

From the Editor

THANK YOU & HAPPY RETIREMENT DAVE!

Dave Robinson, one of the original club members and our newsletter editor for over 15 years will be hanging up the "gone fishing" sign on a more permanent basis. Dave and his wife both retired and they will be moving to Victoria, BC in the near future. Thus Dave becomes our Newsletter editor "Emeritus" and we thank him for his numerous contributions to our club as a fellow member, excellent editor, and friend. I realize that I have big waders to fill but with the assistance of our club executive and members we shall prevail. Fortunately, Dave will be only a mouse click away and he has assured me he will assist me and the club when needed. I hope he realizes that we expect him to share fly patterns with us and to scout all the Island's "hot fishing spots" then pass them along to us.

January, as always was a busy time for the club but it was successful as we kicked it off once again with our annual mid-January seminar featuring Ed Engle and Phil Rowley. Ed was with us back in January 2006 and he continues to fish, write, teach and share his knowledge with the fly fishing community. I don't know how many of us will be tying size #32's like he does but it is encouraging to know that if Ed can tie up size 32's maybe some of us can manage to tie a few feathers and fur on a size 14 or larger. Phil has provided us with several seminars over the years and he continues to experiment primarily on still waters and teach/share new methods and experiences. As he says, "because you never stop learning." A big thank you to both Ed and Phil for sharing with us their many skills, stories, secrets and fishing knowledge. As we carry on through our winter doldrums the seminar whets our fishing appetite as we wait for the ice to break up on our local rivers and lakes.

Ed's and Phil's sites:

<http://edengleflyfishing.com/>

<http://flycraftangling.com/>

We followed up the seminar with the annual general meeting on January 21st which included the election of our new club executive. A big "THANK YOU" to past members for sharing their time and talents over the past year in continuing to make our club the success that it is. The club appreciates the members who let their names stand for election and congratulate the new (and returning) executive club members elected to their positions (listed to the right of this page). Club members who may want to share their leadership talents in the future may begin now by assisting the executive members in projects or activities as the need arises.

January 26th was a unique opportunity for club members to learn from an expert, **Hans Van Klinken**, the developer of the Klinkhåmer Special and related Klinkhamer style of flies and hooks. Many of us have used Klinkhamer hooks to tie emergers and dry fly patterns and they have been very productive. It was a great evening to learn firsthand from an expert and very enthusiastic fly fisherman on how to tie and fish these flies as well as others that he has had success with.

The club members voted on and approved the proposed change to the club name. We are now "Northern Lights Fly Fishers-Trout Unlimited Edmonton". Not only do we tie our flies but we get out on the water and sometimes we catch fish with them.

I welcome suggestions from club members for ideas that you may like to see in this newsletter.

John Marple

Club Meetings – Wednesday's at 7:00 P.M.

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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Club Website

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Membership

\$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 (card)
- Access to large club library
- Fellowship of fellow fishers
- Tying and fishing "secrets"

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This Month's Meeting Programs

February 4th Business Meeting & Free Tie

We will have our monthly business meeting followed by fly fish networking and a free Tie. Bring your vices, tools and materials and tie a few flies.

February 11th Dick Slobodian

Dick will give a 30 minute presentation on automatic reels. Following the presentation there will be Beginners and Intermediate free tie time.

February 18th Michael Dell

Michael will present to club members a surprise topic and a surprise pattern. This should be interesting.

February 25th Rod Boivert

Rod will be demonstrating three effective chironomid patterns that he uses including how he fishes them.

Fly of the Month

The Klinkhåmer Special



Comment: The Klinkhåmer Special is a legendary fly pattern from Hans Van Klinken. During his presentation to the club on January 26th Hans gave us a tying demonstration of a few flies. Please check out our club web site, Gary has posted the recipes. For additional information please visit Han's webpage:

<http://www.flyfishinggazette.com/html/gazette.htm>

Upcoming Events

February 2	Groundhog Day	Wish for Clouds!
February 14	Valentine's Day	Remember Loved Ones!
February 16	Family Day	Plan a Family Outing!

March 12-15 Boat & Sportsman Show

"Volunteer Tiers are Needed"

EDMONTON EXPO CENTRE, NORTHLANDS

[HTTP://WWW.EDMONTONBOATANDSPORTSHOW.CA/](http://www.edmontonboatandsportshow.ca/)

VOTE ON CLUB NAME CHANGE

CHANGE TO CLUB NAME

The Club name was voted on, passed and changed as per the club charter at the Annual General Meeting on January 21st.

Split-Cane Fly Rod Raffle

ANNUAL CANE ROD RAFFLE

Donated by: Don Anderson

Once again Don has been very generous and graciously donated one of his handmade split-cane fly rods for our fly fishing club to raffle off as a fund raiser to finance our projects, etc. Tickets are available from many of the club members at \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00

The approximate value of the rod is: **\$1,500.**

If you are interested in seeing an expert split-cane craftsman in action please visit Don's site and watch the new video which he narrates.

<http://www.bamboorods.ca/>

CLUB MEETING PRESENTATIONS

A very important part of our club activities is to present every week programs that are new, educational and beneficial to our members. If there are programs / activities that you as a member would like to know more about please let the executive know. Presently we are in need of someone to assist in coordinating the monthly presentations. If you are interested, please contact Dave Murray. Thank you.

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Northern Lights Fly Fishers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

