



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

March shapes up as a busy month!

Spring may be just around the corner, but winter isn't done with us yet, so indoor fly fishing activities are still on the agenda. It's time to start getting our gear ready for the upcoming season, filling our fly boxes and dreaming about and planning the outings to come. For the NLFT-TUE this starts off the busiest part of the indoor year. In addition to our regular weekly programs we have the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show, a day Tying with Phil Rowley, our public Beginner Fly Tying Seminar and our Introduction to Fly Fishing Seminar all occurring in the next 2 ½ months. There's more on that later.

Our February programs were well attended. It all started with a short business meeting and Free Tye with Dennis demonstrating a Chromie as the beginner fly. The second week was a terrific presentation on the results of our grayling survey by Jessica Riley and Jim O'Neill. The third week we got Rick Lang giving us an enticing presentation on Cuba Flats Fishing. The final February meeting was a Swap meet where members brought their old, unwanted or surplus stuff to see if there were any takers. We've circulated a questionnaire on who you want to see at next year's annual January Major Seminar. The results are in, but it's time now to contact prospective presenters to find out cost and availability. We'll keep you posted.

This month we start on **March 6th** with the usual short business meeting followed by a **Free Tye** and **Beginners Session**. The second week on **March 13th** we have **John Howard of Howard's Hackle** talking about **Fly Tying Hackles**. **March 20th** (the 3rd week), we get **Paul Fitt** giving a presentation on **Davie McPhail's Cricket** March programs close off **March 27th** with a **"Surprise" Event** plus the **Draw for Don Anderson's Bamboo Rod**.

This month's major event for Northern Lights is the **Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show** that runs from **March 14th to 17th**. The Fishin' Hole will not be holding their annual show at the Mayfield Inn due to it being closed for construction. Instead they will have a major presence at the Sportsman's show. The **Lloyd Shea Raffle** will be held in their space and NLFT-TUC will again have our own Kid's Tying Space adjacent the casting pool. Having two spaces requires more volunteers than last year. We're putting out the call for volunteers. If you can help, sign up with Dave Towers. If you work a full shift we'll pay for your parking. Kicking off April, we are co-sponsoring a day of fly tying instruction entitled **Tying with Phil Rowley on Saturday April 6th at our Queen Mary Park venue**. Phil will be presenting a special event featuring dubbing techniques. The event is aimed at tyers of all abilities. More information can be found on page 2. Since Phil needs an attendance between a minimum and maximum number to make it worthwhile, you are encouraged to buy your ticket early. They go on sale at the club March 6th and to the public on March 7th

The **Public Beginner Fly Tying Seminar** will run **April 20th at Queen Mary Park**. The cost is \$25.00. This year, our annual Introduction to **Fly Fishing Seminar** will be held on **May 25th & 26th at the Lion's Senior Center** (111 ave. & 112 st.) and a fishing venue to be determined. The cost for that seminar is \$50.00 for both days. Tickets for both will be available at the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show and at club meetings. We will need volunteer help for both events, so mark your calendars and if you can help, contact Dave Towers.

Lastly, we're starting planning for our Annual Fall Fundraiser. President Rick LeBlanc will take the lead, but we need volunteers for a Fundraiser Committee to help with logistics, chasing down donations etc. The Fundraiser is what provides our annual operating revenue. Let us know if you can help with this important task.

My Cuba trip is coming in May I'm getting excited already!!

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

March 6th

Business Meeting and Free Tye

Comment: *The month starts with a short business meeting. We plan on having a structured agenda from now on to shorten the effort. After that you are invited to sit down and tye some flies. Any beginner who shows up is encouraged to talk to Dennis Southwick about tying a basic fly.*

March 13th

Howard's Hackles

Presenter: John Howard

Comment: *John is the only Alberta producer of fly tying hackles. John will give us some insight into what goes into raising the birds that provide the type of hackle fly tyers demand. He'll discuss what makes a good fly tying hackle, how to grade it and the range of quality that can be produced. He will also bring some of his product for sale at the meeting.*

March 20th

Paul Fitt

Pattern: Davey McPhail's Cricket

Hook: Tiemco 100- size #10
Thread: Black UTC70
Tail: Turkey Biots - black
Body #1: Micro Thin Foam – black
Body #2: Superfine Dubbing - black
Legs #1: Turkey Biots – black
Legs #2: Hen Hackle - black
Thorax: Micro Thin foam - black
Head: Dubbing – black
Horns: Pheasant Tail - black

Comment: *Paul will demonstrate in interesting cricket pattern that has some realism to it*

March 27th

"Surprise" Tying Event

Comment No 1: *This should be a fun one!*

The idea is to have 10 tyers presented with a "black box" of tying materials. The goal is for them to tie a fly (within a restricted time frame) that incorporates the materials in the package. The pattern is the tyer's choice.

On completion, the flies will be displayed for everyone to vote on. Voters will be given a set of three sticky dots to place on a paper sheet adjacent their favorite flies. The tyers of the three flies collecting the most dots will receive a Tim Horton's gift card (Different value for first through third place.)

The event is open to all attendees. If we have more than 10 "volunteers", names will be put in a hat and the ten lucky contestant's names drawn. Those not tying are encouraged to watch, kibitz or otherwise engage themselves until judgment. Don't be shy, come on out and try your hand at creative tying.

Comment No 2: Bamboo Rod Draw

We will be drawing the winner for this year's raffle for the bamboo rod donated by Don Anderson at the end of the meeting. You don't have to be present to win, but wouldn't it be nice to be there to gloat?

Upcoming Events

March 14th - 17th Boat & Sportsman's Show Northlands
April 6th Tying with Phil Rowley Queen Mary Park
April 20th Beginner Fly Tying Queen Mary Park
May 25th-26th Introduction to Fly Fishing Lion's Senior Center

Tying with Phil Rowley

April 6th

Dubbing Techniques

Presenter: Phil Rowley
Location: Queen Mary Park Community Hall
Time: 9 am to 5 pm
Cost: \$40.00
Attendance: Minimum: 20 Maximum: 30

Comment: *Phil is an expert fly tyer, author and fly fisher. You may have seen him on the TV show The New Fly Fisher. Phil will demonstrate an array of dubbing techniques useful for creating a variety of fly patterns. You don't have to be an expert tyer to attend or benefit from Phil's tutelage. You can expect learning some innovative methods and uses of materials to create a variety of effective fly patterns.*

Lloyd Shea Raffle

For those who don't know, the Lloyd Shea raffle is held annually in honor of a long time supporter of fly fishing and cold water fisheries conservation in central Alberta area. Lloyd passed away in 2002. His efforts are sadly missed.

The format is a bucket raffle for an array of prizes. Raffle prizes are donated by The Fishin' Hole and the raffle run by the Northern Lights Fly Tyers - Trout Unlimited Edmonton.

Proceeds go into an account dedicated to the support of fishing education and cold water fishery conservation. Funds support education outreach events, field studies and habitat restoration. You are encouraged to purchase tickets at the Edmonton Sportsman's and place them in buckets for the prizes you find attractive. Your money will go to a good cause.

Map to the home of



Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

