

## From the Editor

The NLFF annual general meeting was held on January 20<sup>th</sup> which included the election of the club executive. Congratulations to those members returning to the executive positions of the club. There are still several positions that have not been filled as stated as **VACANT** on the right side of this page, needless to say we are in need of members to fill the vacant positions. Club members who may want to share their leadership talents in the future may begin now by assisting the executive members in projects or activities as the need arises. At the meeting it was voted on and passed that our club name now correctly includes Trout Unlimited Canada in the legal title.

[Northern Lights Fly Fishers-Trout Unlimited Canada-Edmonton Chapter](#)

### The Jim McLennan and Jason Randall Seminar

Once again January was a busy time for the club with our annual mid-January seminar featuring great presentations by **Jim McLennan and Jason Randall**. The seminar was both successful and enjoyable. Jim has been with us before and shared many fishing tactics that many of us have put into practice. This year he shared with us new fishing strategies, his recommended fly patterns (both wet and dry) for Alberta, fly-casting techniques as well as sharing great tips on nature photography. We fish in many of Alberta's beautiful places so why not capture them by taking better photos to go with our memories. If you were not able to attend the seminar, **Jim and Lynda McLennan's** web site is: <http://www.mclennanflyfishing.com/> please take a look, there may be something interesting just for you. **Jason Randall** provided a lot of information from the latest scientific studies that he has been involved in as a fishing biologist and veterinarian. He shared with us what the fish see, the critical angle, window & mirror and how fish react to our presence in their surroundings. I found it very interesting when he shared with us that trout are visual predators and he listed the four prime search images that they use in obtaining food. Other topics were the refresher on reading moving waters, the percentages of the flow speed on the surface, along the banks, and at the bottom of the stream, where trout "hide" and the preferred feed lines which included audience participation. Thank you, to both **Jim McLennan and Jason Randall** for their great presentations and sharing with us their many skills, stories, and fishing knowledge. As we carry on through our winter doldrums the January seminar whets our fishing appetite as we wait for the ice to break up and start to move on our local rivers and lakes. I started tying a few of Jim's suggested patterns already. It was also encouraging to see a good number of new faces at this year's seminar; hopefully the local folks that attended the seminar will also come out to our club meetings to learn and share more fly fishing knowledge.

*John Marple*

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

**Queen Mary Park Community League**  
Equipment and Materials:  
Bring your own or use the Club loaners.

**10844 – 117<sup>th</sup> Street, Edmonton**  
The format is Informal - Drop In  
Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

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## Membership

*\$40.00/ per year  
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"

**Club Website**  
<http://www.nlft.org>

## February Meeting Programs

**February 3rd**

**BUSINESS MEETING + BEGINNERS/FREE TIE**

**February 10th**

**DUANE RADFORD – FLY FISHING IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**

**February 17th**

**MICHAEL DELL – TYING THE CDC BLUE WINGED OLIVE**

**(The recipe is posted in upcoming events)**

**February 24th**

**A) VINCE SCHEMBRI**

**BUILDING YOUR OWN LEADERS**

**B) EMMERSON DOBER**

**TENKARA SET UP**

**C) PETER LITTLE**

**DON ANDERSON STRIKE INDICATOR**

## Upcoming Events!

**March 10th -13th - Edmonton Boat & Sportsman Show**

## Split-Cane Fly Rod Raffle

**Donated by: Don Andersen**

*Once again Don has been very generous and graciously donated one of his handmade split-cane fly rods for our fly fishing club to raffle off as a fund raiser to help Northern Lights Fly Fishers-Trout Unlimited Canada-Edmonton Chapter finance projects, etc.*

*This year the rod is a 7'9" 5-weight, 2-piece rod*

*With 2 tip sections.*

*Tickets are available from club members*

*To learn more on Split-Cane Fly Rods, please visit Don's website & watch the video on the making of split cane fly rods.*

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

## Stimulator



One of the 12 Essential flies Jim McLennan shared with us at the January seminar was the Stimulator.

Hook: TMC 200R #6-16

Thread: Danville Fire Orange 6/0

Tail: Natural Brown Elk Hair

Abdomen: Yellow dubbing

Abdomen Hackle: Ginger or Silver Badger Hackle,

Rib: Fine Gold Wire

Thorax: Ginger Angora Goat Dubbing

Wing: Natural Brown Bull Elk Hair

Thorax Hackle: Grizzly Hackle over thorax

I was fishing the upper Maligne River late last August and it was cold, raining and snowing the whole time (it's cold when you put your hands in the Maligne and the water feels warm). I made the decision to use nymphs and landed /released a few 6-8" rainbows. I decided to give up fishing in the cold but just before leaving, while shivering, I tied on a Stimulator with shaky fingers and as soon as it hit the water I was immediately stimulated by the sudden take of the fly by a 16" rainbow.



Always keep a Stimulator or two in the fly box!

## Map to the home of

Northern Lights Fly Tyers  
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

