

## FROM THE EDITOR

### Fall fishing almost over with Christmas just around the corner.

I managed another late season fishing trip with friend and club member Gregory Humpries two weeks ago on the Red Deer River. Once again it was fine day to be out in the fresh air. The wind made it a bit challenging, but the fishing was pretty good with Greg catching his first fish on an indicator nymphing rig. The geese seemed to cheer every catch. The fish varied in size from 6 to over 19 inches, which bodes well for the future of that fishery.

Our October program is almost finished as I write this. Our first meeting featured Don Anderson talking about the history and construction of cane rods. The second week Michael Dell continued his beginner sessions with a dry fly. The third week we had Mike Sullivan of SRD give us a sobering talk about the future of the Saskatchewan River drainage. The last week will feature Michael Dell showing us his way of tying a Parachute Adams.

On Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup>, LeRoy Hyatt of PBS's Fly Tying the Angler's Art gave us what I believe was the highlight of the year. The one day intermediate fly tying seminar was enjoyed by all 40 people attending. Leroy proved to be the true gentleman we expected and made the day fun and informative. From the sounds of things, he enjoyed himself as well. We even had guests from Red Deer and Canmore, some of whom spent as much time laughing and giggling as tying. Prez Dave won another rod (I'm beginning to suspect his luck) and other attendees went away with some pretty nice raffle items. All in all a great event for which thanks go out primarily to Brian Bleakley and his usual cast of characters, including Rick Lang, Dennis Southwick, Emmerson Dober, Dave Murray, and others who pitched in and hopefully will not be offended by my not remembering them. (They say memory is the second thing to go.) Congratulations to all who made it a memorable event.

The Raven River Redd Count is complete for this year. The late start and cold weather curtailed the number of sections covered. Next year, Northern Lights will take the lead in organizing and manning the count. This is an ongoing TU initiative that needs our support.

Our program this month starts on **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** when we have **Michael Dell** continuing the beginner sessions by showing us how to tie a **Bead Head Brooks Montana Stone**. Week two, on **December 9<sup>th</sup>** will be our **Conservation Session**. We're trying for a high-ranking official from Sustainable Resources Development, but have yet to finalize. Week three on **December 16<sup>th</sup>** will be our **Christmas Wind-up**, with pizza and pop provided. It will be a short month.

We have a winter fly swap underway, hosted by Dennis Southwick. For those who don't know the drill, a fly swap is where a group of tyers (usually 12 to 24) tie and trade flies. The Swapmaster selects the theme of the swap, each participant selects a pattern within that theme and ties one fly of that pattern for each participant. The tied flies are submitted to the Swapmaster who then distributes them to the participants. Each fly must have a name and toe tag. The theme for this swap is Burlap Flies. There's still room to participate. If you are interested, drop a note to Dennis via the forum.

On page two you will find a list of upcoming events for 2010. The main items of note are our January Seminar featuring Garry Borger and Mike Lawson on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and the Annual General Meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>, where we will elect next year's executive and approve the revised club logo. After that we have three shows to organize and plan for. Help will be needed in various capacities, so expect to be asked to contribute to at least one.

*Our busy winter season is coming fast! Come and help out your club. Dave Robinson*

## CLUB MEETINGS

*Queen Mary Park Community League*  
Equipment and Materials:  
The format is Informal Drop In

*10844 - 117<sup>th</sup> Street*  
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>  
**Benefits Include:**

- Fishing Presentations & Fly Tying Sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- 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

**DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

### BEGINNER SESSION

**Instructor:** Michael Dell

**Pattern:** Brooks Montana Stone with Bead Head

**Hook:** Nymph #6 to #8

**Thread:** 6/0 Black

**Bead:** Gold

**Weight:** Lead Substitute

**Tail:** Black Goose Biots

**Body:** Black Yarn

**Hackle:** Brown and Grizzly -Streamer Quality

**Gills:** White Ostrich Herl

**Thorax:** Black Yarn

*Comment: Michael Dell continues with his Beginners Skills tying. This week the skills will be: Bbead Head, weighting nymphs, using multiple materials, split tails and nymph proportions.*

**DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

## TROUT UNLIMITED FOCUS MEETING

### TO BE ANNOUNCED

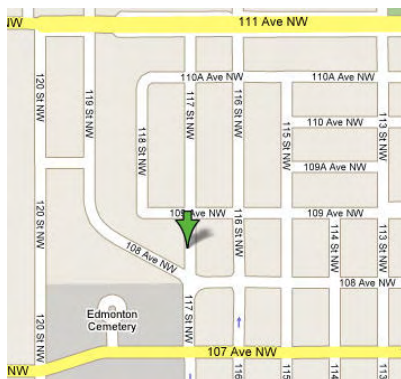
*Comment: Brian Bleakley is trying to round up a senior person from Sustainable Resource Development as our conservation speaker. If that falls through, we may resort to conducting the material dying session we missed last month. Keep your eye on the web page calendar or the forum for further info.*

**DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

### CHRISTMAS WINDUP

*Comment: This will be our usual Pizza and Pop session. There will be anchovies Vince, just don't hog them all. Come out and share Christmas "cheer" with your fishing buddies.*

## MAP TO NLFT – TU EDMONTON



## UPCOMING EVENTS, 2010

Jan 6<sup>th</sup> Regular Meetings Resume Queen Mary Park  
 Jan 16 & 17 Borger-Lawson Seminar Grant McEwan  
 Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Queen Mary Park  
 Jan 22 – 24 Calgary Fly Fishing Exposition Spruce Meadows  
 Mar 18 – 21 Edmonton Sportsman's Show Northlands  
 Mar 28 – 31 Fishin' Hole Outdoor Show Mayfield  
 Spring Beginner's Tying Seminar Queen Mary Park  
 Spring Introduction to Fly Fishing Queen Mary Park

## MAJOR FLY FISHING SEMINAR

FEATURING

### GARY BORGER AND MIKE LAWSON

**Date:** Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Location:** Grant McEwan University, Main Campus

**Room:** 6-212

**Time:** 9:00 am 5:00 pm each day

**Cost:** \$50.00 for both days

**Seating:** 100 max. So get your tickets early

**GARY BORGER** Gary Borger is one of the world's foremost fly fishing educators. Gary is also a Contributing Editor for Fly Fisherman Magazine, Editor at Large for the Virtual Fly Shop, and Fly Fishing Columnist for North American Fisherman. His video production company has produced an additional 17, internationally acclaimed videos in the "Skills of Fly Fishing Series."



**MIKE LAWSON** Mike has been a long time guide and owner of the Henry's Fork Angler fly shop. Mike has written many articles on fly-fishing in several magazines, including: Fly Fisherman, Fly Fishing for Trout, the Fly Fisher, Trout Magazine and the American Angler. Mike is contributing editor for Fly Fisherman Magazine. His photographs have also appeared in many of these publications. He previously toured with Jack Dennis and Gary LaFontaine



## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE ANGLER?

- A day of rest (for Prez Dave)
- Package of Thingamobbers (for Vince)
- A new four-piece fly rod (for Brian D)
- Mustang Suspenders (for Bobber)
- A day of guided fishing on the Bow (with Barry W)
- A year's supply of a fine Single Malt Scotch (no 5 alive!)
- A fly selection Not intended for Trolling (for Dave T)
- A bucket of sunscreen (for Rick and other Cuba travelers)

## PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE

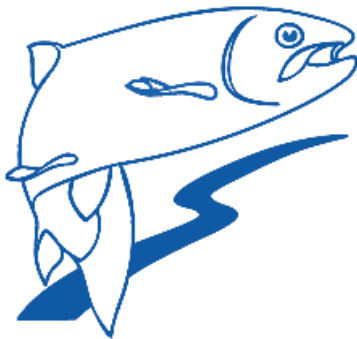
This is official notice of motion for a proposed change to the Charter of the Northern Lights Fly Tyers, Trout Unlimited Edmonton, to be presented at the Annual General Meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

The proposed change is to modify the charter requirements for a club logo to adopt, as the official club logo, the following graphic elements: either as single pieces, in combination or for a letterhead as shown below.

Fly Logo



Fish Logo



Text Logo

Northern Lights Fly Tyers  

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Trout Unlimited Edmonton

Letterhead Logo

