



Northern Lights  
Fly Tyers

# Broken Threads

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TO LEARN AND SHARE THE FLY TYING AND FISHING EXPERIENCE

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### Get the Ice Axe Martha, I'm a Goin Fishin !

Good grief! It's been a cold week or two! Too cold for even the hardest to try their luck on any water that isn't rock solid. Now if we had a few warm days and a chain saw, we could think about casting practice....

Oh well, life goes on in the frozen north. We had our Club elections last month and, with the exception a new secretary (thanks for volunteering Ron!), the executive remains unchanged. Two motions were presented, discussed and then tabled. One was to change the membership year to September to August and the other to change the executive year to suit. The executive will examine the issues and bring back recommendations to the membership later on. The issue of possible "not for profit" status was also discussed, but was left open for further membership thought and discussion. The new membership form asks for your input on this.

Speaking of memberships, **your Dues are Due!** If you haven't renewed already, now is the time to pony up that \$20.00 for the New Year. In addition to the regular meetings, you'll continue to get those club discounts, a break on our upcoming seminars and receipt of this timely (most of the time) newsletter. If you don't, then you'll miss out on all the fun.

The club held a "members only" beginner session on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended by novices and flatulent old guys alike. We had five or six tables set up with at least one experienced tyer for each. The result was a good working session where the newbies learned three basic patterns and the techniques to tie them. The session was well done and our thanks go out to Brian Hepperle and Ron Hagen for all the work put in to make it go. I'm sure the other elves helped out, (you know who you are) so kudos to you too.

Our February 23<sup>rd</sup> "**Fly Tying Seminar 2002**" is a go! See the note elsewhere in the newsletter for details. All the guest tyers are good folks and there will be lots to learn. A mere \$10.00 for members buys a day full of information and discussion. Cheap at twice the price!

We will be involved in the **Edmonton Sportsman's Show** at Northlands. Last newsletter I got the dates wrong, so here are the proper ones: March 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> inclusive. We'll need volunteers to help St. Croix out with teaching casting and some contests they are running, as well as just general presence and Club promotion. If you can help out, please call Gord Boutette at 436-3724 to arrange times and entrance.

We're also involved in the **Edmonton Outdoor Show** March 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> at the Mayfield Inn Conference Centre. We will have our own booth and will need lots of volunteer tyers. So if you want to give a hand (and get free admission to the show), again call Gord Boutette.

**Tight lines all and pray for warmer weather!**

**Dave Robinson**

## CLUB MEETINGS

**Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions:**

**Water's Edge - 10149 - Saskatchewan Drive**

Equipment and Materials:

Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

**Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.**

Enter main door and go straight ahead

Bring your own or use the Club loaners

## OTHER EVENTS

**Trout Unlimited Meeting:** February 25, 2002, 7:30pm: Lion's Seniors Centre, 11113 - 113 Street . Speaker: Brad Stelfox on "Alberta's Land Use: cumulative effects and aquatic issues."

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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"

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## MEETINGS

### FEBRUARY 6

**Speaker:** *Roman Scharabun*

**Topic:** *Rod Building*

**Comments:** *Roman will give a general talk on building your own fly rod. If you've ever thought of building your own rod or if you think this is a difficult task, come and find out how easy it is to save some money on that new rod you'd like.*

### FEBRUARY 13

**Tyer:** *Gord Boutette*

**Pattern:** *Dry Fly Popper (Steelhead fly)*

**Hook:** Mustad Salmon 9049, #4

**Thread:** Black

**Tail:** Big fly material (Yak hair), Orange flashabou

**Body:** Gold Tinsel

**Wing:** Red deer hair

**Head:** Red deer hair

**Pattern:** *Wet Spey (Royal)*

**Hook:** Eagle Claw L1197N-F #4

**Thread:** Olive green

**Tag:** Silver tinsel

**Body:** Peacock herl, Royal red floss,  
Strung saddle hackle

**Wing:** Peacock sword (shark) feathers,  
Pearl crystal flash

**Comments:** *This will be an absolute must for those thinking of accompanying Gord on his planned spring trip to the Kitimat in May. See the sidebar for more information on that.*

### FEBRUARY 20

**Speaker:** *Darrell Walters*

**Topic:** *Fish Biologist*

**Comments:** *Darrell will give a talk about the fish stocks etc. in the (local area) lakes.*

### FEBRUARY 27

**Speaker:** *Gord Boutette*

**Topic:** *Rigging and fishing the steelhead fly*

**Comments:** *Gord will give a brief outline of his favorite techniques for fishing the big water for big fish*

**Tyer:** *Dave Robinson*

**Pattern:** *Doc Spratley Variation*

**Hook:** Mustad 9672 wet fly #8 to #14

**Tail:** Peacock Sword

**Body:** Green Wool (or green craft cord from WalMart)

**Rib:** Green Holographic Tinsel

**Legs:** Partridge fibres

**Wing:** Green Dyed Pheasant Rump

**Head:** Peacock Herl

**Comments:** *OK, so it's time for me to quit talking and actually tie something. With apologies to Dave Phelps for stealing his ideas, this is an interesting variation of my favorite local fish finder.*

## Fly Tying Seminar 2002

A one day, hands- on Fly Tying Seminar  
Featuring  
Four Edmonton Tyers

**Saturday, February 23rd, 2002**

**Jasper Place Composite High School**

**Room 188**

From 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Cost: Non-members \$20.00 Members \$10.00

Attendees responsible for their own lunch

### Seminar Objective and Format

The seminar is intended for all fly tyers, from novice to expert. The goal is to expand your knowledge of patterns and techniques through the use of hands-on learning.

### The Tyers

#### Bill Robertson

Fishing guide, manager of South side Fishin' Hole, past President TU Edmonton and former operations manger at Superfly.

#### Roman Scharabun

Professional tyer, rod builder, casting instructor, founding vice president of the Northern Lights Fly Tyers, fly tying course instructor for the Fishin' Hole and originator of innovative Alberta patterns.

#### Robert Clark

Professional tyer and manager of Superfly, the local distributor of fly tying material and equipment.

#### Ian Denny

Former owner of Dennys' Fly Tying, fly tying instructor for many years and co-author of "Flies of Alberta". Ian will demonstrate wet flies for lakes.

## WANT TO GO FISHING?

Gord is planning a steelhead fishing trip in May to fish the Kitimat area for steelhead, rainbows etc. Anyone who is interested in a fun trip, should give Gord a call at 437-3724 ASAP. He would also like feedback as to what dates would be preferable.

## ADDRESS CHANGE

*Note that The Fishing Center has moved. The new address is:  
12920 - 82 Street, Edmonton, Phone 473-4498*