

## FROM THE EDITOR

### We have a new Organization and New Name

The process of amalgamating Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers with the Edmonton Chapter of Trout Unlimited took a big step on May 6<sup>th</sup> when the motion to adopt the charter changes, with one amendment, was passed unanimously. We are now officially one organization called the **Northern Lights Fly Tyers - Trout Unlimited Edmonton**. We've come full circle. Having started as an offshoot of TU that wanted to get together to tie flies, we've expanded back into fisheries conservation and enhancement. We've done so without dropping the fly fishing and tying aspects that have made the club grow and be so effective. With this change, I see great things in our future.

At last we've seen spring arrive. Club members are out fishing and in some cases catching. Our web page and forum are seeing reports posted and trips being arranged. There is no better place to find a fishing partner than at a club meeting. After month's end we start alternating meetings with fishing at local venues. Come on out and join us at a fishing outing or a meeting where the coffee's on and the conversation is fishy. [Look on page 2 for a schedule.](#)

Our Beginners Fly Tying Seminar went on May 2 at Queen Mary Park. We had a number of newbies show up including a few youngsters. We tied five patterns during the day. Thanks go out to all those veteran tiers who came out and showed the beginners what it's all about.

We held our annual Member's Beginners Fly Casting Clinic May 16<sup>th</sup> at Rundle Park. The weather was great, but the turnout was small. I suspect that timing the event for the long weekend (doh!) along with the belated appearance of warm weather kept a few folks away. Next year I think we'll schedule it closer to the Outdoor show and avoid the long weekend. Nonetheless, those who did show up were treated to one on one instruction. By the end of the day the students could cast a reasonable distance with enough accuracy and consistency to be able to go fishing. We even had water in the ponds so were able to practice roll casts and water pickups. Once again my thanks go to the volunteer instructors for a job well done.

This month we have the [Member's Intermediate Casting Clinic](#) planned for June 6<sup>th</sup> also at [Rundle Park](#). Don't be shy, even old hands can improve their casting with some tips.

Our first week program last month featured our special general meeting as noted above. The second week, Dave Murray showed us a couple of foam flies. The third Peter Aku of ACA talked about Aerated Lakes in Alberta. The last week will have Rob Clarke of Superfly showing us some traditional dry fly patterns.

We have a full program for June. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> we will have [Vince Schembri and Friends](#) leading us in [Knotty Night](#) where we revisit knots and rigging. Week two on June 10<sup>th</sup> we have [Shan Denny](#) demonstrating [Reg Denny Flies](#). This is Shan's tribute to the contribution his dad Reg Denny made to fly patterns in Alberta. Week three on June 17<sup>th</sup> we have our [Regular TU Based Meeting](#) featuring [Brian Meager \(TU Biologist\)](#) talking about [Home Waters](#). Week four, June 24<sup>th</sup> we have our spring windup with [Pizza and Brag Night](#).

You'll see some minor changes to the newsletter. The club name has been changed this month in the masthead and the TU Notices section has been amalgamated into the regular program. I will incorporate a new club logo when it is finalized. If you have any suggestions for other improvements, send me an e-mail and I'll do what I can to accommodate.

*Woo Hoo!! Time to go fly fishing*

*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

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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"

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## MEETINGS

**JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**Topic:** *Knotty Night*

**Presenters:** *Vince Schembri and Friends*

**Comments:** *A short monthly meeting will be followed by demonstrations of fishing knots and rigging techniques. Vince will show us his favorites. He'll have help with the wet fly and nymphing rigs though. Even if you have ten thumbs, this session will help out.*

**JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>**

### FLIES OF REG DENNY

**Tyer:** *Shan Denny*

**Pattern:** *Medicine May Nymph*

- Type: Nymph  
(Siphonuridae Siphonurus Occidentalis)
- Style: Mayfly (Swimmer)
- Class: Realistic
- Common Name: Grey Drake
- Originated: (1980)
- Hook: Size 10, 4x Long, Ringed Eye.
- Thread: 6/0 Black.
- Tail: Barred Teal Flank Or Widgeon Flank.
- Rib: Blue Dun Ostrich Herl.
- Body: Blue Dun Floss. Cement Before Winding Rib.
- Wing Case: Barred Mallard Flank.
- Legs: Barred Mallard Flank (Part Of Wing Case).
- Thorax: Peacock Herl Over-Wound With Grey Ostrich Herl (3 Turns).
- Head: Medium Brown Dubbing.

**Tying Note:** *Tying thread is terminated behind the dubbed head. Dubbed head may be saturated with head cement.*

**Fishing Note:** *Found in the slower stretches of rivers and streams and at river-lake confluences. Nymphs crawl from the water prior to hatching. Hatches usually occur before noon. It migrates to extremely shallow water prior to hatching.*

**Comment:** *Named after Medicine Lake/River of Jasper National Park, part of a Rocky Mountain water system where this mayfly abounds.*

**Effective Period:** *Is active from June through September, peaking July-August.*

**Pattern:** **T U Special '84**

- Type: Streamer/Nymph
- Style: Minnow/Insect
- Class: Impressionistic
- Note: Commemorates Trout Unlimited Cold Water Conference; Held In Edmonton, Ab - 1984
- Hook: Streamer, 4-X Size 8. Mustad 9674.
- Thread: Olive Or Black.
- Tail: Three Fibers Of Peacock Sword, 3/8" Long.
- Rib: Herl From The Peacock Tail Eye.  
Tie In By The Butt. Reverse Wound.
- Body: Golden Olive Burlap Yarn  
(Natural Burlap Dyed Yellow).
- Wing: Three Peacock Sword Fibers,  
Extending To The End Of Tail.

**Hackle:** One Ringed Neck Cock Pheasant Rust Rump Feather, Doubled (Folded).

**Tying Note:** *Doubling is achieved as follows: Tie in feather by the tip, shiny side to the front, hold upright with hackle pliers; moisten fibers; then with thumb and forefinger stroke fibers (from both sides of stem) so they point towards the rear. Now wind on in the normal fashion but stroke fibers to the rear with each turn. This method will give a streamlined application of the hackle.*

**Fishing Note:** *This fly accounts for a lot of fish and is equally effective all season, for streams, rivers, and lakes. Method of presentation is really not critical...just get it in the water.*

**JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>**

## TROUT UNLIMITED FOCUS MEETING

### HOME WATERS

**Presenter:** *Brian Meager*

**Comment:** *Brian is a Provincial Biologist with Trout Unlimited. He will define and talk about establishing and working for home waters.*

**JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>**

### Spring Wind up

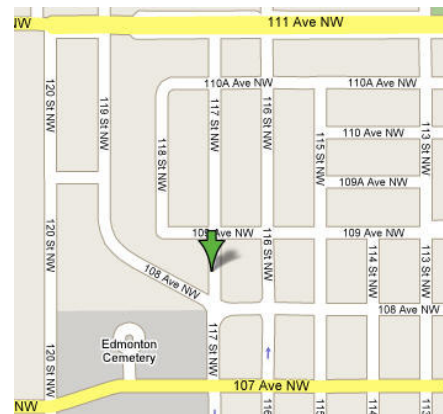
### Pizza and Brag Night

**Comment:** *Bring your early season photos and share in a fine time munching on pizza as we prepare for the summer season. For this night only, Northern Lights Shirts, Vests and Jackets are 50% off.*

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

|                      |                             |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| June 6 <sup>th</sup> | Intermediate Casting Clinic | Rundle Park     |
| July 1               | Muir Lake                   |                 |
| July 8               | Free Tye                    | Queen Mary Park |
| July 15              | North Saskatchewan          |                 |
| July 22              | Free Tye                    | Queen Mary Park |
| July 29              | Beaumont                    |                 |
| Aug. 5               | Free Tye                    | Queen Mary Park |
| Aug. 12              | Muir                        |                 |
| Aug. 19              | Free Tye                    | Queen Mary Park |
| Aug. 26              | North Saskatchewan          |                 |
| Sept. 2              | Regular Meetings resume.    | Queen Mary Park |

## MAP TO NLFT&F HOME



## INTERMEDIATE CASTING CLINIC

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009**

**Rundle Park**

**10844 - 117 Street**

**10:00 am to 4:30 pm**

**Members: \$5.00**

**Non-Members: \$25.00** (membership included)

**Equipment Required**

**Rod Reel and Line**

**Sun hat, sunscreen and eye protection**

**Fishing license**

**Map to Rundle Park Clinic Location**



## NEW BOOKS AND DVDS

### New DVDS added to the Library

- DVD 236 Fly Tying Basics
- DVD237 The Challenge of Giant Tarpon
- DVD238 Flyfishing Strategies for Stillwaters Vol 2
- DVD239 Tying Bass Flies
- DVD240 The Love of Fly Fishing
- SC348 Fly Fishing Desert & High Arid Lakes
- SC349 Ten Best Western Flyfishing Destinations
- SC350 Fly-Fishing for Trophy Trout
- HC247 Beginner's Guide to Flytying
- HC248 Trout
- DVD 241 LaFontaine Originals Volume 1
- DVD 242 LaFontaine Originals Volume 2
- DVD 243 LaFontaine Originals Volume 3
- DVD 244 LaFontaine Originals Volume 4
- DVD 245 LaFontaine Originals Volume 5
- DVD 246 LaFontaine Originals Volume 6
- DVD 247 LaFontaine Originals Volume 7