The Newsletter of the Northern Lights Fly Tyers - Trout Unlimited Edmonton

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

#### **Fall Fishing Time! Got Backswimmers?**

Yes, this is the time of year fishing seems to swing into full speed. Water levels are more reasonable in the streams and water temperature starts to drop in the lakes. I particularly look forward to fall grayling fishing. I've seen good reports from the graying survey angling and heard that Muir and Miller's are producing good fish, although with the current warm fall you might want to keep an eye on the water temperature so you don't stress the fish too much.

My summer fishing was restricted a bit due to non-fishing summer travel. It started with a trip to Victoria to haul my daughter's junk back home. July meant a two week trip to Europe for 12 days on a Richard Eaton Singers choir tour to Germany to venues such as Munich, Ulm, Jena, Berlin and Leipzig. The highlight was singing Bach in Bach's home church in Leipzig. The last week Julia and I spent in Prague and Salzberg.

I finally got around to fishing a week after returning from Europe with a trip with John Bertrand to Haa Nee Naa lodge north of Prince Rupert, fly fishing for salmon. I managed to land at least 40 Coho and about a dozen Pinks in 4 days of fishing. We had a great time.

Our last program for the spring in June consisted of the usual business meeting and free tye on the first week with a wind up BBQ on the second where, in addition to burgers and hot dogs, we had a small casting competition. Those brave enough to participate had a fun time trying to hit the hoop whilst allowing for wind and only minor heckling.

September will be a short month club-wise since we will have only three meetings. We start September 11<sup>th</sup> with a Tye and Lie following a short business meeting. The second week on September 18<sup>th</sup> we will have a Free Tye and Beginner Session. Week three on September 25<sup>th</sup> will have Dennis Southwick demonstrating Favorite Flies Summer 2013

Money from Alberta Conservation Association was used to purchase tying kits for our ongoing educational efforts. As repayment in kind, we assisted ACA at their "Kids Can Catch" program in Fort Saskatchewan on June  $8^{th}$ . Thanks go to our members who helped out.

The Grayling Study in the Pembina drainage is ongoing. We've been doing fish counts, tagging, temperature and water quality monitoring through angling and electrofishing. A number of club members have spent some time streamside with reasonable results. If you wish to join in, contact Ken Monk. He will arrange training, assignments and equipment.

We've had some communication from Sustainable Resource Development further to the proposed brown trout population and water quality study of Stauffer Creek. (aka North Raven). They are looking for assistance from NLFT-TUC for fish tagging. Keep your eyes on the Forum for details and volunteer requests.

Our annual Fall Fundraiser will go on November 9<sup>th</sup> at the St Albert Curling Club. As I keep noting, the Fundraiser is the only source of annual operating revenue. We still need members to solicit auction donations (the heart of the fundraiser) as soon as possible. Supporting letters are available at the club. Contact Rick or any executive member. Tickets for the dinner this year are \$30.00 and will be available by mid-September.

We plan on having a more structured beginner's tying program in this fall. Let us know what you want it to cover. Talk to Dennis Southwick or Rick Le Blanc and we will try to get regular sessions organized to suit your needs.

Jim Trewin our Program Person has just resigned due to health reasons. We'll be looking for a replacement. If you think you can help out, let any Executive member know.

Time to go Fishin'!! 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**

# SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> FALL MEETINGS RESUME TIE AND LIE

**Comment:** The idea is to get together for coffee and Timbits to discuss the summer's fishing and plan the fall outings. Bring your brag photos.

## SEPTEMBER 18TH

## FREE TYE AND BEGINNER SESSION

**Comment:** Bring your vices, tools and material and fill empty spots in your boxes caused by all those summer fish or to prepare for the last of the fall fishing. There will be help available any beginners to tie the following:

Pattern: Thread Body Chironomid
Hook: #12 to #18 Nymph hook
Thread: 8/0 – color to suit

Bead: pure white or silver sized to suit

Rib: silver or gold wire

## SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

## **FAVORITE FLYS SUMMER 2013**

**Presenter:** Dennis Southwick

**Pattern:** Dennisized EZ Hopper Hook: #10 - 2xl

Thread: #8/0 - yellow
Abdomen: Yellow 2mm foam
Body: Yellow Chenille
Hackle: Yellow Saddle
Legs: Rubber legs

Pattern: Parachute CFF
Hook: TMC 100 #12 to 16

Thread: #6/0 – black

Tail: Brown Z-Lon or Macrame yarn

Body: Peacock Herl

Wing: White Z-Lon or Macrame yarn

Hackle: Grizzly saddle #3

**Comment:** Dennis will demonstrate a couple of patterns he found successful this summer. As usual for Dennis they are not "by the Book" recipes.

## FLY OF THE MONTH

Pattern: SA Hopper

Hook: #8 to #16 - 2xl
Thread: 8/0 yellow
Tail: Red hackle fibres

Rib: Brown saddle hackle - undesized

Body Yellow 2mm foam
Under Wing: Pearl crystal flash
Wing: Tan Elk hair
Thorax: Olive dubbing
Hackle Brown saddle

**Comment:** The object is to provide flies to stock a box for the annual Trout Unlimited Dinner. Each member is encouraged to tye one or more of each month's pattern. Bring them to a club meeting for collection.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser St Albert Curling Club

#### SOME SUMMER PHOTOS



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YOU CAN STILL ENJOY FISHING AT 82, RIGHT JOE?

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