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FROM THE EDITOR

2011 Winds Down With Big Plans For 2012

Christmas may be coming on fast, but we still have a couple of meetings to go. Join us at a meeting in December to reminisce about the past year and what plans you have for next.

Our November program consisted of five evening's sessions. It began November 5th with Bob Guidos demoing Swan Lake flies. On the 9th Dennis Southwick stepped in at the last minute with his Llama Leech. November 16th we bumped Peter Little to December to permit a free tye and BS session. We also bumped the Pembina Survey Results from the 23rd to December 14th due to Jim O'Neil being ill. Florin Sabac showed us some woven nymph patterns. The last week we anticipate some heckling from the bleachers when Emerson demonstrates his "Lazer Nymph".

The most important November NLFT event was our Fall Fundraiser and Silent Auction at the St Albert Curling Club. The venue and meal were terrific and attendance was great. Raffles and auction items saw lots of action. I even managed to pick up a Stillwater trip with Doc. (Some fun that will be). The end result was net proceeds of over \$6000 to fund our club operations over the next year. This is a tremendous improvement from last year. Thanks go to all attendees, and organizing volunteers. Special thanks the Ken Monk for arranging the venue and Peter Little for coordinating the collection of auction items.

The last special activity for November was an in-store Kids Tying outreach event at Cabellas on Saturday, November 19th. I saw lots of our terrific volunteers teaching quite a few kids to tie their first fly. I hear that all had a good time and that we may do a repeat later on.

We only have two December meetings at Queen Mary Park. The first is December 7th with Peter Little demonstrating a Stillwater Adaptations. The second meeting is December 14th where we have Jim O'Neil and Jessica Reilly joining us for Pizza and Pop Night and while there, bringing us up to date on the Pembina Survey Results. Jim will also have some ideas to present to us as to how we might continue with this conservation initiative.

After the Christmas break, we resume on January 4th with Dave Murray demonstrating some Caddis Patterns. More January programs to follow with the January newsletter, which I hope to post to the web site over the Christmas break.

We have started plans for the New Year. We have set dates for the Beginners Fly Tying (April 14th) and Introduction to Fly-fishing Seminar (May 26th & 27th). We've also been approached by a local teacher for help with her outdoor education program by providing some fly tying and possibly some general fly-fishing instruction. Look to hear more in December.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on January 18th, 2012. This is when we hear executive reports and elect club officers. Proposed Charter changes are posted in this newsletter and on line. Make sure your membership is current or you won't be able to vote. And if you can't be there and want your voice heard, please provide a proxy to a fellow member or the executive. A proxy form is available on the web page.

Our January Seminar entitled "A Dynamic Duo of Fly Fishing" features Jack Dennis and Phil Rowley on January 21st and 22nd at Grant MacEwan University. Tickets, at \$65.00 for two days and \$40.00 for single days, will be on sale at all club meetings starting November 30th. Those unable to make meetings can purchase tickets by contacting the club via e-mail at tickets@nlft.org. Posters will be in the local shops well before Christmas. It will be two great days with two entertaining pros, so get your tickets early. They are great Christmas presents.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!

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

DECEMBER 7TH

STILLWATER ADAPTATIONS

Presenter: *Peter Little*

Pattern: *UV Chironomid*

Hook: Scud Hook - 2xs 2xh
 Bead: White - sized to suit - optional
 Thread: Glitter thread – color of choice
 Rib: Wire – gold or red
 Gills: Crystal Flash – UV pearl
 Coating: Sally Hansen’s Hard as Nails

Comment: *Peter will provide examples of adapting this and other Stillwater patens such as backswimmers scuds boatmen and balanced minnows, in relation to what trout see.*

DECEMBER 14TH

PIZZA AND POP NIGHT AND PEMBINA SURVEY RESULTS

Presenters: *Jim O’Neill and Jessica Reilly*

Comment: *Come and join us for our annual festive event. Jim and Jessica will provide updates on the results of the Pembina River Graying Survey conducted this summer along with other fisheries updates*

JANUARY 4TH

CADDIS PATTERNS

Presenter: *Dave Murray (Woolly)*

Pattern: *Cased Caddis*

Hook: Mustad 9671 # 10 and 12
 Thread: 8/0 - olive
 Body: Tan Whitlock Mix or brown wool
 Ribbing: 1 or 2 cheap hackles clipped short
 Beard: Soft brown hackle

Pattern: *Sparkle Pupa*

Hook: Mustad 3399 - #12
 Thread: 8/0 - Cream
 Trailing Shuck: Cream antron folded back over body
 Body: Green antron
 Beard: Brown saddle hackle
 Head: Ostrich herl

Pattern: *Hyatt’s Caddis*

Hook: Mustad 9843 # 10 and 12
 Thread: 8/0 - brown
 Butt: Peacock herl
 Body: Deer hair
 Hackle: Grizzly mixed with brown

Comment: *Dave will demonstrate a trio of caddis patterns representing various stages of the insect’s life.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

January Seminar Jack Dennis & Phil Rowley
 Grant MacEwan University Jan 21st & 22nd
 Annual General Meeting – Queen Mary Park January 18th

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Proposed Motion:

That Article IV, Officers of the Club, Section (b) Executive Positions be amended as follows:

The ~~nine~~ **ten** executive positions of the “Club” are: President, Vice-President, **Past President**, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Director, Membership Director, Newsletter Editor, Librarian, and ~~TU Director~~ **External Events Coordinator**. The expected duties of each position are further detailed in this document.

Rationale: The addition of a Past President position is to enhance continuity between club executives.

The Club is a TU Chapter. The deletion of the position of TU Director is to recognize that all rather than one of the executive members are now directors of the Edmonton TU Chapter.

The addition of an External Events Coordinator is to recognize and share the significant workload that currently falls on the Program Director.

Proposed Motion:

That Article V, Duties of the Officers, be amended as follows:

- a) Delete Section (i) TU Director: shall perform all reasonable requested duties as directed by the President or in the absence of the President, the Vice-President.
- b) Add two new sections as follows:
 - 1) **Past President:** shall advise the executive on previous decisions and happenings regarding any item on the executive agenda. The Past President may also stand for election to any executive position other than President or Vice-President
 - 2) **External Events Coordinator:** shall plan and coordinate any activities approved by the executive involving club participation in events other than regular weekly meetings and shall chair any committees established for such purposes.
- c) Amend Section (h) Program Director, as follows:
 - shall secure guest speakers and coordinate activities for weekly meetings with input from the membership and Executive.
 - ~~shall assist in coordinating or facilitating special annual programs and events such as “Special Seminars”, and “Tying & Casting Related Clinics”~~

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