



Broken Threads

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from the editor

Happy New Year one and all

Well here we go another attempt at news letter innovation. I'm trying to send this to all of you by email (where possible). Those of you without email I will bring copies to the meeting on the second.

I must apologise for the lateness of this publication, no excuse its just late.

This month promises to be a very interesting one, Roman has agreed to make a presentation to the club about reading water, Denis S. will be showing us some extended body techniques, Gord will present an extended body mayfly, and Brian H. will show us the venerable Pheasant Tail. The month begins with a video presentation of Brian Murray and Vic Bergman tying a Montana Stone and a Birds Stone Fly.

We're about half way through the tying season and I'm sure that everyone has boxes of flies ready for the season of soft water.

See you on Wednesday.

As Always Tight lines and perfect Flies.

Dave Murray

Club Meetings

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.
Water's Edge - 10149 - Saskatchewan Drive Enter main door and go straight ahead
Equipment and Materials: Bring your own or use the Club loaners
Coffee served plus a weekly 50/50 draw
(Please bring your own cup.)

other events

Trout Unlimited Meeting:

January 15. John Acorn the nature nut

February 26 George Sterling fisheries biologist

March 19

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Membership

Only \$20.00

January to December

Benefits Include:

- Regular meetings and tying sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- Club event discounts
- Selected retailer discounts (with card)
- Access to club library
- Fellowship of like-minded fishers
- Tying and fishing "secrets"

**Meetings****January 3 -**

Tyer s: **Brian Murray & Vic Bergman**
Pattern: **Brooks Montana Stone Nymph**
Hook: Mustad 9672 (Temco 5263) #10-4
Tail: Black or brown Goose Biot
Body: Black yarn or wool
Ribbing: medium copper wire
Hackle: One Grizzly one brown
Gill: White Ostrich hurl
Thread: Black

Pattern: **Birds Stone fly:**
Hook: Mustad 94831 (Temco 5212) #10-4
Tail: Black or brown Moose body hair
Wing: Natural Deer hair
Thread: Black

January 10

Tyer: **Gord Boutette**
Pattern: **Extended body May fly**
Hook: Mustad 94840 #16-18
Wing: Cock Pheasant Church Feather (from the neck almost at the breast)
Upper Body: Green neck hackle
Body: Peacock Hurl
Tail: Green hackle stem and cock pheasant tail fibers
Thread: green

January 17

Presenter: **Roman Scharabun**
Reading Water
Roman's slide show will cover the general principles of how to approach, read and fish small to medium streams. Fly selection, casting tactics and identifying primary, secondary and feeding lies will also be discussed. Many of the slides were taken during actual guiding [trips] in SW Alberta and the Kootneys of BC

January 24

Tyer: **Brian Heperle**
Pattern: **Pheasant Tail**
Hook: Mustad 9672-or 9671 size 10 through 16
Tail: Pheasant tail fibers
Thread: black or brown or red 6/0 or 8/0
Body: pheasant tail fibers wrapped
Thorax: peacock hurl
Rib: Brass or Copper or Gold wire
Wingcase: Pheasant tail fibers
Legs: Tips of wingcase fibers

January 31

Tyer: **Denis Southwick**
Pattern: **Para Drake**
Hook: Mustad 94840 (Temco 100) size 10 through 16
Thread: Olive 6/0 or 8/0
Body: Dark elk hair,
Dubbing: olive green
Wing: Light elk hair
Hackle: Grizzely tied parachute style

Pattern: **Hatch master**
Hook: Mustad 94840 (Temco 100) size 10 through 16
Thread: olive green 6/0 or 8/0
Yellow closed cell foam
olive green dubbing
Elk hair
Hackle: grizzley
Tying note: a medium sized sewing needle is required to tye this fly

Pattern: ???
Hook: Shrimp or pupa dry fly hook size 10 through 12
Thread: yellow 6/0 or 8/0
yellow mallard flank
light yellow dubbing
Hackle: **yellow** grizzley

January 31 continued

Tyer: Bdenis Southwick
Pattern: Extended body bead fly
Hook: Shrimp or pupa dry fly hook size 14 through 18
Body: three to 4 beads of your own colour choice
Thread: Kevlar sewing thread
Hackle: brown soft hackle

Hi Dave;

Would you please put an announcement in your next newsletter stating that we have a Fly Tying Course scheduled to start on January 30 until March 21. Cost is \$95.00 which includes all materials but not tools. Any inquiries can be made at Denny's Fly Tying Specialties @ 472-1257.

We hope that everyone at the Northern Lights Fly Tying Club has a great Holiday Season!

Thanks

Debbie & Ian Denny

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A FISHERMAN'S PRAYER WHEN GABRIEL BLOW HIS BLAST

AND I COME TO REST AT LAST

DON'T MEASURE ME FOR HARP OR WING
BUT LET ME HAVE INSTEAD THESE THINGS

SOME TACKLE AND A ROD AND REEL

A PAIR OF WADERS AND A CREEL

A GUSHING, FROTHY GLACIAL STREAM

A QUIET LAKE BY WHICH TO DREAM

AN ANGEL PAL WITH WHOM TO ANGLE

A MAGIC LINE THAT WILL NOT TANGLE

AND PERMISSION LORD WITH FINGERS CROSSED

TO LIE ABOUT THE FISH I LOST

Tips of the Month

I found this site to be a great source of tying and fishing tips

<http://www.flyangersonline.com/>

Editor

Members Talk

A report from down under

Taupo Tango

I got my first king size NZ trout on the weekend.
I went fishing with the Hamilton Freshwater Angler's Club to Lake Taupo.

There were 8 of us in the charter boat which toured the western bays. The Loloma is a nice boat and Captain Ken Page was a fine host. (If any of you ever want to go, I have his card and brochure) The weather was first rate (sunny +25) with not much wind. The scenery from the lake is beautiful and it obviously lots of big fish. Everyone caught at least two good sized rainbows. I traveled with Shaun Waldrun, the club member responsible for arranging the club trip. He's an auto painter and part fishing time guide (with aspirations of becoming a full time one). He picked me up in Hamilton at about 5:30pm Friday and we drove the 2 hours to Taupo.

After meeting Ken and loading all the gear Shaun brought onto the boat (our luggage, three float tubes, and all the food for the trip) Shaun and I headed off down the lake by road to where the Taurangi-Taupo River flows into the lake. Now Shaun claims he's a fanatic fisherman. I'd tend to agree since he fished till midnight, had 3 hours sleep, and started fishing again at 5am. But I told him he's not as fanatic as the guy who would do all that, plus follow an almost perfect stranger wading out into the waters of a strange lake in the middle of the night, so as to cast a fly you can't see, by feel only, into a wind. Fanaticism sometimes has its rewards though, as I was able to catch two trout of about 5 lbs. each that night. I kept the first one and released the second. I was finally able to combine my two favorite hobbies of Astronomy and Fly Fishing because as we fished, the sky was beautifully clear. I could see Orion, Saturn and Jupiter rising as I cast out into the lake by the light of the first quarter moon.

For me the remainder of the weekend was much slower fishing. Lots of casting and retrieving standing knee deep in the lake. Not too much catching on the boat trip though. The only guys who did well, had the use of the float tubes on Saturday. Unfortunately I was with those shore fishing and we couldn't reach the deeper water where the fish seemed to be. On Sunday I caught a smallish 2 pounder as we trolled back to town. Those who didn't have fish to take home got turns at pulling in the catch. The reason I didn't have a fish to take home at that point was that Saturday morning Shaun smoked the one I kept on Friday night and we shared it amongst the whole bunch at breakfast Saturday morning as we motored across the lake to the western bays. Tasted great! The trip was great fun: Good company, sunny weather, good beer, no sleep, good food and mostly, lots of fishing and no work.

See you all later in 2001.
Wishing you all a
Merry Christmas and
Happy and Fish Filled New Year

Dave Robinson