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FROM THE EDITOR

Fall coming on fast. Get that last trip in!!

The weather is starting to cool off, there're hints of the trees turning color and yellow busses are being seen on the streets again. That means it's time for the fall season of the Northern Lights meetings to start. So if you come out to our meetings you will find out what everyone's been up to this summer.

I've heard and seen reports of fish caught and trips taken on and off all summer, some with details and some without. It sounds as if club members got out there regularly. I'm not sure how our summer program went as I only went to one of the outings due to conflicts with my soccer schedule, although I did make it out to a couple of the free tyes.

I had one major fishing trip this summer. I spent a week down in the Crowsnest area. I timed my trip to coincide with the visit by three anglers from the Gwent Angling Society in Wales. Alan Parfit, Dai Clarke and John (I never did get his last name straight) joined Alan Jones and me from Edmonton at the Castle Bridge campground for several days. We had mostly good weather with a few showers and some scorcher days. I fished the Castle, Carbondale and Crow with them. Fish were caught, stories told and libations downed. We did a little tourist stuff since it was John's first time over here. The Welsh boys are a great bunch and it was a hoot to meet and fish with them.

The fall program opens this month on September 3rd with Flies and Lies. Bring your photos and tales of summer fishing. Week two on September 10th brings Beginner Tye Along and Fly-fty Fly-fty. Check the next page for details. Week three on September 17th is a Free Tye – Grayling Extravaganza Come prepared to stock those grayling boxes. Week four on September 24th has Dennis Southwick Foaming at the Mouth (er vice) by tying up a couple of his new patterns.

I'm not sure if there's any official? outings planned for this fall. We used to have a couple of club outings during the fall to chase grayling and rockies. Perhaps we can discuss this September 3rd when at our normal short monthly business meeting.

We've were invited by the Calgary Hook and Hackle to join in their "Bow River Fishout" on July 20^{th} to 22^{nd} at the Carsland Weir Campsite. This invite was a first for CH&H. I have no idea if anybody from Edmonton made it out, so let me know if you did and how it went.

The FF@ klave went off from August 13th to 17th, There was a change in venue due to inadequate pre-klave commitment. It was moved from the Carsland weir on the Bow to Dutch Creek on highway 40. I missed it by a day as I left Dutch just before the klave started due to work commitments. I met Dennis and Michael there the day prior to the Klave on my way back from the Crow. It sounds as if there were lots of attendees and a fine time was had by all. I expect to see some photographic evidence of the on water stuff even though "what happens in camp stays in camp".

Grayling time is here! Yippie!!

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Queen Mary Park Community League Equipment and Materials:
The format is Informal Drop In

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: November 20th, (day change) Activities of Alberta TUC chapters, Brian Meagher, Alberta Biologist for TUC, Northgate Lion's Seniors Centre 7:30 pm.

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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

SEPTEMBER 3RD

FLIES AND LIES

Comments: Bring photos and stories from the summer and amaze your friends with the results of your skill and luck. The coffee will be on and tables available for those who want to tie a few flies while spinning yarns.

SEPTEMBER 10TH BEGINNER TYE ALONG

Pattern: Griffiths Gnat
Hook: Dry Fly #12 to 18

Thread 6/0 olive Body: Peacock herl Hackle: Grizzly Saddle

Comment: This fly will kick off the fall beginner sessions with a pattern that should work on graying over the next few weeks.

FLY-FTY FLY-FTY

This is a new event for NLFT&F. The idea is to make a bunch of flies the prize in the 50/50 draw. To enter, you donate a fly of the chosen pattern (or anything else for that matter) along with your loonie. For who do not donate flies, it costs an extra loonie per ticket. The draw winner gets the entire bunch of flies and the monetary proceeds go to the club treasury to help offset coffee costs. To make this work, we need everyone to participate and provide a fly for the kitty. To make it more fun, you can tie your flies on the spot. So let's give it a go and see how it turns out.

Pattern: Adams

Dry Fly #12 to 18

Thread 6/0 gray

Tail: Grizzly Hackle Fibres

Wing: White Antron Body: Gray Dubbing Hackle: Grizzly Saddle

Comments: This is another proven graying pattern.

SEPTEMBER 17th

FREE TIE - GRAYLING EXTRAVAGANZA

Comment: Do you sense a theme here? Since it's prime grayling fishing, this will be a good time to come out and stock up on your favorite patterns, or learn about and tie a few of those favored by other members.

SEPTEMBER 24TH

FOAMING AT THE MOUTH

Tyer: Dennis Southwick
Pattern: Dennis' Menace
Hook: #8 2x long dry

Thread: Thread red 8/0 or red glitter thread, Body: Foam (yellow, tan or orange)

Wing: Elk hair, over wing pink or orange poly

Legs: Rubber barred legs orange & blank or tan & black **Comment:** *Dennis will tie up a new creation of his plus a few*

other foam flies, Bring strips of foam to tye along.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 3rd Meetings Resume Queen Mary Park
November 20th TUC meeting Northgate Lions Center
Note the day change from the usual schedule

MAP TO NLFT&F HOME



PHOTOS FROM THE CROW



Alan Pafit



Dai Clarke (not flattering but the only one I have)



And John