



Broken Threads

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FROM THE EDITOR

Will Spring Ever Come?

The last week of ridiculous snow has got me wondering if we'll see open water on the local ponds before July. Ever the optimists though, the elves at the Club have continued on with spring planning. You can see the upcoming events in the list below. For the casting clinic, I'll shortly be distributing a flyer with a map of the location.

In the mean time, we'd like to send thanks out to all those who helped out with our Beginners Tying Seminar. It was great event and resulted in even more members to our growing club. The growth is resulting in some difficulties in handling numbers at our meetings, but the executive is working hard to come up with a way of handling the load.

Also, thanks go out from Brain Hepperle to all who participated in our inaugural "Swap and Junk Sale". Brian informs us that "The total amount of money donated was \$90.35. I'd like to thank all the members for their participation. Without full participation from club members these functions would never be a success. We'll discuss future plans for a similar sale and see if members are in favor of another such event." Way to go guys (and Brian for organizing)!

And as a final comment, I noted that the boxes of flies the Northern Lights donated to the TU dinner sold for well over \$200.00. Thanks to those who donated to a good cause!

Tight lines!

Dave Robinson

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4 - Members Only Introductory Fly Casting Clinic

Robert Rundle School, St Albert

Cost: \$5.00

June 1 - Silent Auction and Bash - Al Shanks Sports Bar

Contact Brian Bleakley 483-1374 or 718-1428 for more information

Tickets - See Brian Hepperle or Gord Boutette

June 16- Members Only Intermediate and Advanced Fly Casting Clinic

Robert Rundle School, St Albert

Cost: \$5.00

June 22 -23 - Thunder Lake Adventures on the Brazeau River

Contact Brian Bleakley 483-1374 or 718-1428 for information.

Gord's Kitimat Trip - *Due to circumstances beyond his control, Gord has had to postpone this trip until the fall when he hopes to mount a Coho catching expedition.*

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

TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: Contact Michael Dell for advise on upcoming TU events such as the fish rescue and habitat projects this summer. Stay tuned.

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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

MAY 1

Program Corner 1: *Duncan Loop.*

Comments: *Paul Fitt will demonstrate this useful and versatile fishing knot.*

Program Corner 2: *Fishing Seams.*

Comments: *Brain Hepperle will talk about how to identify and fish seams on rivers and streams*

Tyer: *Paul Fitt*

Pattern: *Goddard Caddis*

Hook: Mustad 94833 \$18 to #12

Body: 6/0 Brown

Thorax: Spun Deer hair

Collar: Brown (dry quality)

Antennae: Moose hair

MAY 8

Tyer: *Mike Griffith*

Pattern: *PMD Nymph*

Hook: Mustad 9671 #16 and #18

Thread: Brown 6/0 or 8/0

Tail: Yellow hackle

Rib: Fine copper wire

Body: Rusty orange dubbing

Wingcase: Bright yellow CDC

Legs: Brown turkey

Pattern: *PMD Merger*

Hook: Mustad 94833 #16 and #18

Thread: Yellow 6/0 or 8/0

Tail: Yellow dry hackle

Rib: Fine gold wire

Body: Natural color dubbing

Wingcase: Yellow CDC

Legs: Yellow wood duck or imitation

Head: Natural dubbing

Pattern: *PMD CDC Boit Spinner*

Hook: Mustad 94833 #16 and #18

Thread: Yellow 6/0 or 8/0

Tail: Dun micro-fibbers

Body: Yellow goose biots

Thorax: Natural color dubbing

Legs: Yellow wood duck or imitation

Head: Natural dubbing

Comments: *Mike will tie as many of patterns as time allows.*

Tyer: *Dave Murray*

Pattern: *Black Nosed Dace*

Hook: Mustad 38941 3xl std

Thread: Black 6/0 or 140 Unithread

Tag: Very short red wool

Rib: Oval silver tinsel

Body: Flat medium tinsel

Wings: 3 layers of bucktail, white bottom, black middle (3/4 length), natural brown top

MAY 15

Speaker: *Bill Gouge*

Topic: *Outdoor Photography*

Comments: *Bill is a professional photographer and the local Pentax representative. We're sure he'll have plenty of good tips for we amateurs.*

MAY 22

Topic: *Pike Night*

Comments: *We'll discuss different patterns, rigging and presentation for these toothy monsters.*

Tyer: *Brian Hepperle*

Pattern: *Mickey Finn*

Hook: Mustad 79580 #8 to #4/0

Eyes: Large chrome or lead barbell eyes

Body: Small diameter gold or silver mylar tubing

Wing: Red or yellow bucktail

Tyer: *Danny Tonhauser*

Pattern: *Leech Bunny*

Hook: Mustad #2/0 streamer

Thread: Black

Body: Rabbirt Strip (any color)

Wing: 6 strands of flashabou

MAY 29

Program Corner 1: *Hooks.*

Comments: *Bob Guidos will give a discussion on selecting hooks for various fly patterns*

Program Corner 2: *Entomology.*

Comments: *Brain Bleakley will introduce the study of the forms and behavior of insects.*

Tyer: *Dennis Southwick*

Pattern: *Partridge and Orange*

Hook: #14 Mustad 98440 or Tiemco 100

Body: Orange floss

Thorax: Peacock herl or hare's ear dubbing

Collar: Partridge body feather

Pattern: *Green Soft Hackle*

Hook: #14 Mustad 98440 or Tiemco 100

Bead: Small pearlescent

Rib: 1 strand pearlescent krystal flash

Body: 6 strands green embroidery thread

Collar: Brown soft hackle

Pattern: *Pheasant Tail Soft Hackle*

Hook: #14 Mustad 98440 or Tiemco 100

Bead: Small pearlescent

Tail: Pheasant tail fibres

Rib: Copper Wire

Collar: Brown soft hackle