



# Broken Threads

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## from the editor

Well There were some minor problems with the first electronic issue of the Broken Threads but I think, considering my inexperience with this type of publication, it went pretty well. Continuing the process of updating and upgrading the quality of ur publication there is a new feature in this edition. Out of the Presidents Mouth. Dennis has assured me that there will be a monthly feature article from him (even if he should loose the election).

I want to use a little of the precious space for my editorial to express, on behalf of the club, gratitude To Roman for the slide tape presentation on Jan. 17, it was great.

There have been a few members making trips to the Red Deer river on weekends so I'm sure that we'll hear from them on Wednesdays.

I am really glad to see our membership growing every week. We must be doing something right.

My space is full so that's all from me.

*Dave Murray*

## of her events

### Trout Unlimited Meeting:

February 26 George Sterling fisheries biologist

March 19

### Club Special Events

Feb 4th Noon to 4:00 pm

Casting Clinic at Griesbach Field house

Map on last page of newsletter

Feb. 7

Annual General meeting

Election of new table officers

## Club Meet ings

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.)

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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****February 4**

**Fly casting seminar at Griesbach  
Field house**

**February 7**

**Annual General meeting  
Election of 2001 Table officers  
Video to follow the meeting**

**February 14**

**Tyer:** Brian Bleackly  
**Pattern:** Clouser Minnow  
**Hook:** Streamer hook sizes 10 and up  
**Thread:** black 6/0 or 8/0  
**Body:** flat silver tinsel or your choice of other tinsel  
**Wings:** Bucktail (assorted colours)

**February 21**

**Presenter:** Brian Heperle  
**Topic:** Entomology

**February 28**

**Presenter:** Roman Scarabun  
**Topic:** Speed Tying

**March 7**

**Tyer:** Dave Murray  
**Pattern:** Wolly Bugger  
**Hook:** Mustad 9672-or 9671 size 10 through 16 or a 2 to 3x long dry fly hook  
**Tail:** Maribou almost any colour with strands of flash

**Thread:** 6/0 or 8/0 Your choice of colour  
**Under-body:** if used wool to approx match body colour

**Body:** Rabbit plus dubbing or medium chenille-nearly any colour

**Hackle:** soft webby hen hackles 2 to three depending on hackle quality and length. (a quite large number of hackle turns are used and the hackle is a little oversized to make more movement possible.

**Tying note:** Sometimes hackles of different colours are used when tying this fly...light colour on the back and dark on the front. Some times the colours are mixed together.

An interesting variant is to dub the body over a wool under-body.

This fly has been called the bread and butter of prospecting flies.



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### Out of the Presidents Mouth

#### Year in Review

First and foremost, I would like to thank all the members and the help they have provide this year.

This has been a year of change for the club. We have finally started to do what we had mandated back a couple of years ago. We have started to branch out and incorporate Fly-Fishing along with our mandated Fly-Tying. We have made our first major purchase as a club. We now have a video camera, which we use to project our tying sessions on the big screen. We well also use it to video some of our outings along with some of our seminars.

Since the start up in Sept. a couple of things took place. Our Little Smokey Trip wasn't what one would call the best. Gord and I went up on the Sat and met Dave Janzen and his son, Dave Murray and Ron Hagen. We got there around 9:30 am and every look really dejected. When Gord and I looked at the river it explained, it must have been at least 2 to 3 ft. high.

Gord and I got ready and put our lines in the water. There was the odd rise but not much. Gord put on a Black Gnat and started Catching the odd riser (Grayling) But I went to old Faithful, my olive green Marabou Leech with the red bead and started catching Rockies. By the end of the day, old faithful had out fished the black Gnat and the rest to the fishermen there that day. It was real slow fishing.

We managed to get up there several times more as a club and had much better fishing.

This year also saw the formation of an entertainment committee, which has been the biggest bonus to this club. They have forged ahead and set up some great programs. Great work guy (Brian Hepperle, Rocky Lavigne, Bob Guidos and Ron Hagen)

Gord and Brain Both are working very hard to put on a Fly Casting Seminar and they have about got it all set up. Gord has contacted a fly fishing club out on the Armed forces base and we are going out for some demonstrations on fly casting (Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>)

We have had some of our plans change regarding the Sportsman show change, as both the Fish-in Hole and the Fishing Center will not be there. The Fish-in Hole as been Kind enough to ask us to participate in a Sporting Good Show at the end of March, which we have gladly accepted the invitation.

Our fly boxes donated to TU was a great success and we will be doing the same thing again this year.

We will be putting on our annual Beginners Tying seminar on Apr. 7 at Jasper Place High. We will be also putting on a Fly-Casting Seminar for the public and the members. Gord and Brian are doing this.

We have had the biggest paid up membership that I can remember in the last year and we have signed up several more in the last couple of weeks.

I have had many complements on how this club is so friendly and so lad back that it's a joy to come out.

I've noticed that when a fishing trip is planned that any one of the members are more than welcome to come along. That's hard to find in a club this size. My Congratulations to all you club members.

We will be setting up several fishing trips through out the year. With the Little Smokey being the most popular.

We have a change in format for the newsletter, which makes it bigger and better. In addition, we are going to have some changes with our Internet page when Lance finds the time. We will be going to a new domain, which will be better and be able to do more with it. Great work Lance. I'm looking forward to your March program on computers, the Internet and fly-fishing.

There has been so much happening. Again, a big hand to all of the members, as you has been great. You are what make this club work. Also my Thanks for all the volunteer tiers and their hard work to keep us interested.

Let's have a Great Year and if there are any ideas or anything that you would like to see done please contact Brian, Gord or me.

Tight Lines Always

Dennis Southwick



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Casting Clinic Location Feb. 4 Noon til 4:00 pm

