

FROM THE EDITOR

Ice is on the water, it's time to start tying flies.

Yes, winter has finally arrived. There's not much snow on the ground yet, but cold weather has hit us long enough to freeze most things up. So if you want to fish, you will have to travel a bit. Soon the lake ice will be solid enough for those interested in ice fishing to get going, but in the short term, please be careful about venturing out on ice covered water. Ensure there's at least 4" of ice before walking on it.

I have some sad news to pass on. Edmonton fly-fishing legend Reg Denny passed away Saturday November 22. (See page 2 for more information). Shane Denny offered some time ago to talk about tying his dad's flies. We'll postpone that session until Shane feels up to it when we'll have "The Reg Denny Memorial Fly Tye". At that time you can come out and share your reminiscences and bring your kit so you can tie up some of his flies. We will gather them all up for a donation box.

Turnout at club meetings has improved. The session with Phil Rowley was particularly full. We started the month with Michael Dell demonstrating comparaduns, followed the second week by Phil who did his usual bang-up job talking about stillwater fishing. Justin Davis did very well and on the third week showing us how to create and use dubbing brushes. We will view an Oliver Edwards video and tie a fly or two as stand in for Peter Aku of ACA for the last week of November as he called in sick.

We have a short program for December due to the holiday season. **December 3rd** we have **Wing Burners and Wing Cutters** featuring **Brian Bleackley**. Brian will demonstrate the use of these tools for fashioning realistic wings. Week two on **December 10th** will be **Peter Aku** of the **Alberta Conservation Association** doing the program he missed last month. Week three on **December 17th** will be our **Christmas Wind-Up & Swap & Sale**. Bring your old gear and materials for the swap. The club has clothing and materials for sale and will provide the pizza and pop. We then adjourn until January the 7th.

Our major seminar is now all set. On **January 17th and 18th** we have **Dave and Emily Whitlock** coming for a two-day fly fishing extravaganza. Dave and Emily will cover a variety of topics from knots and leaders to bugs and flowers. Of course, if you ever wanted to learn about tying with deer hair, Dave's the best in the business. We'll have some of Dave's books to buy and lost of stuff for the raffles and silent auction. The cost is \$80 for two days, but for members who buy their ticket from the Club prior to December 31, you get a great discount at \$60 each. More information is posted on page 2.

In the real good news department, our President Dave Murray (Wooley) has returned from his successful kidney transplant. It's nice to have him back at meetings.

Happy Holidays to all Fly Fishers!!

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

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: December 15th, 7:30pm, Phil Rowley, Four Flies (Trout and Pike/Walleye) Central Lions Senior Recreation Center 11113 113 ST

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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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IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Reginald G. (Reg) Denny, one of Alberta's fly fishing pioneers, passed away at age 79 on Saturday November 22nd 2008.

He is survived by his loving family; wife Bernice of 53 years; 5 children, Ian (Debbie), Lyle, Kara (Ralph), Jed (Melanie) and Shan (Candy); 8 grandchildren, Shaun, Scott, Jacqueline, Amanda, William, Ryan, Kylen and Ayden; 1 sister Shirley (Bryce); as well numerous other family and friends.

A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at 2:00 PM at the Evergreen Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alberta Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Alberta Foundation for Diabetes research.

Reg was the founder and former owner of Dennys' Fly Tying Specialties. "Denny's" was for a long time the only specialty fly shop in Northern Alberta. In addition to fly tying equipment and supplies he stocked all kinds of fly fishing equipment including rod, reels, waders, rod blanks and parts and books. Many fly fishers owe their involvement in the sport to Reg and his shop. Over the years, Reg taught many fly fishers how to tie flies at classes in his shop. He also co-authored a publication called Flies of Alberta". For the last few years of operation, the shop was run by Reg's son Ian and wife Debbie who finally had to close the business in 2001.

Reg's passing will be felt by many fly fishers. We offer our sincere condolences to his family.

MEETINGS

DECEMBER 3RD

WING BURNERS AND WING CUTTERS

Presenter: Brian Bleackley

Comment: This topic came up on the forum recently, so should be of interest. Brian will demonstrate how to use these tools to create realistic looking wings from a variety of natural and synthetic materials. If you have a set of either, bring them along and let those new to the tool have a go.

DECEMBER 10TH

ALBERTA CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

Guest: Peter Aku

Comment: Peter had to cancel last month due to health issues, but has offered to come this month instead. 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

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| December 15th | TUC meeting, Phil Rowley | Central Lions Center |
| December 6 th | In Store Demos | West Edmonton Mall |
| January 7 th | Meetings Resume | Queen Mary Park |
| Jan. 17 th & 18 th | Dave & Emily Whitlock | Grant McEwan Main Campus |
| Mar 12 th & 15 th | Boat & Sportsman's Show | Northlands Agricom |
| Mar 26 th - 29 th | Outdoor Show | Mayfield Conference Center |

DECEMBER 17TH

CHRISTMAS WIND UP & SWAP & SALE

Comment: This will be an opportunity to socialize during the holiday season. The club provides pizza and beer for the event.

It's also a chance to clean out that surplus material and gear at the Swap and Sale. The club will have material for sale as well as club logo clothing. There may be some great Christmas gifts waiting for you.

JANUARY SEMINAR



Trout Unlimited Canada
Edmonton Chapter

Present

**Dave and Emily
Whitlock**

JANUARY 17TH & 18TH, 2009

Grant McEwan College
10700 - 104 Avenue

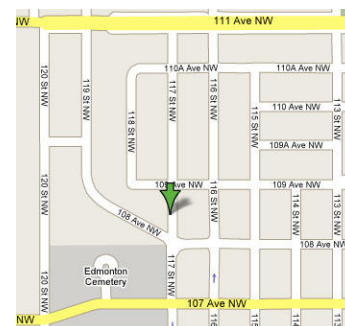
Room # 6-212 - 9 am to 5 pm

\$80.00

Come out and hear from a well-known angler, guide, author and renowned fly fishing expert.

Tickets available at Club meetings, at all locations of the Fishin' Hole and at the Fishing Center and at the door

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FLY FISHER'S SANTA WISH LIST

*Five new Sage Rods
Four high end fly boxes
Three Crowsnest fishing trips
Two pontoon boats
And a 22" trout from Muir*