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 pretty much over!

Yes, many streams and Muir Lake closed at the end of the October, although as long as there's no ice, some potholes and rivers are still open. My fall fishing was non-existent as Victoria house renovations and choir rehearsals continued. I attended a meeting of the Haig Brown Fishing Society Victoria. They had about 30 attendees and I found them a very friendly, welcoming and active group. In think I can make some new fishing friends there.

I understand the Graying Survey for this year has come to a successful close. There were many fish caught, measured and pit tagged and lots of information on access and fish distribution in the Pembina River drainage (mostly in Rat and Dismal Creeks) gained. I look forward hearing more details from Ken Monk and our biologists at a future meeting

October was an active Northern Lights month. The first week regular program on October 8th was the usual business meeting and free tye. We continued on October 8<sup>th</sup> with a beginner and intermediate tying session. October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting had Dave Murray demonstrating some old streamer patterns and the month wound up on October 22<sup>nd</sup> with Brian Weibe talking about winterizing your gear.

November will also be a busy month. The first regular program goes *November 5<sup>th</sup>* and will be a *Business Meeting and Free Tye*. We will have a short discussion on the Club Name and whether or not it needs a slight change. We'll also discuss a small fund to pay presenter travel expenses. We continue *November 12<sup>th</sup>* with a talk by *Craig Copeland* who will discuss *Tiger Trout*. Week three, November 19<sup>th</sup> will feature Beginner and Intermediate Tying Sessions where beginners continue with our established program and intermediate tyers get s chance to learn and explore new techniques. For the last meeting of the month on November 25<sup>th</sup> our guest presenter will be Neil Waugh. He will talk about Fly Fishing for Alternate Species. The November Fly of the Month is a Doc Spratley

Our annual fall fundraiser goes on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the St Albert Curling Club. Cost is \$35.00 per person and includes steak or salmon dinner. There will be a silent auction for a wide variety of merchandise and services (not all fishing related). There will also be raffles, fish pulls and other fun events. This is the main way we raise operating funding, so your attendance is needed. Please make an effort come and bring your spouse and friends. Tickets are available at club meetings and on-line until Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup> with limited numbers available at the door. (The caterer needs a head count in advance.)

The Fishin' Hole has another Fly Fishing Film Tour on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Century Casino on Fort Road starting at 6:30pm. Tickets are available at Fishin' Hole Stores or at the door for \$15.00. There will be raffles and prize draws, so come on out for a night of entertaining films.

Our annual major Fly Fishing Seminar will be on January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> and features Ed Engle and Phil Rowley. This two day information-packed event will be held at Grant McEwan University, Room 6-212. Tickets are \$65.00 and cover both days. They are available at Club meetings and on line. The programs will cover many fishing topics including tying and fishing small flies.

And as a final note, any proposed changes to club constitution and by laws must be published in the December newsletter for a vote at the Annual General Meeting in January. So if you have changes you'd like to see to improve the club, forward then to your Executive pronto.

Hard water season approaches. Remember basic ice safety!

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 5<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting and Free Tye

**Comment:** We will have a short business meeting followed by a BS session and a free Tye. The business meeting will discuss Club name and a fund to cover presenter travel costs. Bring your vices, tools and materials and tye a few flies.

### November 12<sup>th</sup> Tiger Trout

Presenter: Craig Copeland

**Comment:** Craig is Sustainable Resource Development's Production Manager for the Cold Lake Fish Hatchery. Craig will provide a background on what Tiger Trout are, where they might be stocked and how to encourage the government to do so.

# November 19<sup>th</sup> Beginner and Intermediate Tying Sessions

Comment: This will be a learning and tying session. Beginners will continue with the program based on Charlie Craven's book. Those who are interested in more advanced techniques and patterns will be helped as needed by members present. So bring your vices, tools and materials and your questions and needs for advice and take advantage of the expertise our members have. We are a teaching club and happy to share.

## November 26<sup>th</sup> Fly-Fishing for Alternate Species

**Presenter:** Neil Waugh

**Comment:** Neil is a well-known outdoor author and writer for the Edmonton Sun. Neil will talk about how tp broaden your fly fishing to include species other than our normal fare.

### Fly of the Month

Pattern: Doc Spratley

Hook: # 6 to #14 - 3XL streamer

Thread: 8/0 black

Tail: Grizzly hackle fibres
Rib: Flat silver tinsel
Body: Black yarn
Wing; Pheasant tail
Legs: Grizzly hackle fibres
Head: Peacock herl



**Comment:** This is a venerable pattern that has accounted for a lot of fish in our pothole lakes

### **Upcoming Events**

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Fly Fishing Film Tour Century Casino Nov. 8th Fall Fundraiser St. Albert Curling Club Jan. 17&18 Ed Engle and Phil Rowley Grant MacEwan

### **Fall Fund Raiser**

### **DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION**

**When:** November  $8^{th}$ 

Cocktails 6 pm Dinner at 7

Where: St Albert Curling Club

3 Tache Street St. Albert

Menu: Prime Rib or Salmon

**Activities:** Silent auction, raffles, draws

Cost: \$35.00

**Comment:** This is our one fund-raiser for the year.

Proceeds go to fund club operations. So bring your spouse and friends and come out for a fun evening of socializing, games,

draws and auction items

### January Fly Fishing Seminar

### ANNUAL TWO-DAY SEMINAR FEATURING

### **Ed Engle and Phil Rowley**

Date: January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 Where: Grant McEwan University

104 Ave Campus - Room 6-212

When: 9am to 4pm Sat. 9 am to 4pm Sun.

**Cost:** \$65.00 covers both days

**Comment:** This will be a very informative event

featuring two specialists in their area of flyfishing. Topics will be wide-ranging and aimed at beginner and expert alike. You can expect to hear about tying and fishing small flies, still water tactics and much more.

Map to the home of



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