

FROM THE EDITOR

The Indoor Season Starts September 2nd

Yes, now that school is back in, we resume our weekly meetings at Queen Mary Park. Given our new status as **Northern Lights Fly Tyers - Trout Unlimited Edmonton**, I thought I'd provide an outline of the general structure of our meetings to kick off the fall season.

We have either four or five meetings a month. We only have one *Business Meeting* a month (the first one) and we keep the business portion short (usually less than ½ hr). One meeting a month (mid month) is dedicated to *Trout Unlimited and Conservation* oriented topics. We will have at least one meeting a month with a *Feature Presenter* demonstrating a pattern or discussing a fishing related topic, with many structured as *Tye-Along Sessions*. And starting this fall, we will have one meeting a month (the last one) focused on *Free Tying* paired with *Beginner Tying Instruction*. I trust we will see lots of vices out. I would like to stress that this is primarily a fishing club with an emphasis on tying and conservation. That's doesn't mean that's all we do. We try to be an educational resource to all fishers with a focus on fly fishing.

Our September program illustrates this structure. On **September 2nd** we will have a short business meeting and a **Bragging and Bagging** session where we discuss summer fishing and bag materials for our intermediate tying seminar (more on that later). Week two **September 9th** we have **Robert Clarke** of Superfly demonstrating **Water Boatman Patterns**. Week three on **September 16th** we feature a **Meet the TU National Executives** session. On **September 23rd** we have our **Free Tye and Beginner Instruction**. And for the fifth meeting of the month on **September 30th** we have another feature presenter **Mervin Hassler** demonstrating a couple of **Salmon Fly Patterns**. So come out and find out how varied and interesting our program is.

We have two special events coming up over the next couple of months. The first is our annual **Silent Auction Fundraiser** at **Bo Diddley's Roadhouse** (See the box on the next page). This year, it's been moved from spring to **Saturday October 17th** to avoid conflict with the TU Dinner and other Northern Lights events. As usual, to make the event a success, we will need members to solicit auction items and sell and buy tickets. The time frame is a bit shorter than normal, so early efforts by our excellent club volunteers is necessary. See Brian Bleackley for donations letters, details on tickets (\$15.00 each including steak dinner) and auction items.

The second major event is a real coup for us. We have **LeRoy Hyatt** coming in to give us a **One Day Intermediate Fly Tying Seminar** on **Saturday November 21st**. Many of us are familiar with LeRoy from "Fly Tying the Angler's Art" on PBS TV Saturday's at 7:30am. We met LeRoy in Calgary last January to start arrangements. This will be an action packed day with more than a dozen patterns to be tied. Seating is limited due to the venue and LeRoy's request to keep things personal, so get your **\$25.00 tickets** early. They should be available by mid September.

Members should have received a letter from TU national welcoming you to the organization. Two types of letters went out. One went to NLFT&F members and one to TU members. They explain the new Chapter and your membership in it. If you have any other questions on this topic, bring them to our September 16th meeting. You'll soon see some related changes to the newsletter. We have a revised Logo under development. When complete I will alter the masthead accordingly and you can expect similar changes to our logoed clothing, web page, brochure and business cards.

Bring those vices to a meeting and tie some flies!

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

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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 2ND

BRAGGING AND BAGGING

Comment: For our fall start-up meeting, bring your photos to share and find out what your fishing and tying buddies have been up to all summer. And if you want to help out, we'll be starting to bag the material for the Intermediate Seminar with LeRoy Hyatt.

SEPTEMBER 9TH

BOATMAN BONANZA

Tyer: *Rob Clarke from Superfly*

Pattern: *Water Floatman*

Hook: Mustad R 50 #10-#14
Thread: Uni 8/0 or 6/0 Black
Tag: Holographic Silver Mylar
Shellback: Superfly 2mm or 3mm sheet foam
Body: medium pearl or light olive crystal chenille

Comment: Fly serves well for casting to rises and bank bombing.

Pattern: *Boat Cat*

Hook: Mustad R 50 #10-#14
Bead: 1/8 inch gold or black brass or tungsten
Underbody: lead wire (optional)
Thread: Uni 8/0 or 6/0 tan
Tag: Holographic Silver Mylar or none
Shellback: Ring-neck pheasant tail
Body: Hare's ear and Antron mix natural or olive
Legs: brown stretch floss

Comment: Fly is dressed with powder floatant and hung under a **HOT ORANGE BOBBER YEAH!**

SEPTEMBER 16TH

TROUT UNLIMITED FOCUS MEETING

TU NATIONAL

Comment: *Our guests will be Lorne Hutchison, Director of Finance and Acting CEO of TU Canada and Kimberly Davidson, Membership Coordinator. We had Roger Kelley, Barb Rafuse and Brian Meagher at the club earlier. We will have the opportunity to meet more of the TU National group.*

Book Sale: *Tonight only we will have for sale a TU produced book FISH & TELL & GO TO HELL, Alberta Flyfishing Wisdom. This book sold for 29.95 On Sale \$15.00. This book is out of print and these are the last copies available.*

SEPTEMBER 23RD

FREE TYE AND BEGINNER SESSION

Free Tye

Comment: *Experienced tyers should bring their vices, material and equipment and spend some time filling up the holes in your boxes caused by all the fish you caught.*

Beginner Session

Instructor: *Dave Robinson*

Pattern: *Griffith's Gnat*

Comment: *The first beginner session of the fall and winter season will feature an easy and useful fly. I'll supply the materials and if you don't have equipment, we have club loaners. We'll also talk about vices and other tying equipment.*

SEPTEMBER 30TH

SALMON SPECIAL

Tyer: *Mervin Hassler*

Pattern: *Blue Charm*

Hook: #00 to #10 Salmon hook
Tag: Silver wire and golden yellow thread
Tail: Golden Pheasant crest
Butt: Black Ostrich Herl
Body: Black Floss
Rib: Oval Silver tinsel
Throat: Deep Blue Hackle
Wing: Grey Squirrel Tail
Topping: Golden Pheasant crest

Comment: *North American hair wing pattern. Converted from the original feather wing pattern and reduced.*

Pattern: *Cosseboom – (original pattern)*

Hook: 00 to #12 Salmon Hook
Thread: Black 6/0
Tail: Olive Green Floss
Body: Olive Green Floss
Rib: Oval Silver tinsel
Wing: Grey Squirrel Tail
Throat: Yellow Hackle

Comment: *Traditional Hair wing pattern I believe out of New Brunswick, and I thought the original pattern was orange in colour.*

SILENT AUCTION FUND-RAISER

Date: *Saturday, October 17th, 2009*

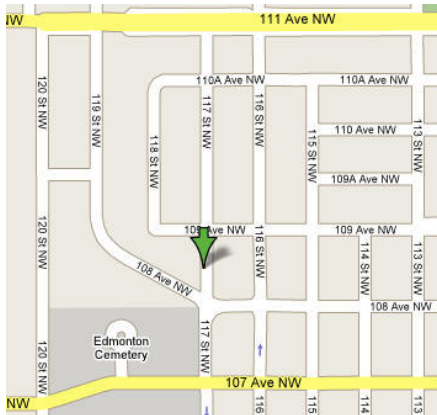
Location: *Bo Diddle's Roadhouse
11650 - 142 Street*

Time: *6:00 pm to 10:00 pm*

Tickets: *\$15.00 - Includes Steak and Caesar Salad*

Comment: *This is our major fund-raiser for they year so we need you to get out and solicit donations for the silent auction, buy tickets for yourselves and, spouses and sell them to friends and acquaintances. There are some good raffle items in the pipe already.*

MAP TO NLFT – TU EDMONTON



SOME FISHING PHOTOS



Ross Chow with a Dolberg Bow



3000 Year Old Egyptian Fishing Equipment

ONE DAY SEMINAR INTERMEDIATE FLY TYING

FEATURING
LEROY HYATT

Date: Saturday, November 21st, 2009

Location: Queen Mary Park Community League
10844 - 117 Street

Time: 9:00 am 5:00 pm

Cost: \$25.00

Seating: Limited. So get your tickets early

Equipment: Bring vice, thread and tying equipment

Material: Will be provided for all patterns tied.

Comment: Expect this to be a fast paced session covering more than a dozen patterns. We'll have a souvenir program and raffles as well.

LEROY HYATT

LeRoy is the longest serving star of Fly Tying: The Angler's Art seen Saturday's on KSPS TV. LeRoy has taught fly tying for over twenty-five years. Along with his classes at a nearby college and local recreation programs, he is frequently invited to teach at events around the country, always keeping the emphasis on having fun while fly tying. He gets genuine pleasure from seeing a new or a seasoned tier's eyes light up when the tier sees LeRoy demonstrate a new technique or idea.

In his lifetime of fly fishing and fly tying, he has willingly shared his knowledge and his experiences with many other fly fishers and tiers. He writes a bi-weekly column for his local newspaper on fly tying and fly fishing and has done so for many years.

As a commercial tier, LeRoy specializes in tying with deer hair, and he ties professionally both trout and steelhead patterns.

The visual presentation he created on steelhead fly fishing has rewarded him with extensive travel to many clubs and other organizations across America. LeRoy lives in Idaho and when he isn't teaching or tying, he can often be found fishing his many nearby rivers, streams and lakes.