

## FROM THE EDITOR

### Fall is coming to an end. Hard water is just around the corner.

The aerators going in at Muir on October 19<sup>th</sup> (much thanks to those who helped out) and the recent cool weather and clear skies, heralds the onset of (gasp!) winter. There's not much time to get that last open water trip in. My most recent outing was to fish for Rockies with my buddy John on the Red Deer River. Not only did a hole in my waders let some dang cool water in, but my five-weight reel came apart at the clutch mechanism. It was a pretty slow day too, with only a few hits and one fish caught between the two of us. In the "you should have been here yesterday" category, Emerson said that fishing was much better a couple of days later. On the upside, I was able to ship my reel off to the manufacturer (Waterworks- Lamson) who repaired and returned it within two weeks, free of charge. Great service I think!

Turnout at club meetings has been sporadic this fall. In an effort to reconnect with members, this newsletter is meeting snail-mailed to our entire membership list. We're also making a few minor changes to the meeting format to try to make them more attractive. We'll have more chat and visit time before the presentation, with coffee and Timbits provided. Presentations will be in "theater" format to improve the ability to hear the presenter. More coffee and chat will follow the presentation with members encouraged to stick around until 8:30 or later. Bring your vices and tie a few flies. We have help available for those who want to learn and if you can help with a donation of flies for Casting for Life's fund raising silent auction in Calgary, it would be well received. We'll be trying to put a bit more fun into the proceedings, so stay tuned and come on out to enjoy the fellowship of your angling buddies.

Last month Emerson demonstrated backswimmer patterns that a few promptly used to catch fish at Dolberg. Kerry Pitt told us about Healing Waters and encouraged our Club's participation. We provided input to Brian and company for the Fisheries s Round Table. We also learned from Jim Wagner about Triploid Trout and the last week of October had Barry Wright tying up Green Drakes. That s a pretty good program for fisher folk!

Our program continues on **November 5<sup>th</sup>** with **Michael Dell** demonstrating how to tie the venerable **Comparadun**. Week two on **November 12<sup>th</sup>** has (the famous) **Phil Rowley** talking about **Floating Lines for Stillwaters** aimed at helping us improve our catch rates. Week three on **November 19<sup>th</sup>** features **Dubbing Brush Flies** (a first presentation for NLFT&F) by **Justin Davis**. Week four on **November 26<sup>th</sup>** has **Peter Aku** (Fisheries Program Manager) talking about the; who, what and why of the **Alberta Conservation Association**.

In December we have only three meetings planned, including the annual Christmas Wind Up on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Brian Bleakley is working on the program for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Oh yeah, in the real good news department, our President Dave Murray (Wooley) is recuperating well from his successful kidney transplant. We look forward to seeing him back at meetings when he's able to make it.

*Get well soon Dave!!*

*Dave Robinson*

## CLUB MEETINGS

**Queen Mary Park Community League**

Equipment and Materials:

The format is Informal Drop In

**10844 – 117<sup>th</sup> Street**

Bring your own or use the Club loaners

Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

## TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: November 20<sup>th</sup>, (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 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>

### 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"

### Membership

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## MEETINGS

### NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

**Tyer:** *Michael Dell*

**Pattern:** *Comparadun*

Hook: Dry Fly #14 to #22  
 Thread: 8/0 color to match body  
 Tail: Hackle or synthetic fibres  
 Wing: Deer hair  
 Body: Dubbing, color to match natural

**Comment:** *Michael is the local TU president. He will tie a style of fly that is particularly suited for slow clear streams where trout get a good look at the fly (kinda like his favorite haunt. Sizes 14 to 18 with a yellow body for PMDs and sizes 18 to 22 for BWOs. If you don't know what a PMD or BWO is, Michael will explain.*

### NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

#### FLOATING LINES FOR STILL WATERS

**Speaker:** *Phil Rowley*

**Comment:** *Phil is a well known local fishing writer and guide. His presentations are always topical, clear and well done. We even get to poke a little fun at him from time to time. This time Phil will cover the how, what and why of floating lines for still waters. He'll talk about leader construction, knots, dropper set-ups (including "tell-tale" dropper and "sliding dropper" techniques). He'll also discuss retrieves and when to use floating lines and long leaders. As a bonus, he'll show us a DVD of short bloopers they put together from the New Fly Fisher. Let's make this meeting a full house!*

### NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

**Tyer:** *Justin Davis*

**Pattern:** *Gold-ribbed Hare's Ear*

Hook: Nymph hook #10 - #16  
 Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 tan  
 Rib: Fine gold wire  
 Tail: Long hare's ear fibres  
 Body: Hares ear dubbing brush  
 Wing case: Pheasant tail

**Pattern:** *Waste Troll Leech*

Hook: Streamer hook #6 - #12  
 Weight: Lead wire (front)  
 Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 color to match  
 Tail: Grizzly marabou  
 Body: Grizzly marabou dubbing brush

**Pattern:** *Oliver Edward's Cased Caddis*

Hook: Mustad 9672 - #8 to #14  
 Weight: Adhesive lead foil  
 Thread: White 6/0 or 8/0  
 Body: White yarn  
 Case: Deer hair dubbing brush  
 Legs: Golden pheasant tail fibres

### NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> (CONTINUED)

**Comment:** *Justin will demonstrate how to make a wire core dubbing brush using a spinning block and how to use it for a few flies. If you bring along some fine wire and dubbing, Jason will let you use the apparatus to make a few brushes. Jason will provide an extra dubbing brush spinning block for raffling off in the 50/50 draw.*

### NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>

#### ALBERTA CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

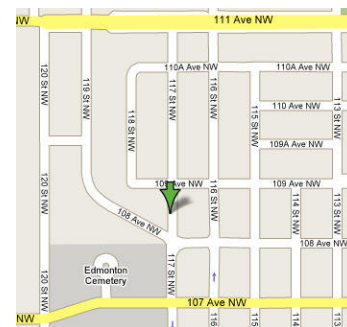
**Speaker:** *Peter Aku  
 (Fisheries Program Manager)*

**Comment:** *Peter will describe who the Alberta Conservation Association is and what it does. This will be of interest to fishers and hunters since the ACA replaced the "Buck for Wildlife" Program and a portion of your angling license fee goes to the ACA to help fund its programs.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 20<sup>th</sup> TUC meeting Northgate Lions Center  
 Note the day change from the usual schedule  
 All Members should attend this important meeting!  
 January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Dave Whitlock Seminar Grant McEwan College

## MAP TO NLFT&F HOME



## FALL PHOTO



*Fall Float Trip on the North Saskatchewan  
 with Rick and Lauren*