



Broken Threads

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FROM THE EDITOR

Tying Season Starts Up Again!

I can't believe summer is drawing to a close already! Not near enough fishing to show for it, at least for me that is. Soon the leaves will be turning and fall will be in the air. That means that regular meetings of the Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers are about to resume

The first fall meeting of 2002 is scheduled for September 11 at 7pm at the usual venue in the party room at the Water's Edge. Come join us for an introduction to the upcoming programs and to share your summer fish tales.

There will be some minor changes in the way meetings operate this year, mostly to properly accommodate the numbers of members who have been turning out. The intent, when we don't have a major speaker, will be to offer three different areas at each meeting.

One area will be set aside for those who just want to tie. I call it the *Vice Squad*. This will be the place to work on refilling your fly boxes and replace all those flies lost to trees, rocks and uncooperative fish. It will also be the place to go for advice from the more experienced members on specific patterns or techniques.

A second area will be set aside for tying instruction, called *Tying Techniques and Tutoring*. The intent will be to provide structured tying instructions, which will include a set series of beginner, intermediate and advanced sessions as well as instruction on how to tie featured patterns. The level of instruction will alternate from week to week, so you will need to keep your newsletter handy.

The third area will be dedicated to general fishing advice and information. I've nicknamed it *Fishing Facts and Fundamentals*. The program will be quite varied and will cover things like fishing techniques, rigging and equipment sessions as well as any topic that doesn't fall into the tying category.

During each meeting, the presentations in the *Tying Techniques and Tutoring* and *Fishing Facts and Fundamentals* will be offered twice. This will permit attendees to take in both presentations if they want. So come on out and enjoy the program.

As a side note, the Club Bulletin Board is proving to be a great asset. Many fishing outings are being arranged through it and members have been great at filing fishing reports. Go to the URL to the right and click on Bulletin Board.

And get that final fishing trip in before the frost comes! *Dave Robinson*

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 advice on upcoming TU events The regular program of meetings will resume in October.

MEETINGS

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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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SEPTEMBER 4

N. SASKATCHEWAN RIVER - REPEAT

Comments: *We're going to give the river another go. Location is Rundle Park, South end near the footbridge to Goldbar Park. Enter off 116 Ave and drive to the last parking lot. Start time is around 7pm*

SEPTEMBER 11

FIRST REGULAR FALL MEETING

INTRODUCTION TO THE FALL PROGRAM

Comments: *Brian Hepperle, Don Johnson and the rest of the "elves" will give an overview of what is planned for the fall.*

BRAG SESSION

Comments: *Had a great summer? Catch a monster? Bring your photos to pass around and tall tales to tell. The coffee will be on and a 50/50 draw held.*

SEPTEMBER 18

TYING TECHNIQUES AND TUTORING

Level: *Beginner*

Instructor: *Don Johnson*

Pattern 1: *Peacock Beetle*

Hook: Standard Sproat, 10 to 14, ring or down eye
Thread: Black 6/0
Wing Case: Peacock Sword, 8 – 10 strands
Body: Peacock Herl. 4 strands
Head: Tying Thread

Pattern 2: *Backswimmer*

Hook: Standard Sproat, 10 to 14, ring or down eye
Thread: Black 6/0
Wing Case: Bronze or mottled turkey wing
Body: Dark color, mottled chenille
Head: Tying Thread

FISHING FACTS AND FUNDAMENTALS

Topic: *Rigging Your Rod*

Presenter: *Scott Campbell*

Comments: *Scott will start with tying your line to the reel and progress out from there. This is for the novice, but as Brian H. says, maybe even us old dogs can learn a new trick or two*

SEPTEMBER 25

TYING TECHNIQUES AND TUTORING

Level: *Intermediate*

Instructor: *Don Johnson*

Pattern: *Dolberg Dragon*

Hook: Streamer, 6 to 10, 4x to 6x long
Thread: Black 6/0
Tail: Iridescent strands from turkey flat
Body: Mixed brown mink and olive seal
Legs: Brown fibres from turkey rump
Thorax: Same as body
Head: Red or orange Tying Thread

FISHING FACTS AND FUNDAMENTALS

Topic: *Presenting the Dry Fly*

Presenter: *Rod Boisvert*

Comments: *Rod had an injury this summer that curtailed his fishing a bit. But that won't stop him from giving us advice on how to make that cast of a dry fly more attractive to a trout.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARTIN PAETZ PASSES AWAY

Alberta lost another fine angler and friend to trout on July 26, 2002 with the passing of Martin Paetz.

Martin was head of the Fisheries Management Division of Alberta for 21 years, and was responsible for the trout stocking program on pothole lakes as well as enhancement of wild trout fisheries on our streams. He wrote THE book on *Fishes of Alberta* (along with Joseph Nelson).

Donations in Martin's memory can be sent to Trout Unlimited Canada, P.O. Box 6270, Station D, Calgary, Alberta T2R 0J6.

DEAL ON FITOVER SUNGLASSES

10% discount on Fitover Sunglasses at the Capilano Eye Center in the Capilano Mall.

Fitovers are an Australian product for those anglers who wear glasses and want a pair of polarized sunglasses but can't afford a prescription pair (or want an alternative to those pesky clip-ons that never see to do the job). I like them so much I have two pairs.

Show your membership card at the time of purchase. Thanks to Scott Campbell for arranging this.

MATERIALS FOR TYING SESSIONS

Don Johnson has arranged to have the materials list for each tying session to the South Side Fishin' Hole in advance of each meeting. Bill Robertson will undertake to ensure they have the appropriate materials in stock.

UPCOMING EVENTS

QUIRK CREEK TRIP – SEPTEMBER 14

Michael Dell is arranging a group outing to help with the Trout Unlimited "Brook Trout Removal Project" on Quirk Creek. For information on the project go to the following URL. <http://www.freenet.edmonton.ab.ca/trout/project.html>
If you want to join the crew, contact Michael at 488-1966. Just be prepared for some challenging fishing.

LITTLE SMOKY TRIP – SEPTEMBER 20 TO 22

The time has come again for our annual favorite trip, We will be arranging a group outing to fish for Arctic Grayling on the Little Smoky. For details and directions, contact Dennis Southwick at 463-6533