



From the Editor

We had an Exceptionally Mild Winter, and then February Warmed Up!

For the folks who did not get a chance to travel to the warmer climates of our planet this winter (like our Ken M. who sent us videos of sea turtles and related aquatic life while he was scuba/swimming in the Caribbean, thanks Ken) we have been very fortunate in Edmonton to experience warmer weather than normal. For example, temperatures hovered around 15 degrees Friday, Feb. 26, breaking a temperature record that's been held since 1938. The last time Edmonton saw comparable temperatures during the month of February was on Feb. 28, 2001, when the thermometer reached 12.9°C. By 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, the Edmonton Blatchford weather station reported temperatures of 14.7°C. Not too shabby, hopefully some of our club members were able to get their fly rods out to the Red Deer or Stauffer Creek. As the increase in daylight hours leads to even warmer days it won't be too long before the ice will break up and we will be tossing the flies on our lakes and rivers. A "teaser" report last week from one of our former club members now living down south stated, "It really is like spring here, with the river (Crowsnest) wide open, and much of the snow gone. I wish I could include some fish photos, but we both got skunked -- not even a hit. However it was fun just to get out.".....Can't Wait!

Dennis and our executive team have put the following program agenda together for our March meetings. We start **March 2nd** with a business meeting and a round table discussion topic on how we can increase membership and promote volunteering. The second week on **March 9th Rob Hinchcliffe**, will give us a presentation - **Alberta Aquatic Insects 101**. We continue week three, **March 16th** with a **Free Tie Session, "helping beginners & Karen"**. On **March 23rd Mike & Alex Molenkamp** will provide a session on **Golden Trout**. The final meeting of the month **March 30th** will be the rescheduled session "**Build your own leader night**" including (dry fly, streamer, Tenkara, saltwater leaders and strike indicator set-ups) with our star cast of presenters, Vince, Dennis, Emerson, Peter and Ross. It looks like a great month for us to learn more about our great sport.

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 10-13**. We will be demonstrating to youngsters how to tie flies (Wooly Buggers) and will encourage the participation of the parents and guardians of the kids as well. Please contact **Alex Molenkamp**, (780-850-0232) as **Alex** is organizing the volunteers for this event.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – At the **April 6th** business meeting there will be a vote on Corrections & Updates regarding the Club's Constitution as proposed by the Executive. A Quorum of 20 members will be required at this meeting.

John

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

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TUC Membership:

Exciting changes are happening at Trout Unlimited Canada (TUC). We are proud to announce a significant change to our membership package.

Historically, less than 5% of TUC's membership dollars were put toward work on the ground. It's time to put 100% of these funds to work.

- Minimum \$40 donation
- Tax receipt for full donation
- Bi-Monthly digital newsletter News Stream
- Voting rights at AGM
- Membership to a local chapter
- Real change on the ground!

Why the Change?

- 100% of membership dues go to conservation
- Up to date news & information
- Smaller environmental foot print
- Over 25 million litres of water saved each year!

**Canada's Water is
Worth Protecting**

March Meeting Programs

March 2nd

BUSINESS MEETING

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION TOPIC
HOW TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERS**

March 9th

ROB HINCHCLIFFE

“ALBERTA AQUATIC INSECTS 101”

March 16th

ALL MEMBERS

“FREE TYING NIGHT”

March 23rd

ALEX & MICHAEL MOLENKAMP

“GOLDEN TROUT”

March 30th

**“BUILDING YOUR LEADER NIGHT”
DRY FLY, STREAMER, TENKARA,
SALTWATER LEADER, STRIKE INDICATOR
STARRING:**

VINCE, EMMERSON, PETER & ROSS

Upcoming Events!

March 10th - 13th –

**Edmonton Boat & Sportsman Show
Contact Alex 780-850-0232 to register
for Volunteering at this Event!**

Beginner Fly Fishing Classes

April 30th is the first Class

May 14th is the Second Class

**Both classes are on Saturdays, the cost is
\$75.00 per class and it includes lunch.**

The Location is to be determined.

Tickets will be sold at the Sportsman Show.

A limit of 20 persons per class

Tickets sold on a first come first served basis.

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/>



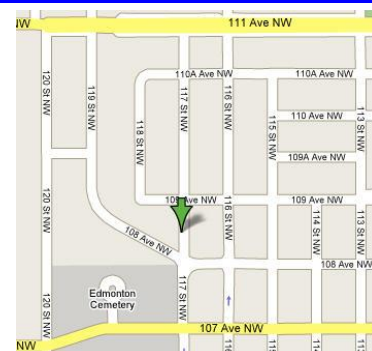
The Green Rock Worm!

As we approach spring, I fondly remember several years ago having great success before runoff on moving water with a size 16-18 glass bead green rock worm suspended 12" below a weighted San Juan.

Map to the home of



**Northern Lights Fly Fishers
Trout Unlimited Canada**



Club Website

<http://www.nlft.org>

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