



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

Happy New Year to all Fly Fishers Tyers and TU Edmonton Members

I have not been out fishing since the cold weather arrived. I keep hoping for a break in the temperature so I can make one last pilgrimage to the Red Deer River before the season closes, but no luck so far. As a fitness option I shovel snow (yech). Santa only brought me one fishing related Christmas present, which was a new hat with a special feature. If you want to see what it is, you'll have to come to the meeting on January 6th. What did Santa bring you in a fishing theme? Come out Wednesday for a show and tell.

One thing that did happen over the Christmas break was that a few of us have booked a trip to Cuba in May to go bone fishing. Rick Lang's glowing reports of his trip last spring convinced me, Bill Gouge and Ross Chow to join him this spring. I've also heard via the grapevine that Doug Como has booked an April fishing trip to Crooked Island, Bahamas. He's looking for company, so if you hanker for an early spring start to the fishing season, let Doug know.

Our program last month featured Michael Dell continuing the beginner sessions by showing us how to tie a Bead Head Brooks Montana Stone. Week two, we replaced our conservation meeting with a session on dying materials. Prez Dave Murray took charge and had us all dying burlap in the QMP kitchen. Week three was our Christmas Wind-up, with pizza and pop provided. It was a good, but short, month.

Our program this month starts on **January 6th** when we have **Dennis Southwick** showing us how to tie a **Clouser Minnow and Stinger Hook Flies**. Week two, on **January 13th** will be our **Conservation Session**. **Steven Spencer** from Sustainable Resources Development will talk about **Adaptive Management to Address the Small Fish Problem**. Week three on **January 20th** will be our **Annual General Meeting**. See page two for details. Week four on **January 27th** we will have **Carl Johnson** do his first presentation which will be **Three Stoneflies**.

Our winter fly swap hosted by Dennis Southwick is almost done. The theme of this swap was Burlap. I've finished my "Hay Jute" patterns (aw come on, you gotta permit the odd pun) and will be giving them to Dennis on the 6th. It was fun to try a new material out and I'm looking forward to the next swap. I might even demo the Burlap Boatman I tied as bonus flies.

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 16th and 17th** (see the box on page three for details on that event.) and the **Annual General Meeting** on **January 20th**. We need you to participate to ensure a successful start to the New Year.

January 22nd to 24th is the Fly Fishing Expo in Calgary, Once again a number of members will be going down to man the kids tying booth. If you want to join us, let Brian Bleakley know so we can coordinate schedules. The Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show goes March 18th to 21st at Northlands, this year is in a new venue, with a new spacious location for us. We'll need to start thinking of how to configure it and how many volunteers we will need. Ditto goes for the Fishin' Hole show at the Mayfield on March 28th to 31st. Can you help out?

And lastly, for those who have not yet bought a membership, now is the time. For those who did buy a 2009 membership prior to July 1st, thanks to the generosity of Trout Unlimited Canada your 2009 membership is good until your anniversary date in 2011, so you don't have to renew just yet. Others will get a renewal notice from Trout Unlimited Canada.

A final piece of good news, club members now get a discount at Wholesale Sports. You'll need to show your membership card. The discount will vary depending on the type of goods.

The Northern Lights New Year starts January 6th! Hope It's a good one! Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

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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MEMBERSHIP

Now \$40.00

January 1st to December 31st

Benefits Include:

- Fishing Presentations and Fly Tying Sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- Canadian Fly Fisher
- 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

JANUARY 6TH

BEGINNER SESSION

Instructor: *Dennis Southwick*

Pattern: *Clouser Minnow*

Hook: Daichi 2546 - #4 or #2 stainless steel

Thread: 3/0 or 6/0 white

Eyes: Tungsten Dumbbell – medium large

Underwing: Polar Bear – white (natural)

Overwing: Icelandic Sheep – color of choice

Comment: *Dennis will have a small discussion on how and when Bob created the fly.*

Pattern: *Stinger Hook Flys*

Hook: Two Daichi 2546 - #4 or #2 stainless steel

Thread: 6/0 black

Body: Purple glitter thread and purple cactus chenille

Connector: 25 pound Berkley firewire

Tail: Polar Bear – white (natural)

Collar: White marabou

Hackle: Guinea fowl – large spotted

Comment: *Dennis will show how to tie this interesting streamer variation and will discuss rigging.*

JANUARY 13TH

CONSERVATION FOCUS MEETING

ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT TO ADDRESS THE SMALL FISH PROBLEM

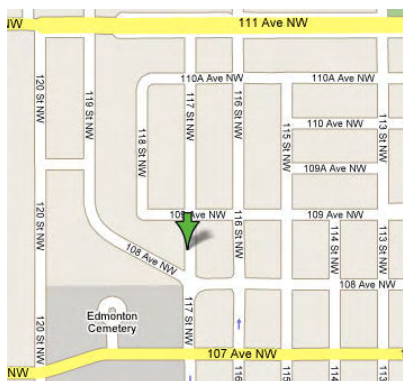
Presenter: *Steven Spencer*

Comment: *Steven Spencer of Sustainable Resource Development will discuss the problem of small sized fish. He will identify the relationship between fish size, harvest regulations and stunting due to over abundance. This was Steven's PhD thesis. He will share his recommended solution.*

MAP TO THE HOME OF



Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton



MEETINGS CONTINUED

JANUARY 16TH AND 17TH

GARY BORGER AND MIKE LAWSON

Comment: *This is our major fly fishing seminar for the year. It features two well known and respected anglers. We'll have two days of talks, slide shows and fly tying all for the incredibly low cost of \$50.00 for both days. There will be books by the presenter for sale, lots of raffle items, and a 50-50 draw to supplement the action. Come on out and have a great start to the new fishing year.*

JANUARY 20TH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Previous Minutes
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Membership Report
- Program Report
- Trout Unlimited and FESA Report
- Newsletter Report
- Library Report
- Election of Officers
- New Business

Comment: *This is your opportunity to elect your new Club Executive, help make the name change for the organization and get the Edmonton TUC chapter running smoothly.*

JANUARY 27TH

THREE STONEFLYS

Instructor: *Carl Johnson*

Pattern: *Burlap Stone*

Comment: *This is Barry White's well known pattern*

Pattern: *Bootlace Stonefly*

Comment: *Carolyn Sell's (Fly Tying the Angler's Art) pattern*

Pattern: *Woven Golden Stone*

Comment: *This is Carl's own variation of an Oliver Edward's pattern.*

UPCOMING EVENTS, 2010

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| Jan 6 th | Regular Meetings Resume | Queen Mary Park |
| Jan 16 & 17 | Borger-Lawson Seminar | Grant MacEwan |
| Jan 20 th | 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. 16th & 17th 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

PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE

This is the second announcement of a 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 20th, 2010.

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

Fly Logo



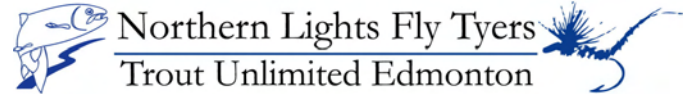
Fish Logo



Text Logo

Northern Lights Fly Tyers
Trout Unlimited Edmonton

Letterhead Logo



General Note:

You will see that the newsletter has a new masthead and other minor format changes. I've done this in anticipation of the approval of the proposed charter changes above. At this point the changes are by no means cast in stone, but are my first cut at a revised look to reflect the change in Club status to a TU Chapter, while striving to maintain a visual link to our past. You can expect similar changes to the "business card" and "club brochure" once the changes are ratified. Comments on the layout, as well as input to the content of newsletter, business card and brochure are welcome.

Dave Robinson - Editor