

# Northern Lights Fly Fishers Trout Unlimited Edmonton Threads

The Newsletter of the Northern Lights Fly Fishers - 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

#### **Only A Few Days Left**

Our annual fall fundraiser is this Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **November Meeting Programs:**

November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Sharp is our Business Meeting. Immediately

following the meeting is our beginners fly tie.

Tonight Dennis Southwick will demonstrate the Griffith Gnat.

Recipe:

**Hook:** Size 14 - Dry Fly Body: Peacock hurl **Hackle:** Dry fly Grizzly Thread: 8/0 Black

All beginners, this is a great fly so bring your vises, materials and questions.

Experienced flyers are encouraged to join in and assist as required.

#### November 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day- there will be no meeting tonight.



November 18th - Loop to loop connections with Michael Dell: Michael will share some tips and tricks for incorporating loops into your fly line system. The chief advantages of using loops are that they allow quick changes of leaders, and loops slide through the guides easier.

November 25<sup>th</sup> - Rob Hinchliffe. Rob will share a video on a mystery lake in Alberta (Resolute Lake). After the video Rob will lead a discussion regarding the presentation.

The Tigers are in a few lakes and from initial reports providing great fishing. Here is a photo supplied by Dennis Southwick.



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

Queen Mary Park Community League Equipment and Materials:

Bring your own or use the Club loaners.

10844 – 117<sup>th</sup> Street, Edmonton The format is Informal - Drop In Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

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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

November 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00- P.M. SHARP
BUSINESS MEETING + BEGINNERS TIE
November 11<sup>th</sup>

REMEMBRANCE DAY, NO MEETING TONIGHT.

## November 18th

Dennis Southwick will demonstrate the Griffith Gnat.

## November 25st.

**Rob Hinchliffe** will share a video on Resolute Lake.

# <u>Aeration Systems in Alberta Update.</u>

Proposal for dealing with Section 263 of the Criminal Code:

The following is ACA's proposed eight point plan which has been reviewed by the ACA Board of Directors, Alberta Environment and Parks and the Fisheries Round Table.

- 1) Starting immediately, attempt to super-saturate all lakes prior to ice-on then shut surface aerators off. Historical records show that a portion of the lakes ACA aerates did not winterkill every winter and we believe some lakes can survive successfully (the type of winter we have will play a major role).
- 2) Aerate eight lakes using bubble diffusers with enclosed polynia. Bubble diffusers are relatively simple to install and operate; however, they will create a hole in the ice. We believe we can contain the polynia within a 40 ft x 40 ft square created by floating dock material and then covered with chain link fencing material. Creating a floating, enclosed square should eliminate any possibility of people from falling in the open hole. A person would have to cut the chain link to access the hole in the ice. Pros: If the polynia becomes too large the aerator can be temporarily shut-down. Aeration can occur during thin ice periods with no risk of people falling in the hole. The floating docks can be reconfigured in the spring and used as casting platforms. Cons: The lakes we are aerating are relatively shallow (< 8 m) and as a result there is limited data on the rate of oxygen diffusion that will take place using the bubble diffusers or the size of the polynia that will be created. Based on the information we have, we believe the diffusers should provide sufficient aeration

and the polynia can be contained within a 40 ft x 40 ft square, but both of these assumption need to be tested.

The eight lakes chosen for aeration are: Beaver Lake, Fiesta Lake, Ironside Pond, Muir Lake, Mitchell Lake, Millers Lake, Figure Eight Lake, East Dollar Lake
3) Increase the fish stocking program in the spring of 2016. Work towards having larger fish to stock, to replace the growth that an over wintering fish would be expected to have. Finding larger fish on short notice may be an issue.

- 4) Immediately inform stakeholders of the aeration plan.
- 5) Engage a lawyer to draft a proposed amendment to Section 263 that allows for a due diligence defence. Based on initial conversations there is a relatively minor wording change required.
- 6) Engage stakeholders, Provincial Government and other jurisdictions to help in persuading the Federal Government to amend Section 263 as proposed. We will need stakeholders to contact their local MP's and ask for their support in making a change to a law that will benefit anglers across the country.
- 7) Continue to test new aeration techniques to implement for the winter of 2016/17.
- 8) Ensure the aeration program is fully operational by the winter of 2016/17 (all 16 lakes).

Our lawyers are working on the wording for a proposed amendment to Sec 263. As soon as I have that I will pass it along so that everyone can begin the process of talking to their new MP to try and get this law changed so that we don't have issues in the future.

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