



## From the Editor

### Were You Out fishing Yet?

April weather was excellent with the ice off of many lakes sooner than usual. I know a few of our members were out wetting their lines on both open flowing & still water.

A big concern is winterkill of the trout due to minimal or no aeration this past winter.



Murders at Muir!

Dipper Dan shared photos that he took on April 10<sup>th</sup> of some fair size trout that were unable to survive the very low oxygen levels this past winter. It will be interesting to see if there is a reasonable fishing density remaining at Muir and other local lakes.

However, there is some good news. Initial reports from trout lakes around the Rocky Mountain House/Caroline area are that some of the larger fish did not make it due to the low oxygen levels but some of the midsized and smaller fish survived. There was partial kill in most lakes but few of them had total kill. Hopefully there will be a few places that we can wet our lines and land a reasonable trout or two this summer. I also heard that the latest word is that the trout lakes that were aerated in the past will be aerated by surface fountains during the 2016/17 winter months.

### This month we have the following programs planned.

We will kick off the May 4<sup>th</sup> with the normal Business meeting. The second week on May 11<sup>th</sup> we are pleased to have Darryl Smith, from Fox Creek, as our guest speaker, Darryl is the Stewart o the little Smokey. Week three, May 18<sup>th</sup> will be a Buy, Swap or Trade Night. Bring your fly fishing paraphernalia and bargain will fellow club members. On May 25<sup>th</sup> there will be an updated report on the Grayling Project by Ken Monk & Jim O'Neil.

Did you purchase your tickets for the Split-Cane Fly Rod Raffle??? Only a few weeks left. The Draw date is getting closer, May 18, 2016.

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 – 117<sup>th</sup> 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**

## April Meeting Programs

**MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**BUSINESS MEETING FOLLOWED BY  
A FREE TIE & FISHING TALK**

**MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**GUEST SPEAKER  
DARRYL SMITH, FOX CREEK  
STEWART OF THE LITTLE SMOKEY RIVER**

**MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**BUY, SWAP, TRADE NIGHT  
BRING YOUR FLY FISHING  
PARAPHERNALIA**

**MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**GUEST SPEAKERS  
KEN MONK & JIM O'NEIL  
GRAYLING PROJECT UPDATE**



I never got into Prince's (R.I.P.) music but I thought this was an interesting fly pattern for those who did.

## Upcoming Events!

**May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**TUC National**

**Edmonton Conservation Dinner and Auction**

**The Chateau Lacombe**

Reception at 5:00 P.M. Dinner at 7:00 P.M.

**The Final Beginner Fly Fishing Class**

**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Central Lion's Seniors 11113-113 Street**

**\$75.00 & includes lunch.**

**A Maximum of 20 persons**



Northern Lights Fly Fishers  
Trout Unlimited Canada



**OPEN HOUSE AT THE CLUB**

**Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

**4 – 5 Speakers/Presenters - No charge  
Donations welcomed with proceeds going to  
the Lloyd Shea Fund**

## 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.*

*A 7'9" 5-weight, 2-piece rod with 2 tip sections.*

*Tickets are available from club members*

*(Licence 422920)*

**The Draw Date is May 18, 2016**

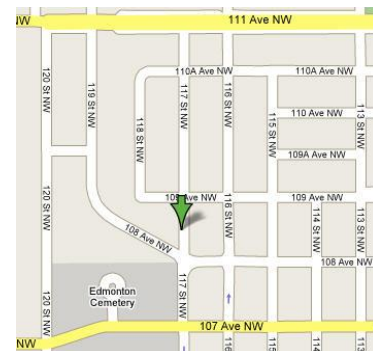
*To learn more on Split-Cane Fly Rods, please visit Don's website & watch the video on the making of split cane fly rods.*

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

**Map to the home of**



Northern Lights Fly Fishers  
Trout Unlimited Canada



**Club Website**

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

**[Become a Member of Trout Unlimited Canada](#)**

*The Edmonton Chapter of Trout Unlimited Canada is dedicated to sharing the sport of Fly Fishing, the art of Fly Tying, and conservation of our cold water resources for future generations.*