



From the Editor

The New Year Starts with a Bang!

Well, maybe not with the newsletter. Having been away over the Christmas break and with my current busy work schedule, I've been very late getting the January newsletter done. Fortunately I had the foresight to include the first three weeks of the January program in the December edition. Now all I have to do is update things for the last half of the month.

As I write this the first two weeks have gone by with both meetings being successful. The month's initial Free Tye had a solid turnout with a couple of new members attending as well. The second week featured the Canadian Tube Fly company introducing us to their products and methods for tying some innovative patterns. Those two events followed on from the last December meetings which consisted of another free tye the first week and the Christmas Wind Up on the second. Both December and January free tye sessions featured some beginner instruction by Dennis Southwick and other club members. So if you are new to fly tying or just want to brush up on technique, come on out to our Free Tye sessions.

We continue January our January program with our **Annual General Meeting** on **January 16th**. You can find an agenda on page 2. You'll note we have a minor change proposed to the charter, official notice of which is on page three. Meeting quorum is 20 attendees, so if you can't make the meeting please check the web page for how to submit a proxy.

The big January event is our major **Two Day Fly Fishing Seminar** on **January 19th and 20th** featuring **Rick Hafele and Brian Chan**. Tickets will be available at the January 16th meeting or at the door for \$65 for both days and \$40 for one day. You can also reserve your ticket on line from Peter at tickets@nlft.org or by calling 780-434-0951. Check out the club's main web page at www.nlft.org where you will find details of the two-day program. We'll have lots of raffle items at the event and it promises to be a fun time for all.

We resume normal meetings on **January 23rd** with a special presentation on **Streamer Flies by Barry Phillips**. Regular January meetings wind up on **January 30th** with **Dennis Southwick** showing us some patterns using **Magic Flash** as the feature ingredient.

Further down the line we have the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show coming up from March 14th to 27th. 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 be putting out the call for volunteers starting this month.

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 25th and 26th.

If you frequent the Club's on-line forum, you've probably noticed an increase in activity over the last couple of months. The nature and tenor of the posts has been refreshing and exciting. Topics ranged from tying salmon flies and streamers, to photographing your creations and discussing conservation topics. This is a healthy development and contributors are to be commended. If you've only been a follower or haven't checked the forum out, don't be afraid to wade in. It's great tool for communication and sharing fly fishing information.

In closing, I'd like to express my thanks to the outgoing executive to your work over the last year. We couldn't have had the fine year we did without you. Special thanks go to Ken Monk who is resigning as President. Ken did yeoman work in keeping things on track and the enthusiasm high. While he's resigning as president, he's not going away. He's simply going focus his efforts on the Grayling Survey and the actions that might arise from that.

New Year's Resolution – Tie more flies!!

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

January 2nd

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 9th

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 16th

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 23rd

Ghostly Streamers

Presenter: *Barry Phillips*

Comment: *For those who've been following the streamer fly patterns that have shown up recently on the Forum, this will be a treat. Barry Phillips (Arron's dad) will demonstrate the techniques required to tie these classic and elegant streamer patterns. You can come prepared to tie along or simply watch*

Pattern: *Grey Ghost (originator Carrie Stevens)*

Hook: Long Shank Streamer – Mustad L87-3665A
 Thread: White
 Tag: Silver Tinsel - flat
 Body: Orange Floss
 Rib: Silver tinsel – fine flat
 Belly: Peacock herl followed by white bucktail
 Throat: Golden pheasant crest
 Under wing: Long golden pheasant crest – past hook bend
 Wing: 4 olive grey hackles
 Shoulder: Silver Pheasant
 Eye: Jungle cock nail
 Head: Black

Meetings - Continued

January 23rd

Pattern: *Black Ghost (originator Herbert Welch)*

Hook: Long Shank Streamer – Mustad L87-3665A
 Thread: black
 Tag: Silver Tinsel - flat
 Tail: Yellow hackle fibres
 Body: Black Floss
 Rib: Silver tinsel – flat
 Throat: Yellow hackle fibres
 Under wing: Long golden pheasant crest – past hook bend
 Wing: 4 white hackles
 Eye: Jungle cock nail
 Head: Black

January 30th

Magic Flash Flies

Presenter: *Dennis Southwick*

Pattern: *Floating Backswimmer*

Hook: Scud hook - #10 or #12
 Shell Back: Black or brown foam
 Legs: Brown or green floss or round rubber hackle
 Body: White or peacock magic flash

Pattern: *MF Nymph*

Hook: 3 x Long nymph - #14 or #16
 Tail: Pheasant tail or soft hackle fibres
 Body: Purple magic flash
 Rib: Copper wire
 Legs: Red or white goose biots
 Thorax: Purple magic flash

Pattern: *Parachute Drake*

Hook: Dry fly – your choice of size
 Tail: Elk or deer hair
 Body: Magic flash – your choice of color
 Rib: Copper wire
 Wing post: White magic flash
 Hackle: Grizzly or dun

Comment: *Dennis will fill in for the originally scheduled presentation by Jim O'Neill on the grayling survey.*

January 2013 Seminar

Rick Hafele & Brian Chan

Date: *January 19th and 20th, 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: *Rick Hafele and Brian Chan will present a fine program over two days. Check the club web page at www.nlft.org for program details.*

Upcoming Events

January 16th Annual General Meeting Queen Mary Park
 January 19th - 20th Hafele & Chan Seminar Grant MacEwan
 March 14th - 17th Boat & Sportsman's Show Northlands

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.

Map to the home of



Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

