

FROM THE EDITOR

Another Year for Northern Lights!

How was your fishing last year? Did you catch that monster you dreamt about or was it all minnows? January is a good time to take stock on what the previous year brought and make tentative plans for the New Year. Maybe it's time to make some New Year's resolutions around fishing. For me, I resolve to use up some of my accumulated vacation and spend more time on the water. Is there anybody out there who wants to keep me company?

The changed meeting format continues. The coffee's on and we have several folks coming with vices on a regular basis. The conversation's fun and we all seem to learn something new each week. Eight of us have even joined in an Inter-club "Across the Pond" Fly Swap with the Gewnt Angling Society in Wales. Check into the topic on the Club's web page Forum to see who's involved and the patterns being tied. Fly swaps are both fun and educational. I'm looking forward to seeing what the Welsh tyers produce.

Our first weekly meeting on **January 2nd** will again be an **Executive Tye Along**. Bring your vices and test your executive's skill at teaching a new pattern. **Beginner Session #7** goes the same week, with us tying a **Chernobyl Ant**. The second week, **January 9th**, **Phil Rowley** talks about last year's **Canadian Fly Fishing Championships** that were held in Alberta. **Beginner Session #8** on the same week, features an **RB Emerger**. On the third week, **January 16th**, we have our **Annual General Meeting** with annual reports and election of new officers. There's more on that below. The next week on **January 23rd** we have **Michael Sullivan** giving us a talk on **Large Ecosystem Changes** and what the subsequent effects are. The last week, **January 30th**, **Dave Robinson** (yep, that's me) will talk about **Fishing Knots**

Club Elections will be held at the annual general meeting on January 19th. We have at least two vacancies on the executive (President and Secretary). If you want to contribute to the Club and have an impact on its direction, step up to the plate and offer your services. If you wish to run for any executive position, let Pauline know as she's the Elections Officer.

My thanks and that of all the rest of the executive go out to Brian Bleackley and Vince Schembri for their dedicated service to the Club. While they are relinquishing their official positions, we can expect them to continue to be active, contributing members.

The Fly Fishing Symposium in Calgary draws ever closer. Our contingent of volunteers will man the Kids Tying Booth and conduct a Beginner's Tying Seminar. If you want to volunteer, speak to anyone on the executive. We do car pool and share accommodation so don't let the long drive and costs deter you.

We're in the final stages of planning **Skip and Rick's Fly Fishing Road Show** which will be held **January 19th and 20th** featuring **Skip Morris and Rick Hafele**. Keep your ears open for volunteer opportunities. Posters are in the fly shops now and tickets are available at Club meetings and the fly shops.

Memberships for 2008 are now available!

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: *Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.*
Queen Mary Park Community League *10844 – 117th Street*
Equipment and Materials: Bring your own or use the Club loaners
The format is Informal Drop In 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 January 21st, 2007: Speaker and 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

JANUARY 2ND Executive Tie

Comment: We'll start the year off with an open tie. To encourage mixing and tying, your executive will once again spread themselves amongst the tables and tie one or more of our favorite patterns. Bring your vises and materials and tie along with us.

Beginners Session #7

Pattern: Chernobyl Ant

Comment: Dave Robinson will teach one his and Dennis Southwick's favorite attractor patterns. This fly is surprisingly effective on grayling and very useful as an indicator fly

JANUARY 9TH

Tyer: Phil Rowley

Topic: How We Won the Canadians

Note: Phil will describe how the team he was on won the 2007 Canadian Fly Fishing Championships held in Alberta. He may also tie a fly or two.

JANUARY 16TH Annual General Meeting

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Previous Minutes
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Membership Report
- Program Report
- FESA Report
- Newsletter Report
- Library Report
- Election of Officers
- New Business

Comment: We'll need your participation to ensure the Club is set up to run effectively for the next year. There are open spots on the Executive due to some incumbents declining run, so we need some new blood to volunteer.

JANUARY 23RD

Pattern: Michael Sullivan

Tyer: Large Ecosystem Changes

Comment: This talk is about Alberta examples of what happens when you introduce large ecosystem changes.

Beginners Session #8

Pattern: RB Emerger

Comment: We'll tie a fly invented by a Club member that is designed to represent an emerging midge. I'll try to con Ranger Bob to demo his invention.

JANUARY 30TH

Topic: Knotty Night

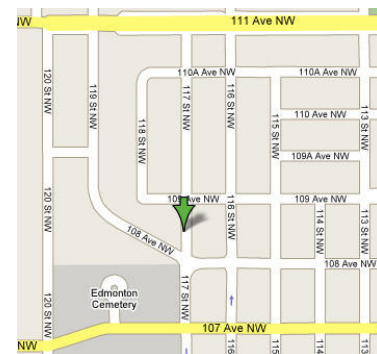
Presenter: Dave Robinson

Comment: Dave will demonstrate a few common knots. Material will be provided to practice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
February 28 th	TU & NLFT&F Silent Auction	Bo Diddleys
March 13 th -16 th	Edmonton Sportsman's Show	Northlands
March 27 th to 30 th ?	Outdoor Show	Mayfield

MAP TO NLFT&F HOME



NLFT&F Meeting Location

JANUARY SEMINAR

Skip and Rick's Fly – Fishing Road Show

A Two Day Fly-Fishing Seminar

January 19th & 20th, 2008

Featuring

SKIP MORRIS & RICK HAFELE

Main Campus - Grant McEwan Community College – Room 6-212

9 am to 5 pm Saturday – 9 am to 4 pm Sunday

Cost: Both days \$80.00

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Day 1

Morning

- Rick Understanding Western Hatches Part 1
- Skip Fundamentals of Nymph Fishing
- Rick Understanding Western Hatches Part 2

Afternoon

- Skip Fishing the Depths of Lakes
- Rick Understanding Western Hatches Part 3
- Skip Doing Creeks

Day 2

Morning

- Skip Tying and Fishing Mayflies Part 1
- Rick Caddis: What, Where and When
- Skip Tying and Fishing Mayflies Part 2

Afternoon

- Rick Understanding Emergers
- Skip Tying and Fishing Mayflies Part 3
- Rick Five Fishing Mistakes You Don't Want to Make