



Providing a friendly atmosphere for the novice and expert to learn and share the fly tying and fishing experience

VOLUME 14 ISSUE 8

OCTOBER 2010

FROM THE EDITOR

The Northern Lights Fall Program In Full Swing!

Firstly, thanks go to our September presenters starting with Rick LeBlanc for showing us variations on the Griffiths Gnat and Jim O'Neill for telling us about the upcoming Grayling Conference. Special thanks to Barry Wright for filling in for Rob Clarke who couldn't make it by showing us how to tie the RS Quad and lastly thanks to Dennis Southwick for his demo on furred body flies. I used a variation recently to catch some nice grayling.

On that note, I did get out to enjoy some grayling fishing. In one case the enjoyment was the "excitement" of being a passenger in Dennis' truck for a little off-roading. My knuckles only turned white twice and contrary to Dennis' comments on the forum, I was not responsible for the odour in the truck. I also went with my friend Ross for a day last weekend. We enjoyed fine fall weather and lots of mid sized fish. It beat the heck out of yard work.

This month, our regular weekly program consists of four sessions.

October 6th we have Dennis Southwick's reprise of **Furled Flies**. Week two on October 13th has Ken Monk demonstrating **GPSs**. Week three, on October 20th our conservation session is **To be Announced**. And lastly for week four on October 27th Barry White will talk about Streamer Fishing.

Our fall events are coming on rapidly. Our first fall event is the annual "NLFT-TUC Silent Auction Fundraiser" to be held at the **Mayfield Inn** on **October 23rd** and will feature a sit-down dinner. Cost is \$40.00 per person. Tickets are available at any club meeting and **from any executive member**. Also available are forms for soliciting donations for the silent auction. If you approach any business you normally patronize you will be surprised at the response. We need you help to make this a success. In addition to supporting club operations, the proceeds will help support our efforts to assist with Project Healing Waters.

We are still planning to reconnect with the participants at our spring "Introduction to Fly Fishing" seminar. We're 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 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.

And lastly for this month, note that TU is organizing a REDD Survey on the Raven River for sometime between October 15th and November 15th depending on weather and volunteer availability. For volunteers it involves walking the river and marking spawning activity. You'll need chest waders and one person on each team will need a GPS. This is part of a long range study on trout populations. If you can help out, contact *Richard LeBlanc* at rick.leblanc27@gmail.com.

In the mean time, come on out to a meeting to renew acquaintances and tie up some fall flies

It won't be long before hard water season, not much time to fish! **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

CONTACTS

President

Barry Wright
(780)910-8375
president@nlft.org

Vice-President

Dennis Southwick
(780) 968-0020
vicepresident@nlft.org

Secretary

Peter Little
(780) 434-0951
secretary@nlft.org

Program

Brian Bleackley
(780) 718-1428
program@nlft.org

Treasurer

Mervin Hassler
(780) 429-3208
treasurer@nlft.org

Library

Florin Sabac
(780) 437-2517
library@nlft.org

TU Representative

Rick Leblanc
(780) 637-6706
fesa@nlft.org

Newsletter

Dave Robinson
(780) 909-6917
newsletter@nlft.org

Club Website

<http://www.nlft.org>

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"

Membership

Dave Murray
(780) 915-3694
membership@nlft.org

MEETINGS

OCTOBER 6TH

Topic: *Furled Flies*

Presenter: *Dennis Southwick*

Comment: *Dennis offered to fill in on short notice. Thank goodness I talked him out of doing a "pole dance". Instead he will follow up on his previous presentation with some more flies that use the furling technique. These flies will push the envelope a bit and be more Dennisized. Dennis will provide enough material or attendees to tie along if they wish. And yes, I will be watching him at the door to make sure he left his pole at home.*

OCTOBER 13TH

GPSS

Presenter: *Ken Monk*

Comment: *Ken has a good background in the purchase and use of handheld GPS devices. He will discuss features available, use instructions and limits to accuracy etc. So if you were thinking of buying one or want to improve your skills with one you have, come out and hear Ken*

OCTOBER 20TH

CONSERVATION MEETING

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Presenter: *To Be Announced*

Comment: *program not known at time of printing.*

SEPTEMBER 22ND

STREAMER FISHING

Presenter: *Barry White*

Comment: *Barry has long been a proponent of fishing big streamers for big fish on (you guessed it) the Bow River. Barry will discuss equipment and techniques for this type of fishing. Your editor has had the opportunity to enjoy Barry's on stream instruction in casting and mending techniques. They are worth learning. Barry will also tie a couple of his favorite patterns.*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

RE: TICKETS FOR THE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

In an effort to increase attendance at the annual fundraiser, at the Mayfield Inn, NLFTTUC has decided to make reduced price tickets available for those not desiring dinner. Tickets excluding the dinner will cost \$10.00 each and will be marked "No Dinner" at time of sale. Holders of those tickets will be able to attend the event during the advertised time including the silent auction and no host bar but will not be served food. Both priced tickets can be purchased at the NLFT meetings or from any executive member.

In order to permit meal planning by the Mayfield, only "No Dinner" tickets will be available at the door.

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

Redd Survey

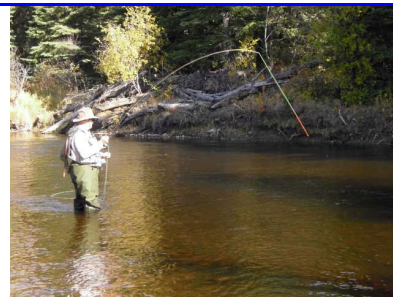
What is it –looking for spawning activity

When – October 15 to November 15 –as people are available

Where – the Raven River

Contact – Richard LeBlanc at rick.leblanc27@gmail.com

PHOTOS



Your Editor with a grayling on a Rio Nymph Line



Grayling caught somewhere west of Edmonton

MAP TO THE HOME OF



Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

