



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

The New Executive Elected!

After elections at the annual general meeting, we have a new President (Rick LeBlanc), Vice President (Dennis Southwick) and Program Chair (Jim Trewin). The remaining executive members are returning to their previous posts. A hearty thank-you goes out to last year's executive for a job well done, particularly to Ken Monk who retired from the "official" executive. Ken did yeoman work and can take credit for a well-run year. We haven't lost Ken entirely though, He will stay on as our webmaster and will continue to lead the Graying Survey Effort. A big welcome goes to Jim Trewin who has stepped up to the plate to take charge of our monthly programs. I'm sure he'll hit a few out of the park.

Our January program was quite full. Meetings started with a Free Tye with Dennis demonstrating a Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear as the beginner fly. The second week we had a great presentation by the Canadian Tube Fly Company. Our Annual General Meeting was held the third week on January 16th. The meeting was well attended and ran smoothly. We did adopt the proposed constitutional changes proposed as per last month's newsletter. Those were mostly housekeeping changes. Barry Philips entranced the audience of the fourth week with his skill in tying streamer patterns called the Grey and Black Ghosts. The month wound up with Dennis Southwick showing us some Magic Flash Flies. Altogether an action packed month. Thanks go to all presenters.

The big January event was our Rick Hafele and Brian Chan seminar. We had a great turnout and the programs were well received. The mix of river and lake fishing topics kept everyone interested throughout. Our two presenters were terrific, keeping us entertained while offering more information than it seemed possible to absorb. Next newsletter will give our financial results, but at first blush it looks as if we met our goal of at least breaking even on the event.

This month we start on **February 6th** with the usual short business meeting followed by a **Free Tye** and **Beginners Session**, featuring a **Chromie**. We'll also have a questionnaire on who you want to see at next year's annual January Major Seminar. The second week on **February 13th** we have **Jessica Riley and Jim O'Neill** talking about last year's **Grayling Survey Results**. **February 20th** (the 3rd week), we get **Rick Lang** giving a presentation on **Cuba Flats Fishing**. February programs close off on **February 27th** with a **Swap Meet** where we get to buy, sell or trade our surplus gear. We haven't done this for a while so there might just be some bargains and maybe some cleaner tying benches and garages.

The next major upcoming event for Northern Lights is the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show that runs from March 14th to 27th. This year the Fishin' Hole will not be holding their annual show at the Mayfield Inn. Instead they will have a major presence at the Sportsman's show. The Lloyd Shea Raffle will be held in their space. NLFT-TUC will again have our own Kid's Tying Space adjacent the casting pool. Having two spaces to man means we'll need more volunteers for each time slot than last year. We're putting out the call for volunteers. If you can help out, talk to Dave Towers. If you work a full shift we'll pay for your parking.

We've also finalized our spring program dates. The **Public Beginner Fly Tying Seminar** will run **April 20th** at **Queen Mary Park**. This year, our annual **Introduction to Fly Fishing Seminar** will be held on **May 25th and 26th** at a location yet to be determined. We will need volunteer help for both events, so mark your calendars.

Will the snow ever stop? I'd rather be tying than shoveling!!

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

February 6th

Free Tye and Beginner Fly

Comment: The month 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: *Chromie*

- Hook: Nymph Hook - #12 to #18
- Bead: White Bead - sized to suit - optional
- Thread: Black 8/0
- Rib: Red wire
- Body: Flat silver tinsel
- Gills: White Antron

February 13th

Grayling Survey Report

Presenters: Jessica Riley and Jim O'Neill

Comment: Jessica and Jim will give an overview of the results of the 2102 grayling survey of the Pembina River watershed that NLFT-TUC members carried out via angling. They will discuss the implications of the results and possible plans for future surveys and other activities.

February 20th

Cuba Flats Fishing

Presenter: Rick Lang

Comment: Over the last three or four years, several club members have gone fishing the flats of Cayo Coco Cuba for Bonefish, Permit, Tarpon and other species. Rick will describe the experience of fishing for such challenging prey in an exotic location. At least four club members plan on repeating the experience in May this year. Come hear about planning, preparation, expectations and costs for such a trip.

Pattern: *Craft Fur Gotcha*

- Hook: Daiichi – #4 or #6 stainless #2546
- Thread: Tan or orange
- Eyes: Dumbbell eyes, lead small to medium
- Body: Sparkle Braid (pearl)
- Under wing: Crystal flash
- Over wing: Craft fur, tan or pearl
- Legs: rubber legs (optional)

Pattern: *Tarpon Toad*

- Hook: Owner Aki #4/0
- Thread: Black
- Eyes: Plastic eyes, medium to large
- Tail: Yellow and Green Marabou
- Body: EP fibres

February 27th

Swap Meet

Comment: Clean out your garage, closet and tying bench of all that surplus stuff. You know, that lifetime supply of embroidery yarn you bought for one pattern, those used but serviceable wading boots you grew out of, an old vest you no longer need, surplus size 5 /0 hooks, tying tools you don't use any more or any other item you don't need. Bring it along to the club to see if anyone else can use it. You can then haggle with other members over price or value for tradable items.

Upcoming Events

- March 14th - 17th Boat & Sportsman's Show Northlands
- April 20th Beginner Fly Tying Queen Mary Park
- May 25th & 26th Introduction to Fly Fishing TBA

Photos From Cuba 2012



Tim and Bonefish



The 2012 Cuba Group
(The masked man is Keith)

Map to the home of



Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

