

FROM THE EDITOR

November Brings Some Changes!

The fall fishing season is almost over. Some lakes and streams are now closed to fishing and with a bit of cold weather ice will start to close others. Although there are still a few places to fly fish, it's time get into an indoor program.

For the past little while, your executive has been discussing ways to improve club meetings. We've noticed a slight decline in attendance at meetings, less interaction amongst members and the tendency for meetings to end early. Our concern is that this has not been typical of the Club in the past and we wish to recapture some of our previous openness and energy. So starting with the last couple of meetings in October, we have altered the layout and format of meetings. Early feedback indicates the changes are positive.

Firstly, we will once again be offering coffee (regular and decaff). We will be allowing a bit more time to socialize prior to the formal part of the meeting. To help that, we are changing the U shaped table layout. Tables will now be more scattered. Members are encouraged to mix in small groups at each table to sit and talk to each other face to face.

Demonstrations will be moved from the hall's west to the east end to improve acoustics and rows of chairs will allow the audience to sit closer to the presenter. Pattern demonstrators will be tying their patterns twice, with the second time being slower so members can tie along.

The club library will now only be open for short periods at the beginning and end of the meeting to allow our librarians to participate in meetings and maintain better control over our extensive collection of books, tapes and DVDs.

Meetings will not wind up after the presentation. Conversation and fly tying at the tables will continue. The 50/50 draw will occur much later in the meeting to encourage folks to stick around longer. We want meetings extend to the end of our rental period at 9 pm. We're hoping these changes will reinvigorate meetings.

November will offer a mixed program. Our first weekly meeting on **November 7th** will be an **Executive Tie Along**, which will use our new format to provide a chance to get to know your executive better. The second week, **November 14th**, we have **Rod Boisvert** demonstrating a **Chromie** and a **Black Montana**. We also have **Beginner Session #4**, with us tying a **Henry's Lake Renegade**. On the third week, **November 21st**, we have the infamous **Blind Bugger Ball**. The fourth week, **November 28th** has **Dennis Southwick** discussing and demonstrating **Soft Hackle Flies**. We continue **Beginner Sessions** with a **Snow Cone**.

We're continuing the planning for our major seminar to be held **January 19th and 20th** featuring **Rick Hafele** and **Skip Morris**. Keep your ears open for more information and volunteer opportunities. Posters will shortly be appearing in the fly shops with tickets available well before Christmas, so if you have a fisherman on your gift list....

Come and try out our new format!

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions:
Queen Mary Park Community League

Equipment and Materials:
The format is Informal Drop In

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.
10844 - 117th Street

Bring your own or use the Club loaners
Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: Seminar Room, Northgate Lions Seniors Centre (7524 139 Avenue)
7:30 pm November 19th, 2007: Topic to be announced.

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MEMBERSHIP

Only \$20.00

January 1st to December 31st

Benefits Include:

- Fishing Presentations & Fly Tying Sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- Club event discounts
- Selected retailer discounts (with card)
- Access to large club library
- Fellowship of fellow fishers
- Tying and fishing "secrets"

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MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 7TH

Executive Tie

Comment: This week we will use the new layout and format to expose your club executives to close scrutiny. We will spread ourselves amongst the tables and tie one or more of our favorite patterns. Bring your vises and materials and tie along with us. I suppose we'll have to tolerate some heckling.

NOVEMBER 14TH

Tyer: Rod Boisvert

Pattern: Chromie

Hook: Mustad C 49S #10-#16
 Thread: 8/0 Black
 Rib: Red Holographic Flashabou
 Body: Silver Flashabou
 Wing case: Pearlescent Mylar
 Wing pads: Orange Super Floss
 Thorax: Black Thread
 Gills: Stillwater Solutions Midge Gill

Note: Coat entire fly with the exception of the gills with brushable Super Glue such as Loctite. This is a Phil Rowley pattern as interpreted by Rod

Pattern: Black Montana

Hook: Wet fly #8 to #12 - Mustad 9671
 Thread: Black 6/0
 Tail: Black hackle tips
 Body: Black Chenille
 Wing case: Black Chenille
 Thorax: Yellow, orange or olive chenille
 Hackle: Black soft saddle

Comment: Rod will demonstrate a couple of sub surface flies in his usual effusive and entertaining style. He'll do each pattern twice, so if you want, you can come prepared to tie along. Note that the editor obtained pattern details from the web, so Rod's choices may be slightly different.

Beginners Session #4

Pattern: Henry's Lake Renegade

Hook: Tiemco 101 or Mustad CS?? #12 Dry fly
 Thread: Red 6/0
 Body: Peacock Herl
 Hackle: Brown or Furnace Saddle
 Rib: Red Thread (also for tag and head)

Comment: We'll learn how to tie one of Rick Lang's favorite flies and along the way discuss peacock herl and hackling techniques.

NOVEMBER 21ST

Blind Bugger Ball

Comment: This is an annual event that brings much laughter to our proceedings. The idea is that contestants tie a standard woolly bugger while blind folded. They are timed and the winner declared based on best time and best looking fly. There are no losers as everyone has a good time. Contestants will either volunteer or be selected by lottery at the meeting.

NOVEMBER 28TH

Tyer: Dennis Southwick

Pattern: Soft Hackle Flies

Comment: Dennis has been researching old soft hackle patterns for quite a while. He will present a bit of the history and development of soft hackles and tie a few older and newer patterns

Beginners Session #5

Pattern: Snow Cone

Hook: Nymph hook #12 to 16 - Tiemco 200R
 Thread: Black 6/0
 Head: White plastic bead
 Body: Black stretch floss
 Rib: Fine silver wire.

Comment: This is a basic Chironomid larvae pattern. We learn how to tie floss bodies and use ribbing.

CLUB LOGO CLOTHING

We have hats, t-shirts, quick-dry fishing shirts, cotton fishing shirts, fleece vests and fleece jackets in a variety of sizes.

LIBRARY NEWS

Here's the list of November meeting Silent Auction books:

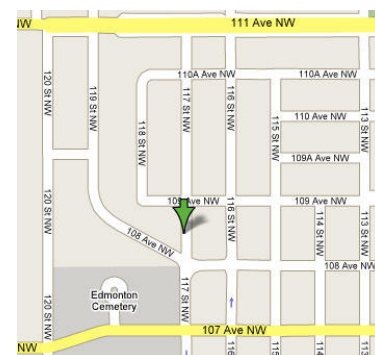
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| Nov 7 | American Fly Tying Manual | Dave Hughes |
| Nov 14 | How to Tie Freshwater flies | Kenneth E. Bay |
| Nov 21 | The Essential Fly Tier | J. Edson Leonard |
| Nov 28 | Fly-Tying Material | Art Flick |

Book Review for November by Jerry Plastow

HC020 – Lee Wulff on Flies.

Details the patterns which he developed and in the manner in which he was able to use them with success. Diagrams are in black and white. Enjoyable reading.

MAP TO NLFT&F HOME



NLFT&F Meeting Location

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| January 16 th | Club Elections | Queen Mary Park |
| January 19 th -20 th | Hafele & Morris Seminar | Grant MacEwan |
| January 25 th -27 th | Calgary Fly Fishing Expo | Spruce Meadows |