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

#### Winter is Here! Anybody up for Hard Water Fishing?

The newsletter this month is a bit late. Sorry about that, but between new staff at work and a busy choir schedule, October has been a hectic month for me, particularly the last week. Our October program had five meetings. The first meeting was the usual business meeting followed by a Free Tie. The second week saw Florin Sabac demonstrating weaving techniques. The third meeting was a Free Tye. The fourth meeting featured a Buy, Sell and Trade event. The final meeting was the Halloween Fly Night, which I understand didn't garner much participation, probably due to the change in weather.

October has five meetings this year. We start *November 6<sup>th</sup>* with a *Free Tye* following a short business meeting and a *Beginner Session* (more on that later). The second week on *November 13<sup>th</sup>* we will have *Ken Monk* discussing *GPS Devices and Their Use.* Week three on *November 20<sup>th</sup>* we will have another *Free Tye and Beginner Session*. Week four on *November 27<sup>th</sup>* has *Rick Leblanc* presenting on the *Canadian Fly Fishing Championships*.

Since December this year will be a very short month for NLFTC-TUC (only two meetings) there will not be a December newsletter. The first week *December 4<sup>th</sup>* will be *Free Tye* and a *Beginner Session. Week two on December 11<sup>th</sup> will be our Christmas Wind Up.* Regular meeting will resume on January 8t, 2014. I will have another newsletter before January.

Our *Fly of the Month* for November and December is the *CFF*. Your use your spare time between now and New Year's to tie some for the Club's donation to the annual TU Dinner.

Our *Fall Fund Raiser* on *November 9<sup>th</sup>* went very well. Preliminary reports are that we made about \$5000.00 towards club operations for the next year and a bit over \$800.00 to the Coldwater Fund. We stay pretty solvent. However, this is down slightly from last year, likely due to lower attendance. Those who did come enjoyed a terrific meal and a lot of fun with the auctions and games. Thanks to all the volunteer effort this year for organizing a running the event. Next year we need to do a better job of soliciting donations, promotion and ticket sales.

Our beginners program has solidified. We'll be using Charlie Craven's book "Basic Fly Tying" as the basis for the course. Beginners can take the book out from the library to plan their learning and keep track of progress. The program is an "advance at you own pace" process where the club will provide instruction and materials at meetings.

Our *Annual General Meeting* will be on *January 22<sup>nd</sup>*, 2014. If you think you can help plan and operate club activities, we'd be pleased to hear from you. Our major January event is the *January Seminar* featuring *Todd Oishi* and *April Volkey*. This seminar is slated for *January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2014*, at the *Grant MacEwan University Main Campus*. It's looking to be a great event, so mark your calendar now. We'll have tickets available in November. We've renewed our participation in the *Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show* which runs *March 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>*, 2014 at *Edmonton Northlands*. Potential volunteers keep your calendar open.

Dave Murray has replaced Jim Trewin (resigned for health reasons) as Program Person for the rest of the year. And we've received notice that Rick Leblanc will be stepping down as president in January. So the door is open for some new blood on the executive.

And lastly, some sad news I received last week. Peter Morrison, a longtime friend and supporter of the club passed away. Peter was a guide on the West coast and represented Sage, Reddington, Rio and Bradley products and was often in Edmonton from trade shows. Peter was a kind and generous person who taught me and many others much about in casting and fishing. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and friends.

Year end is coming. What are your plans for 2014?

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

## November 6th

### Free Tye and Beginner Session

Comment: We will have a short business meeting followed by a tie. We introduce our new Beginner Program based on Charlie Craven's book "Basic Fly Tying". As noted in the editor's comments, this is an "advance at your own pace" program with the book as the guide. Participants will be loaned the book from the library and when attending meetings will be provided with an instructor and materials for whichever pattern or technique is next on their list. We do have some loaner equipment for use at the club, but beginners are encouraged to obtain their own as they progress.

### November 13th

#### **GPS Devices and Their Use**

Presenter: Ken Monk

**Comment:** Ken will describe the types of GPS devices now available for fishing use and how to go about setting them up for that purpose.

### November 20<sup>th</sup> Free Tye and Beginner Session

**Comment:** Bring your vices, tools and material and join us for a coffee, kibbutz and tying session. Our Beginner Sessions will continue.

# **November 27th Canadian Fly Fishing Championships**

Presenter: Rick Leblanc

**Comment:** Rick recently participated in the Canadian Fly Fishing Championships. He intends to tell us about his experience and what he learned about the competition side of angling.

## December 4th

### Free Tye and Beginner Session

**Comment:** We will have a short business meeting followed by a tie. Bring your vices, tools and material and join us for a coffee, kibbutz and tying session. Our Beginner Sessions will continue.

## December 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Windup

**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 can also swap ideas for your Christmas "wish list".

### Fly of the Month

Pattern: CFF (Hundred Fish Fly?)

Hook: Dry fly - #8 to #16

Thread: 8/0 black

Tail: Brown macramé yarn
Body Peacock Herl
Wing: White macramé yarn
Hackle: Brown saddle – ratty style

**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 9th Annual Fundraiser St Albert Curling Club January 22 Annual General Meeting Queen Mary Park January 18-19 April Volkey & Todd Oishi Grant MacEwan March 13-16 Boat and Sportsman's Show Northlands

### **Major Annual Seminar**

## A January Fly Fishing Break

A Two Day Fly-Fishing Seminar January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Featuring

## **April Volkey and Todd Oishi**

Main Campus - Grant McEwan University Edmonton - Room 6-212

9 am to 5 pm Saturday – 9 am to 4 pm Sunday Cost: Both days \$65.00 One Day \$40.00

Tickets available at Club meetings and Via e-mail from tickets@nlft.org or by phone 780-434-0951

## Map to the home of



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Trout Unlimited Edmonton



