



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

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FROM THE EDITOR

Will spring ever come?

With the weather we've had lately I'm beginning to wonder if we've started a new ice age. Let's hope not. I even missed out on my planned warm weather trip to Hawaii. Due to health reasons (I call it the fainting goat syndrome) I've had to cancel foreign travel and drastically limit my driving until the docs can figure out the cause. I'm crossing my fingers that that and spring will soon make an appearance. Meanwhile, I expect to be doing lots of tying.

I hope you've had a chance to check out the main web page recently (www.nlft.org). Ken Monk has been diligently adding content to make it more current. Some great links have been added to Todd Oishi's videos on knot tying, which also appear in the Forum.

Between snow shoveling days, we had some good February club meetings. February 2nd we had Florin Sabac presenting a Mikulak Sedge & Pheasant Tail Nymph. February 9th was a well attended and fun Free Tye session. February 16th we had a discussion on Home Watters and February 23rd Duane Radford spoke about Fly Fishing for Lake Trout.

This month is probably our busiest of the year. In addition to our regular meeting program, we are involved in two major events. From March 17th to the 20th we will be manning a booth at the [Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show](#) at Northlands. I understand we have a great location next to the casting pond. The objective is to help a lot of kids tie flies and promote our club and programs.

From March 31st to April 3rd we'll be doing similar stuff at the [Fishing Hole and Campers Village Outdoor Show](#). We again will run the kid's tying as well as the TU Lloyd Shea raffle. We usually get lots of kids and parents participating, so we need lots of volunteers. We have volunteer sign up sheets for both Shows at meetings, so if you haven't done so already, sign up for a fun time. We can help with expenses depending on how much time you contribute.

Our regular program for March consists of five session and starts on March 2nd with [Tak Shimizu](#) sharing his [Deer Hair Expertise](#) while tying a [Dragonfly Nymph](#). On February 9th we will repeat last month's successful [Free Tye](#) and [Beginner Advice](#) session. Let's see how much we can up the vice count that evening. February 16th we have a conservation session with a [Speaker to be Announced](#). On February 23rd our own [Peter Little](#) will show us how to tie [Hot Spots and a Balanced Leech](#). And lastly for March 31st we get [Bob Guidos](#) showing us [A Brace of Bob's Flies](#). Come out and enjoy the fun.

Planning for our second "[Introduction to Fly Fishing Seminar](#)" in spring is underway. Dates are May 28th for the classroom session and with May 29th for the field session (weather permitting or June 4th if not). Let's hope the snow and cold weather is gone by then. Rick Lang will be carrying the bulk of the presentations but we will need help for the on-water casting and fishing portion. Last year our volunteers helped all the attendees catch fish. Rick will be asking for help soon. Experts are not required, just willing hands, so consider helping to give some new fly fishers a boost.

We're also planning a Public Beginner Fly Tying Seminar for April. Exact dates are not set yet, but will be within the next week or so. Keep your eyes peeled on the web page.

And lastly, we received a nice thank-you note from Kyle Snarr for our support of his participation on the Canadian Youth National Fly Fishing Team in Arezzo Italy this summer. Thanks to club members for supporting our young fishermen.

This is the month to bring new friends into the club !

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
Or on TU renewal date

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

MARCH 2ND

DEER HAIR EXPERTISE

Presenter: *Tak Shimizu*

Pattern: *Dragonfly Nymph*

Comment: *Tak will demonstrate his dragonfly nymph pattern based on spinning and clipping deer hair. He is an expert at handling deer hair and uses it for backswimmer, water beetle and emerging caddis patterns too.*

MARCH 9TH

FREE TYE AND BEGINNER ADVICE

Comment: *Bing your vices and tools and tye along with us. We'll have several tables set up and an experienced tyer will be at each one. You can tye your own patterns or tye along with the experienced tyer. Of course coffee and conversation will be part of the evening. This is your chance to learn a new technique and get to know your fellow club members better*

MARCH 16TH

CONSERVATION MEETING

Presenter: *To Be Announced*

Topic: *Something Interesting*

Comment: *At time of the newsletter going to press we have yet to finalize a speaker or topic for this session.*

MARCH 23RD

HOT SPOTS AND BALANCED LEECH

Presenter: *Peter Little*

Patterns: *Hot spot Chironomids and Balanced Leech*

Comment: *Peter will demonstrate creating "hot spots" and UVR on lake flies e.g. a Chironomid, Oishi's Vampire Leech, or a scud, and show us his version of a balanced leech.*

INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING SEMINAR

When: *May 28th and 29th (June 4th for rain out)*

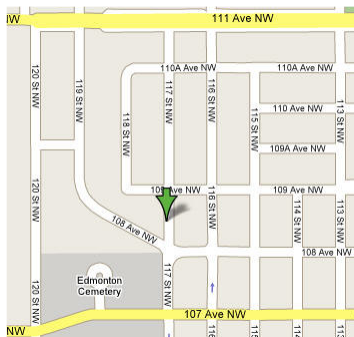
Where: *Queen Mary Park Community League and a field venue to be determined*

Comment: *Cost is \$50.00. This covers the basics. The field day covers casting and includes actual fishing*

MAP TO THE HOME OF



Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton



MEETINGS CONTINUED

MARCH 30TH

A BRACE OF BOB'S FLIES

Presenter: *Bob Guidos*

Pattern: *Ida May (lake)*

Hook Mustad, 2 or 3XL - #6 to #14

Bead Black Lead or Glass

Tail Dark olive Marabou

Body Dark Olive Chenille

Rib Gold Wire

Collar Dark olive grizzly hackle (1 ½ to 2 turns)

Pattern: *Ida May (Stream)*

Hook Mustad, 2 or 3x1 - #8 to #16

Bead Black (lead)

Tail Moose Hair

Body Peacock Hurl

Rib Gold wire

Collar One turn Grizzle dyed yellow and one dyed olive

Pattern: *Evil Damsel*

Hook Tiemco 2457 - #8 to #10

Bead Copper or Gold to fit

Tail Golden Olive Marabou

Body Golden Olive Marabou

Thorax Peacock hurl or Arizona synthetic natural peacock

Wing case Pearl Flashabou

Wings White Goose Biots

MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS

Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show

When: *March 17th to 20th*

Where: *Northlands Expo Center*

Comment: *Kids tying and general info booth*

Edmonton Outdoor Show and Sale

When: *March 31st to April 3rd*

Where: *Mayfield Conference Center*

Comment: *Kids Tying and Lloyd Shea Raffle*

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



*So you think Victoria doesn't get snow?
Two days before I saw fishermen on Elk Lake though.*