



*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

### Winter Arrives. Indoor Meetings Going Full Bore.

With few exceptions, the fly fishing season has ended for another year. The last outing for me was a trip to Dolberg with Ross Chow. We did OK with small white backswimmers, with Ross tying into a couple of decent sized fish on a leech pattern. Nice way to end the year.

This fall presented a problem for me attending meetings since Wednesday night is also my choir's rehearsal night. I now have to alternate between the two, which makes it hard to do either justice. I can manage choir as we also rehearse just before the service on Sunday mornings, and we work on the anthems for two weeks or more. Reporting on NLFT-TUC meetings is more difficult, so I'm going to have to rely on others to tell me what went on when I'm not there. Any volunteers can send me a quick e-mail or a Pm on the forum.

I even had a conflict for the [Fall Fundraiser](#) and (double drat) was unable to attend. You will find a quick report on the on page 2. In short, it was a success and the club operating fund will remain solvent for another year. Thanks to all who helped and participated.

Last month had four sessions. We started the month with a free tye and beginner session led by Dennis Southwick. That was followed by Ken Monk giving us an interesting talk on his recent trip to Scotland and his experience with trying to fish in a strange land with strange rules. Week three, Dennis Southwick showed us how he "dennissizes" patterns with glitter thread. And the fourth week had Michael Dell showing us how to tie up some large stonefly patterns. October 31<sup>st</sup> was a week off due to the hall being booked for Halloween.

We have four meetings in November and surprise, there's only two actual tying sessions. We start [November 7<sup>th</sup>](#) with a short business meeting followed by a [Free Tye](#). [Dennis Southwick](#) will once again demonstrate a basic [Beginners Pattern](#). For the second meeting on [November 14<sup>th</sup>](#) you get me, [Dave Robinson](#) giving advice on [Winterizing Your Gear](#). For week three on [November 21<sup>st</sup>](#) our guest speaker will be [Keith Rae of Get Hooked](#) who will talk about [Fishing the North Saskatchewan River](#). For the last week, on [November 28<sup>th</sup>](#) we get entertained by [Gary Henke](#), who will give us a presentation on the art of tying [Quill Wings](#).

As for upcoming events, The Fly Fishing Film Tour is coming November 20<sup>th</sup> at Schanks Sports Grill. We'll only have two December sessions and one is the Christmas Wind up. Dennis is pretty close to having the January program lined up as well, so the December newsletter will probably have a preview.

Our Major Seminar on January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> with Rick Haefele and Brian Chan is taking shape nicely. Dennis is in the process of finalizing the program. We'll provide information on that towards the end of the month. Page 2 provides more details. Meanwhile keep your eyes peeled on the web page for further program information and ticket availability.

The graying survey results are being assembled. At first blush the results are encouraging enough for there to be some interest on a couple of different fronts. We may be able to partner with a funding source and a U of A grad student to do more in-depth work. Ken Monk is taking the lead on that and will report as progress occurs.

Early winter and the quick end to the open water season often bring about impatience for the start of ice fishing. So stand by for my annual safety rant. Do not stray onto early ice! Wait until the ice is at least 4" thick before walking on it, 6" to 8" for snowmobiles, 12" to 18" for heavier vehicles. And when you do venture out, carry a couple of ice picks on a lanyard. They can be made out of a couple of short pieces of an old broom handle and some nails. If the ice breaks and you fall in, they can save your life by enabling you to crawl out.

**Be safe out there!!**

**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 7<sup>th</sup>**

### Free Tye and Beginner Fly

**Comment:** As usual we start the month with a short business meeting. After that attendees are invited to group in tables and spend time tying flies and telling tales. Bring your vices and continue work on replacing all those flies lost to fish over summer. Dennis will present a basic beginner fly (wooly bugger) for those who want to watch and tie along. Bring a size 6, 3x long hook, some chenille and a large hackle.

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**

### Winterizing Your Gear

**Presenter:** Dave Robinson

**Comment:** Most of us just simply pack our stuff away for the winter without doing much to it. However, this can lead to problems come spring. Lines, rods, reels, clothing and other accessories such as watercraft all need some TLC before being put away for the winter. Dave will provide some advice on what to do at the end of the fishing season to ensure you start next season on the right foot.

**November 21<sup>st</sup>**

### Fishing the North Saskatchewan

**Presenter:** Keith Rea

**Comment:** Keith runs a guiding service called Get Hooked that specializes in fishing the North Saskatchewan River in the Edmonton Area. Come and find out how to make better use of this underutilized resource.

**November 28<sup>th</sup>**

### Quill Wings

**Presenter:** Gary Henke

**Comment:** Traditional quill wings have fallen out of favor in recent years and been replaced by hair, Antron, turkey flats and other materials. One of the reasons is the lack of exposure to the skills needed to tie them in properly. Another is the possible lack of good quality quills. Gary will try to rectify that for attendees by demonstrating selection and preparation of material and the proper tying technique.

## Northern Lights Fly Tyers Trout Unlimited Edmonton 2012 Fundraiser Report

**Comment:** Once again our annual fundraising dinner and silent auction at the St Albert Curling Club on Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> was a rousing success. Reports are that the food by Twilight Catering was terrific. The head count was around 95 attendees and there were lots of auction and raffle items to keep them all entertained. All the raffles sold out and most auction items drew good prices. Preliminary numbers suggest we made enough money to cover our operating expenses for the next year. Our thanks go out to our item donators and all those who solicited donations, helped organize, and attended.

## January 2013 Seminar

**Rick Haefele & Brian Chan**

**Date:** January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
9 am to 5 pm

**Location:** Grant MacEwan University, Edmonton  
Room 6-212, 104 Ave Main Campus Cost:  
\$65.00 for both days, \$40.00 for one

**Comment:** We have two excellent presenters lined up for our major January Seminar. We've had both here before, but not for some time.

Brian Chan will be familiar to most fly anglers as an expert on stillwater fishing. He has authored or co-authored several books including collaborations with Phil Rowley.

Rick Haefele is known for his aquatic entomology work and for his work as an author including his own Nymph-Fishing Rivers and Streams, as columnist American Angler and coauthoring with others such as Dave Hughes.

## Upcoming Events

November 20<sup>th</sup> Fly Fishing Film Tour Schanks Sports Grill  
January 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Haefele & Chan Seminar Grant MacEwan

## Fishing Photo



A nice Red Deer River brown –photo courtesy Ross Chow

## Map to the home of



Northern Lights Fly Tyers  
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

