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From the Editor

The Northern Lights Fall Program Starts Now!

I'd like to thank Bob Guidos for his Swan Lake flies and thank attendees for being patient while I tried to tie some bonefish flies back in June. Other than that, our June program was quite short ending with the spring windup being a BBQ at Queen Mary Park. The summer program was an alternate week format with tying one week at QMP and fishing somewhere local the other. Unfortunately turnouts were very low, so the executive is reconsidering the summer format for next year.

On a personal basis, summer proved to be pretty quiet fishing-wise. I did get up to Dolberg Lake early on with Rick and we caught a few from my canoe Chiquita, mostly this year's stock. I also managed a couple of trips to the Freeman River. One was where I chauffeured our friends from Virginia for a day. They caught a few grayling and thoroughly enjoyed the trip to the backwoods of Alberta. Another trip was with friend Ross Chow. It also produced only a few fish. The water was running higher than the last couple of years, so that may have had an effect. The rest of the summer was spent either in Victoria or enduring rain at home and on my trip to Cypress Hills for some aborted stargazing. I hope to get out more often this fall, particularly with club members. I enjoy sharing the on-stream experience with others, so if you want to head out to the Red Deer, Little Smoky or some other destination, like many other club members, I'm going to be eager for impromptu trips.

This month, even though a short one at 30 days, our regular weekly program consists of five sessions. **September 1st** we have **Flies and Lies** where we get to show **Brag Photos** and talk about our summer escapades. Week two on **September 8th** has **Rick LeBlanc** demonstrating **Griffiths Gnat and Variations**. Week three, on **September 15th** our conservation session features **Jim O'Neill of Goulder and Associates** to talk about **Next Years' Grayling Conference**. Week four on **September 22nd** Rob Clarke will tie up a couple of **Alberta Flies**. Finally, for week five we get **Dennis Southwick** showing us **Furled Body Flies**. That makes for a pretty full program of which most is fly tying. If you have suggestions for other programs for future months, talk to either Dennis Southwick or Brian Bleackley

Now is also time to start planning for our upcoming fall events. There are three that come to mind. Firstly, we told the participants at our spring "Introduction to Fly Fishing" seminar that we would try to run a fall session on a stream somewhere. We'll be canvassing the participants to see if they are still interested and if so, will be setting a date and looking for some help. Keep your eyes and ears open for that. The second fall event is our annual "**NLFT-TUC Silent Auction Fundraiser**". This year it will be held at the Mayfield Inn on October 23rd and will feature a sit-down dinner. Cost will be \$40.00 per person.

The third event features two days with **A. K. Best**. This will happen on November 20th and 21st. Each day is a different format and cost. On the Saturday, we will have a daylong general fishing session at Grant MacEwan University aimed at an audience of up to 75 people for a cost of \$30.00 each. The Sunday will be a more exclusive tying only event for only 10 participants. That day's cost will be \$150.00 each. We will be taking names and fees by month's end. If the tying only session is oversubscribed, tickets will be awarded by lottery with fees returned to those unsuccessful. In the mean time, come on out to a meeting to renew acquaintances and tie up some fall flies

Backswimmer time is here, lets go fishing!

Dave Robinson

Club Meetings

Queen Mary Park Community League
Equipment and Materials:
The format is Informal Drop In

10844 - 117th Street, Edmonton
Bring your own or use the Club loaners.
Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

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Membership

Now \$40.00
January 1st to December 31st

Benefits Include:

- Fishing Presentations and Fly Tying Sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- Fly Fusion Magazine
- 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 1st Flies and Lies

Comment: *The coffee's on at Queen Mary Park and it's time to wind up the summer (dang it anyway). Bring your brag photos and tell us all the lies about your summer fishing. Also bring along your favorite pattern for the summer so we can all benefit from your wisdom.*

September 8th Griffiths Gnat & Variations

Presenter: *Rick LeBlanc*

Materials:

Hook: Dry fly #6 to #20
Thread: 8/0 black or green
Rib: Fine copper wire
Hackle: Grizzly saddle

Comment: In this session, Rick will explore the possibilities of the venerable Griffiths Gnat. Expect some interesting ideas.

September 15th Conservation Meeting Grayling

Presenter: *Jim O'Neill of Goulder and Associates*

Comment: *Jim will talk about the upcoming Grayling Conference for next year followed by a Q & A session on one of our favorite fish species.*

September 22nd Some Alberta Flies

Presenter: *Rob Clarke*

Pattern: *CDC Emerger*

Hook: Wet Fly #12 to #18
Thread: To suit pattern
Body: Goose biot to suit pattern
Post: White Antron
Wing: Cull De Canard (CDC) feather

Pattern: *RS Quad*

Hook: Dry fly #12 to #18
Thread: To suit pattern colors
Tail: Antron or Z-lon fibres
Body: Goose biot – color to suit
Wing: White turkey flats – tied post style
Thorax: Dubbing to suit pattern colors
Hackle: Saddle hackle to suit pattern colors

Comment: *Rob will tie up a couple of patterns that were originated by Alberta fly tyers. The first was developed by Bob Cormier, the second by Roman Scharabun. Both have proved to be very effective patterns. I'm guessing at materials here as I don't have details at time of publication.*

Meetings Continued

September 29th Furled Body Flies

Presenter: *Dennis Southwick*

Pattern: *Furled Body Hopper*

Hook: Scud hook #12
Thread: 8/0 color to suit
Body: Green and yellow Antron yarn
Thorax: Dubbing to suit
Wing: Deer hair and Crystal flash

Pattern: *Furled Body Green Drake*

Hook: Scud hook #12
Thread: 8/0 Olive
Body: Green Antron
Wing: Deer hair
Thorax: Peacock dubbing
Hackle: Green Saddle hackle

Pattern: *Furled Body Emerger*

Hook: Scud hook #14
Thread: 8/0 to suit pattern colors
Body: Dark Antron
Thorax: Dark Dubbing
Gills: White Antron

Comment: *Dennis will show us some interesting variations of patterns that use a furled body. "Furled" means heavily twisted yarn that actually twists back on itself.*

Upcoming Events

Annual NLFT Fundraiser

October 23rd - Mayfield Inn - Cost \$40.00
Includes sit down dinner and silent auction

AK Best

November 20th at Grant McEwan University - \$30.00
November 21st tying at Queen Mary Park
Cost \$150.00 - Seating limited to 10
Ticket cutoff November 1st
If oversubscribed, participants will be drawn

Map to the home of



Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

