dead. I do my best to estimate the camera settings (*not very well – see the overexposed result*) and take the shot. I celebrate with another beer and contemplate quitting right then and heading back to the camp to the anticipated hero's welcome.

On my way to the dock I had to go right over the spot where I had caught the fish and I thought I would try just a few casts. Would you believe on my very first cast I caught a twin to the one in the bag. Actually, the first one was nine pound, eight oz and the second was nine pound, three oz. Back to camp I go. We sure celebrated so no picture of the pair was ever taken.

This photo, overexposed as it is (AAARGH!!) was the one taken on shore, and you'll just have to take my word that there was a twin.

