



## FROM THE EDITOR

### Year End Approaches. Christmas Coming Fast!

The calendar year is coming to a close. Ice covers all the water within an easy drive and today we're expecting another snow dump. It's time to turn our attention to our sport's indoor pastimes such as fly tying and learning opportunities. In that vein, you are reminded that the Club has an extensive library for your use and enjoyment. Florin Sabac has been doing yeoman work in cataloging and organizing it and is slowly adding new titles. So come on out to a meeting and peruse the material available to you for simply being a member.

You'll also see that our major January Seminar is shaping up to be a terrific one featuring Rick Hafele and Brian Chan on January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are now available at Club meetings for \$65 for both days and \$40 for one day. You can also order on line from Peter at [tickets@nlft.org](mailto:tickets@nlft.org) or by calling 780-434-0951. We'll have lots of raffle items at the event. Tickets would make great Christmas gifts for the fly fishers on your list.

We'll be rounding out November with a presence at the grand opening of the New Fishin' Hole Store located at 11283 - 170<sup>th</sup> street on Friday November 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup>. We'll be manning a Kids Tying Table. If you can help, let Dave Towers know.

We began November with our annual fund raiser at the St Albert Curling Club. We had an excellent turnout (about 90) who enjoyed a fine diner and silent auction. Proceeds fattened our operating account substantially, so we're solvent for another year. Thanks to our donators, sponsors, organizers and all who helped out, particularly our President, Ken Monk.

Regular November meetings started with the usual business meeting followed by a free tye and a beginner pattern. For the second week I gave a short presentation on getting your gear ready for winter. Week three we had a great presentation by Keith Rae on Fishing the North Saskatchewan River. The month winds up with Gary Henke showing us how to tie Quill Wings. In between we managed to fit in helping out at a successful Fly Fishing Film Tour.

We have only two meetings in December due to the Christmas break. We start **December 5<sup>th</sup>** with a short business meeting followed by a **Free Tye**. **Dennis Southwick** will once again demonstrate a basic **Beginners Pattern**. For the second meeting on **December 12<sup>th</sup>** you get Pizza and Pop at our **Christmas Wind Up**. We start up again **January 2<sup>nd</sup>** with the usual business meeting followed by a **Free Tye and Beginner Session**. That's followed up with a **January 9<sup>th</sup>** presentation by the **Canadian Tube Fly Company** on tying **Tube Flies**.

For upcoming events, we have our Annual General Meeting in January 16<sup>th</sup>. You can find a preliminary agenda on page 2. You'll note we have a minor change proposed to the charter, official notice of which is on page three.

Further down the line we have the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show coming up from March 14<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. This year the Fishin' Hole will be there as they will not be holding their annual show at the Mayfield Inn this year. We'll also be moving the Lloyd Shea Raffle to the Sportsman's Show, which means we'll need more volunteer commitment for that show this year. We'll put out the call for volunteers later.

We've also set some spring program dates. The Public Beginner Fly Tying Seminar will run in early April and look for the Introduction to Fly Fishing Seminar on May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

In closing, I'd like to express my thanks to all those members who contributed to a fine year for the Northern Lights Fly Tyers, from the executive to our dedicated volunteer members. Not only could the club not run without you, but you make all our events and meetings enjoyable to attend. Many of you are not only fishing companions but good friends as well.

*Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!*

*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"

### Membership

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## MEETINGS

### DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### FREE TYE AND BEGINNER FLY

**Comment:** The month starts with a short business meeting. After that attendees are invited to spend time tying flies and telling tales. Bring your vices and do some pre-Christmas tying. Dennis will present a basic beginner fly

**Pattern:** Pheasant Tail Nymph

- Hook: Nymph Hook - #12 to #18
- Bead: Gold - sized to suit - optional
- Thread: Brown 6/0
- Rib: Wire – gold
- Remainder: Pheasant tail fibres

### DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

#### CHRISTMAS WIND UP

**Comment:** Come out for Pizza and Pop and to exchange Christmas Greetings with fellow fly fishers. Bring along any photos and stories of the past year to entertain your buddies. You canals swap ideas for your Christmas “wish list”.

### DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup>

#### NO MEETINGS

### JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>

#### FREE TYE AND BEGINNER FLY

**Comment:** The year starts with a short business meeting. After that attendees are invited to group in tables and spend time tying flies. Dennis will present a basic beginner fly

**Pattern:** Hare's Ear Nymph

- Hook: Nymph Hook - #12 to #18
- Bead: Gold or copper - sized to suit - optional
- Thread: Brown 6/0
- Rib: Wire – copper
- Body: Hare's ear dubbing
- Wing Case: Pheasant tail fibres

### JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### TUBE FLIES

**Presenter:** The Canadian Tube Fly Company

**Comment:** This presentation will cover the materials and techniques needed to construct tube flies. There have been some interesting developments in product and patterns.

### JANUARY 16<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, Election of New Officers, Appointment of Auditors, Bylaw Changes, New Business, Adjournment

**Comment:** Come out and help set the direction for your club for the New Year. We'll be electing executive members and a minor change to the Club Charter is being proposed. The official notice is contained on Page 3.

## JANUARY 2013 SEMINAR

### RICK HAFELE & BRIAN CHAN

**DATE:** JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2013  
9 AM TO 5 PM

**LOCATION:** GRANT MACEWAN UNIVERSITY, EDMONTON  
ROOM 6-212, 104 AVE MAIN CAMPUS

**COST:** \$65.00 FOR BOTH DAYS, \$40.00 FOR ONE

**Comment:** We have two excellent presenters lined up for our major January Seminar. We've had both here before, but not for some time. Brian Chan will be familiar to most fly anglers as an expert on stillwater fishing. He has authored or co-authored several books including collaborations with Phil Rowley. Rick Hafele is known for his aquatic entomology work and for his work as an author including his own Nymph-Fishing Rivers and Streams, as columnist American Angler and coauthoring with others such as Dave Hughes.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 30 & Dec 1 Fishin' Hole Grand Opening 170 Street Store
- January 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Queen Mary Park
- January 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Hafele & Chan Seminar Grant MacEwan
- March 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Boat & Sportsman's Show Northlands

## FISHING PHOTO

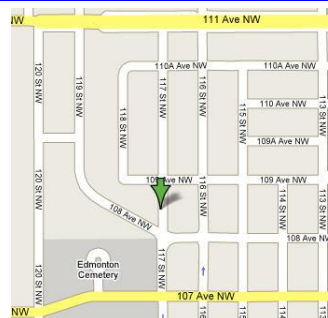


A nice LSR Grayling –photo courtesy Ross Chow

## MAP TO THE HOME OF



Northern Lights Fly Tyers  
Trout Unlimited Edmonton



## PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGES

Delete the following Sections

TROUT UNLIMITED OF CANADA Goal Statements:

1. To initiate and carry out programs that will aid in the restoration, enhancement, protection and creation of habitat for trout and other cold water fish species and their watersheds.
2. To promote sound conservation practices and wise use of Canada's trout, char, Arctic grayling and related salmonids and to foster public awareness of the value of these natural resources.
3. To identify and work to counteract threats and hazards to trout and other cold water fisheries and their watersheds.

NORTHERN LIGHTS FLYTYERS/TU EDMONTON Aims and Objectives

- provide a friendly atmosphere for the novice and expert to learn and share the fly tying and fishing experience
- organize events and to sponsor social functions for members, as selected by the executive and its membership
- disseminate "Club" activities via "Broken Threads", the official "Club" newsletter, published on a monthly basis, as well as foster communications through the "Club's" website and message forums – <http://nlft.org>
- provide a "Club" membership card that may allow its members to receive a discount at participating retailers
- maintain a "Club" library of videos and books for the use of its members
- raise funds for events, and the acquisition of assets for "Club" use
- acquire and maintain a set of complete fly tying kits and a ready supply of common materials for use by potential and existing members
- interact with other fly tying clubs and related entities to further increase membership and interest in our organization and further interest in our sport and hobby

## PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGES

Replace with the following

Northern Lights Fly Tyers – Trout Unlimited Edmonton

Goal Statements

1. To provide a friendly atmosphere for the novice and expert to learn and share the fly tying and fly fishing experience
2. To support the work of TU Canada in promoting the conservation and wise use of trout and other cold water fisheries and their watersheds and in fostering public awareness of the value of these natural resources.
3. To promote the involvement of others in fly tying and fishing with particular emphasis on youth.
4. To maintain a "Club" library of fishing videos and books for the use of its members
5. To acquire and maintain a set of complete fly tying kits and a ready supply of common materials for use by potential and existing members
6. To interact with other fishing clubs and related entities to increase membership support for the Goals of Northern Lights Fly Tyers/TU Edmonton.

*The intent of the changes are to amalgamate the goals of the previously separate organizations to reflect the present combined structure.*