

Trout Unlimited Canada



Northern Lights Fly Fishers



Welcome to Northern Lights Fly Fishers Newsletter

March 2023

NEW LOOK!

We are excited to announce that we have given our emails a fresh new look! We hope you enjoy the new design and find it useful in keeping up with the latest news and updates from TUC.

As always, we value your feedback, so please don't hesitate to send us your thoughts.

Thank you for your continued support,
Trout Unlimited Canada

What's going on with Northern Lights Fly Fishers - Trout Unlimited Canada

Upcoming Programs

We are meeting again at Queen Mary Park Community League Hall ([10844-117 Street](#)) on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. We will be sharing these meetings on ZOOM whenever possible. On the alternate Wednesdays we will have a ZOOM only meeting for a Tie and Talk session. This is an informal meeting where you can see what others are tying and show off your flies.

Our ZOOM meeting id is 668 142 7482, and the meeting password is 306090. More information about [joining ZOOM](#) is available on our webpage

Wednesday March 15 at 7:30

Stu Thompson, author of *Tyed and True: 101 Fly Patterns Proven to Catch Fish*, will present a tying session and slideshow.

This meeting will be held in person at Queen Mary Park Hall and on ZOOM.



Stu will be tying these two patterns.

DDH Leech

Thread: Semperfli Nano Silk, 3/0, black; and size A thread, fluorescent orange

Hook: Daiichi 2151, size 4

Tail: Marabou, brown

Body: Darkwater Dubbing, brown

Eyes: Bead chain, medium, gold

Weedman's Slider

Thread: Semperfli Nano Silk, 3/0, black

Hook: Daiichi 2546, size 2-3/0

Tail: Krystal Flash, red; and Icelandic sheep, black

Head: Deer body hair, black

Throat: Deer body hair, red

Eye: ¼ in. (6 mm), silver with black pupil

Thanks are due to Barry White for arranging this session, and providing the photo of Stu Thompson.

Wednesday March 22 at 7:30

Tie and Talk meeting on ZOOM

Wednesday March 29 at 7:30

Lesley Peterson, the Alberta Provincial Biologist, from Trout Unlimited Canada will talk about Native Trout in the North Saskatchewan River drainage.

This meeting will be held in person at Queen Mary Park Hall.

Wednesday April 5 at 7:30

Nicole Kimmel, Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist from Alberta Environment and Parks will talk about invasive species and focus on Donsdale & Cardiff ponds.

This will be held in person at Queen Mary Park.

Wednesday April 19 at 7:30

Shelley Humphries, aquatic specialist with Parks Canada, will talk about the [remediation of lakes in Banff](#). This meeting will be held in person at Queen Mary Park Hall and on ZOOM.

Wednesday April 26 at 7:30

Tie and Talk meeting on ZOOM

Wednesday May 3 at 7:30

Ken Monk will report on the Arctic Grayling Project, specifically the results from the eDNA survey. This meeting will be held in person at Queen Mary Park Hall and on ZOOM.

Wednesday May 10 at 7:30

Tie and Talk meeting on ZOOM

We are always looking for ideas for our programs. Send your ideas and requests to program@nift.org

June Dinner and Silent Auction

After a hiatus, we're having a dinner/auction this year on Saturday, June 3 at Kenilworth Hall. We are looking for donations of auction items and would ask you to consider whether there is anything (donations do not need to be fishing related) that you would be willing to donate. Items can be dropped off at our meetings.

All of our projects are run by volunteers and funded by donations and grants.

The silent auction has historically provided the bulk of our operating expenses – hall rental, insurance, speaker fees, etc. – and provided a great evening out.

Also, if you would be interested in approaching any local businesses we'd be happy to email you a donation request letter that you can personalize as needed. [Contact Michael Dell](#) for the letter.

More details will be coming in the next newsletter.



Introduction to Flyfishing

Our Learn to Flyfish course will be held at Queen Mary Park Hall on April 29 2023 . Tickets to this all day course are a reasonable \$50 per person and include lunch. For tickets please see our [Eventbrite](#)

If you already know how to flyfish, but would like to help beginners learn we also need volunteers for the day. Contact [Michael Dell](#) to help out

Wallywing

Did you know that the Wallywing was invented by one of our members? Wally Lutz is an innovative fly tyer from Edson, Alberta. It was in the late 1970s that Wally made a fortunate mistake:

"The Wallywing technique was the result of the accidental destruction of a beautiful feather that I lamented at first but then turned to my advantage; by using the peeling qualities of various kinds of feathers to build a better dry fly wing. This lucky accident occurred while tying a Swisher & Richards extended body "Stillborn Emerger." The abused Ringneck Pheasant's church window feather had pulled apart along the stem and the feather's barbs were bunched back against the butt of its centre shaft by the excessive force I use while grooming the feather prior to attachment on the hook's shank. Peeling the feathers' barbs off the shaft had rendered it useless for further use as an extended body. The peeling which extended for a considerable distance along one side of the shaft had curled up with the tips still secured in my fingertips. It inspired me to try to duplicate the peeling at will, for possibly a fly's wing. From disaster came inspiration and the innovation which again enhances the Mayfly artificial's visual profile, which is a fish-feeding trigger. Peeled feather wings increase the translucency of your fly's wing and the ease of constructing, once mastered, gives us a silhouette-enhanced dry fly."

Nowadays there are fly tyers all over the world who are using the Wallywing in their patterns, and it all came from a mistake.

We have had Wally present this tying technique at one of our meetings, and he sometimes drops in to our Tie and Talk ZOOM sessions.



Trout Unlimited Canada Membership renewal due in April

Why renew your Membership?

Your Membership Includes:

- Tax receipt for membership fees
- Bi-monthly digital newsletter 'News Stream'
- Voting rights at Trout Unlimited Canada's Annual General Meeting
- Membership to a local chapter. Use the drop down menu to say you want to join Northern Lights Fly Fishers.
- Member-only discounts on TUC led training opportunities
- Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) number for Avis car rentals

- Real change on the ground!
- Northern Lights Fly Fishers monthly newsletter with upcoming programs and projects
- NLFF members get the club discount at The Fishin' Hole

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