



From the Editor

Northern Lights Meeting Resume September 17th

We'll I hope you all had great summer fishing. My local fishing was a bit sparse, although I did make it out to Muir and Star. My summer fishing highlight was joining John Bertrand at Haa Nee Naa Lodge north of Prince Rupert. While fly-fishing for Coho was not possible due to the juvenile herring not being around, I did catch lots of rock cod on the fly and plenty of Coho mooching with cut plug herring. One of the highlights was seeing Humpback Whales every day, sometime closer than 200 ft away.

Our spring program wound up in fine style with the successful conclusion of our learn to fly fish and casting clinics being well attended. All participants seemed to learn something, with some even helping out this summer with the grayling survey. We hope to reintroduce some casting on the lawn at meetings this fall as follow up for those wanting more help. Our regular spring sessions ended in June with a Free Tye, Beginner Session and Discussion followed on the second week by our annual Spring Windup and Barbeque.

It sounds like the Grayling survey was a rousing success this summer. Reports are that lots of fish were caught and tagged and good data recorded in the Pembina drainage. I know a few made the annual pilgrimage to the southwest part of the province with lots of rainbows and cutthroat caught. I also heard that the local potholes produced well and had one sterling report from Dolberg. I spent most of the summer in Victoria, so had to rely on third hand reports for what went on here. Come to our first September meeting and give details of your summer.

We had couple of summer outreach events at Cabalas both at their new store opening and later for two days during one of their sale events at both north and south stores. We had to scrounge a bit for volunteers for the latter, but did end up with at least one person covering the commitment. Cabala's management was very appreciative of our efforts and our thanks go to those who did volunteer. We hope to have more advance notice of these events in future.

September is a very short month for NLFT. The first week regular program event is on **September 17th** and will be a **Summer Recap** (aka photo and brag session). We continue on **September 21st** with a **Michael Dell** demonstrating **Flies for a Grayling Box**. The month long theme idea will be followed again this fall. We're still looking for theme suggestions. We do intend to continue with our beginner tying sessions this fall.

Those who borrowed books from the library, including Charlie Craven's book "Basic Fly Tying" that we use for beginners program, are asked to bring the books back to the library so we can inventory them before re-lending them out.

We have a group outing planned for the September 19th to 21st weekend. The idea is to meet at the campground on the Freeman River that is close to Swan Hills and spend the weekend fishing for grayling. This is a loosely organized event, so just show up and join your buddies for some fishing and camping. Check the on-line forum for further information.

Our annual fall fundraiser is scheduled for November 8th at the St Albert Curling Club. Cost will be \$35.00 per person and will include steak or chicken dinner. We will need donations for the silent auction as usual and a solicitation letter will be made available shortly.

And lastly, planning for our annual major January seminar (January 17th & 18th) is well under way. Guest speakers this year are Ed Engle and Phil Rowley. More details to follow.

Welcome back to fall meetings. Hope to see you soon!

Dave Robinson

Club Meetings

Queen Mary Park Community League

Equipment and Materials:

The format is Informal Drop In

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Bring your own or use the Club loaners.

Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

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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

September 17th Summer Recap

Comment: The first September meeting will consist of a discussion about our summer fishing. Come share your experiences over coffee. Where did you fish? What did you use? What success did you have? Photographic evidence would be nice to share.

September 24th Flies for a Grayling Box

Presenter: Michael Dell

Pattern: Tom Bomb aka No Brainer
(Wally Lutz's Bomber Simplified)

Hook: long dry fly size 6-12
Thread: brown 6/0, or colour to match hackle
Tail: deer or elk hair
Hackle: Brown, spun with thread & palmered through body
Body: same deer or elk hair as tail, surrounding hook shank, segmented with palmered hackle, butts clipped at front.

Pattern: Black Leech

Hook: Wet fly hook, size 10-16
Thread: Black 8/0
Wing: Black marabou, tied in 2 or 3 bunches

Pattern: Partridge and Green soft hackle

Hook: Wet fly hook size 10-16
Thread: Olive 8/0
Hackle: Partridge
Body: Thread, or alternative olive hare's ear

Comment: Michael will treat us to a trio of flies that are always in his grayling box along with a CFF which is his go to dry fly.

Fly of the Month

Pattern: CFF

Hook: Size 8 to 14 - dry fly
Thread: 8/0 black
Tail: Brown Macramé
Body: Peacock Herl
Thorax: Yellow dubbing
Wing: White poly
Hackle: Brown Saddle



Fro history and tying instructions see Don Anderson's web page at:
<http://bamboorods.ca/cff.html>

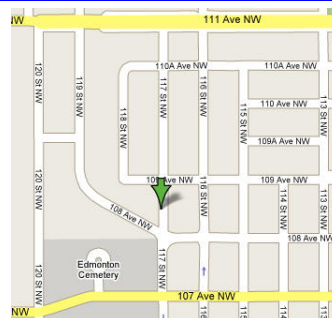
Upcoming Events

Sept. 19 to 21	Graying Campout	Freeman River
Nov. 8th	Fall Fundraiser	St. Albert Curling Club
Jan. 17&18	Ed Engle and Phil Rowley	Grant MacEwan

Map to the home of



Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton



Summer Photos from Haa Nee Naa



Jack Foulkes and his 17 pound Trophy Coho



The one that got away?