

FROM THE EDITOR

Fall fishing is winding down. It's time to get those last trips in.

The annual mid-September cold front has blown through taking many leaves off the trees. That's a sure sign that open water fishing is gradually coming to an end. There's no official NLFT&F outings planned for this fall. However, there are impromptu outings going on all the time. Some are planned at meetings and some on the web Page Forum. Keep your eyes and ears open for those last opportunities.

While it may be a while before ice puts a complete end to the fun, now is the time to plan your off-season activities. The Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers provide an excellent winter substitute for actually being out there. Mark Wednesday evening meetings in your calendars now! We plan on keeping attendees entertained all winter long.

I've been out recently myself with a friend from my church. We had a fine fall day on a grayling stream. The weather was warm, the sun shining and the fall colors fabulous. We each caught fish. The numbers were low due to low water levels but there were encouraging signs for the future. I saw countless fry and many small fish of the current and last years age class in the shallows and small pools. So I suspect next year will be fine.

Last month was a bit hit-and-miss at the club. Turnout was lower than normal, probably due to the fine fall weather and members doing more fishing than meeting. September 3rd saw a small group of members share summer brag stories. September 10 we had a couple of new members show up. They were entertained by Brian Donnelley and Bob Guidos. The rest of us swapped fishing advice on what the fishing was like in various locations and who was catching or not and on what. September 17th had a better turnout for a free tie and to watch Brian Bleakley unsuccessfully (so far) attempting to get the new audio speakers working (for a future movie night). Now that's entertainment!

The fall program continues on **October 1st** with a session on **Backswimmers** featuring patterns by **Emmerson Dober**. Bring your vices to tie along with his demonstrations. Week two on **October 8th** brings **Kerry Pitt** to talk about "**Healing Waters**" aimed at helping our servicemen returning from abroad. Week three on **October 15th** is a **Beginners Session** covering the **Adams** followed by a group discussion led by **Brian Bleakley** on the **Fisheries Round Table**. Week four on **October 22nd** has **Jim Wagner** of Sustainable Resource Development talking about **Triploid Trout**. The final week **October 29th** we get founding member **Barry Wright** giving us the lowdown on **Green Drakes**.

On Saturday October 19th the aerators go in at Muir Lake. We will need some volunteers to assist in the installation. Contact Brian Bleakley or Emmerson Dober if you can help out. Looking further down the road, on a date yet to be announced, Casting For Life will be holding a fund raising silent auction in Calgary. If you can help with a donation of flies, it would be well received.

Indoor Season getting going! Come join the throng!!

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

OCTOBER 1ST

BACKSWIMMERS GALORE

Tyer: Emmerson Dober

Pattern: Floating and Swimming Versions

Comments: Emmerson is one of the more successful anglers I've seen on the local ponds, Come and find out his "special" patterns for this time of year. Bring your vices and tie along.

OCTOBER 8TH

BRINGING HEALING WATERS

Speaker: Kerry Pitt

Comment: This program seeks to use fly fishing and tying as part of a recovery program for our Military Forces returning from service abroad. Kerry will introduce this program to club members to see how we can be of assistance.

OCTOBER 15TH

BEGINNER TYE ALONG

Tyer: Dave Robinson

Pattern: Adams (visible variation)

Hook: Dry Fly #12 to #18
Thread: 6/0 gray
Tail: Grizzly Hackle Fibres
Wing: Pink Bucktail or Antron
Body: Gray Dubbing
Hackle: Grizzly Saddle

Comment: We'll do this fly as a tye along. This variation will be an aid for those like me with declining eyesight. While intended for beginners, experienced tyers can take advantage of the session to stock their boxes with a useful pattern.

FISHERIES ROUND TABLE

Discussion Leader: Brian Bleakley

Comment: Brian will talk about how the Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers can provide input to this important part of the regulatory process. The next Round Table is October 18th. Likely topics to be discussed are: Youth and Senior Licensing, Fishing Participation by Youth, General Retention of Anglers, Responsibility of Federal Fisheries and Oceans for Fish Habitat in Alberta. Come out and provide your input on these and other topics of concern to you.

OCTOBER 22ND

TRIPLOID TROUT

Speaker: Jim Wagner

(Sustainable Resource Development)

Comment: Jim will discuss what triploid trout are and the reasoning behind where and why they would be stocked in Alberta. Fans of large fish should be sure not to miss this one

OCTOBER 29TH

GREEN DRAKE FLIES

Tyer: Barry Wright

Pattern: Morris Green Drake Emerger

Hook: Tiemco 2487 #10

Thread: 8/0 Olive

Tail: Grouse feather

Abdomen: Two olive ostrich herl and one brown twisted in a dubbing loop trimmed top and bottom

Rib: Yellow sewing thread wound through the thorax

Thorax: Orvis blue wing olive extra fine dubbing

Wing and burst shuck: Natural dark coastal deer hair

Pattern: Green Drake Cripple

Hook: Partridge Klinkhamer Size: 14

Thread: Uni-Thread 6/0 Olive Dun

Tail: Olive Z-lon

Abdomen: 65/35 Blend of Black & Yellow rabbit dubbing

Rib: Olive Single Strand Floss

Shuck: Natural CDC over Natural Deer Hair

Wing: White Polypropylene

Thorax: Same as Abdomen

Hackle: Grizzly Dyed Olive

Comments: Barry is a founding member of the club. He will demonstrate a couple of patterns that would have been useful in the Crowsnest area this summer.

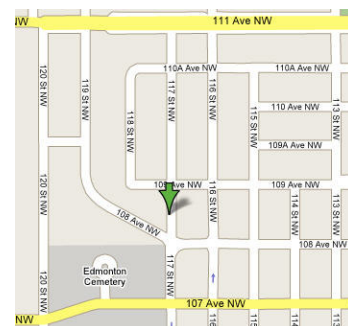
UPCOMING EVENTS

November 20th TUC meeting

Northgate Lions Center

Note the day change from the usual schedule

MAP TO NLFT&F HOME



RECENT PHOTO



Dave R. landing a Grayling