



*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

### Are you ready for the New Year? Got fishing Plans?

Another year comes to a close with an interesting new one in the offing. For me, the last year was a mixed bag. Due to a minor health issue (since resolved) I was unable to accompany Rick and friends to Cuba last year. However, I have booked the trip this year for the week of May 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be six of us going to Cayo Coco from NLFT-TUC. I did get a small amount of lake and river fishing in. High water in the early season cut into opportunities and prime season in July and September were interrupted by trips to Victoria, Germany and Paris where no fishing was in the offing. The closest I got was seeing a lone fly fisherman wading the river in Garmsh-Partenkirchen. I wasn't able to speak to him so had no idea how he was doing. We did have reports of club members having a successful summer and fall trips. Recently we've had reports from the Red Deer of many folk having fun outings. Let's hope he fun part continues into the new year.

I must apologize for the lateness of the newsletter this month. A busy Christmas season and travel to Victoria put me behind the 8 ball. Fortunately I had already published the January 4<sup>th</sup> program in the December newsletter, so members had some idea what to expect

Our December program consisted of only two sessions. December 7<sup>th</sup> found Peter Little demonstrating some stillwater patterns. The year's programs ended with our annual Christmas Pizza and Pop wind up. This year it was supplemented with Jim O'Neill and Jessica Reilly reporting on the Pembina River Survey. The survey results were well received with many members interested in future participation in some form. At the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the executive was given the go ahead to explore involvement in the coming year.

We have four meetings in January The first was **January 4<sup>th</sup>** where **Dave Murray** demonstrated **Caddis Patterns**. The second meeting is **January 11<sup>th</sup>** where we have **Dr. Michael Sullivan** giving us a talk on **The Battle River and Its Fisheries**. The third Wednesday on **January 18<sup>th</sup>** is our **Annual General Meeting**. The last meeting, on **January 25<sup>th</sup>** will be a **Free Tye**

Please try to make it to the annual general meeting. This is the member's chance to elect officers of the club and provide direction to the new executive for the upcoming year. If you cannot attend, please consider submitting Proxy. A proxy form is available on the web page. You can designate someone to vote on your behalf and even give specific direction on issues of concern to you. We have a minimum number of attendees or proxies required (quorum) to make the meeting official. In some past years we've barely made it.

"A Dynamic Duo of Fly Fishing" featuring **Jack Dennis** and **Phil Rowley** is our major January Seminar. It goes on the weekend of **January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **Grant MacEwan University**. Tickets, at \$65.00 for two days and \$40.00 for single days, are on sale at club meetings or via e-mail at [tickets@nlft.org](mailto:tickets@nlft.org). Posters are in the local shops and on line. Two exciting days are lined up. The details of the each day's program will be available on the Club's web page at [www.nlft.org](http://www.nlft.org). Check it out and join us for a fun time.

Plans for the New Year are underway, to be fleshed out by the new executive. We have set dates for the **Beginners Fly Tying (April 14<sup>th</sup>)** and **Introduction to Fly-fishing Seminar (May 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>)**. We will be participating with Kids Tying at annual Sportsman's Show and Fishin' Hole Outdoor Show. We have 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. Expect the new executive to be looking for volunteers to help with all events.

*Wishing a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all!!*

*Dave Robinson*

## CLUB MEETINGS

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

**10844 – 117<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>

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

**JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

### CADDIS PATTERNS

**Presenter:** *Dave Murray (Woolly)*

**Pattern:** *Cased Caddis*

**Pattern:** *Sparkle Pupa*

**Pattern:** *Hyatt's Caddis*

**Comment:** *Dave provided an interesting and understandable series of patterns that should be in most fly boxes around here.*

**JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

### BATTLE RIVER BASIN

**Presenter:** *Dr. Michael Sullivan*

**Comment:** *D., Sullivan will give a talk on the status of the Battle River and the state of its fisheries. I've heard some of this information before and it's a sobering look at a watershed.*

**JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### Tentative Agenda

- Call to Order
- Adoption of Agenda
- Minutes of last AGM
- Business arising from previous AGM
- Reports from: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Programs
- Newsletter, Library and Membership
- Vote on Proposed Constitutional Changes
- Election of New Officers
- Appointment of Auditors
- New Business
- Adjournment

**Comment:** *The proposed Changes to the Club Constitution were published in the December Newsletter as required by club by-laws and are republished in this edition,*

**JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

### FREE TYE

**Comment:** *Come on out and bring your vices etc. Time to think about what new pattern you want to try. Beginners are particularly welcome. Don't be afraid of anyone for a hand with technique, materials or whatever*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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|------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| January Seminar        | Jack Dennis & Phil Rowley |   |
|                        | Grant MacEwan University  | Jan 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Annual General Meeting | – Queen Mary Park         | January 18 <sup>th</sup>                |
| Beginner's Fly Tying   | – Queen Mary Park         | April 14 <sup>th</sup>                  |
| Intro. to Fly Fishing  | – Queen Mary Park         | May 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> |

## 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"~~

#### MAP TO THE HOME OF



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Trout Unlimited Edmonton

