



# Broken Threads

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### **Fall Is Here! Time to Enjoy Both Tying and Fishing!**

With frost having turned the trees brilliant fall colors, now is the time to get out to your favorite stream or pond to enjoy the sights of fall and the fish that are fattening up for winter. It's also backswimmer season, which can produce some spectacular action. If you need a fishing buddy, keep your eye on the club web page or post your own request. There are still lots of impromptu trips in the works.

The Club trip to the Little Smoky was a resounding success again. Somewhere between 15 and 20 intrepid anglers made the trek and were rewarded with eager grayling and whitefish. Even a few less eager bull trout were caught. The fishing was slightly slower than last year, unless you wanted to hike a bit to a couple of the more remote pools, but lots of fish were caught nonetheless. Chelsea had a great time outdoing her dad (sorry Bill) accompanying her first grayling with hoots of delight. The stories and conversation around the campfire made the whole weekend memorable, even for those who had a few too many Scotches (no names mentioned eh Ron).

The Red Deer River beckons for late season anglers with Rockies to be caught to the tune of Canada Geese squawking overhead. Anyone headed out there soon?

Our Club's indoor activity is now well underway with the usual mix of trying and fishing topics. This month we have patterns from Dan Tulik, Michel Dell and Doug Cockwill to suit a variety of fishing occasions and tying skills. Gord Boutette will go over all that's required to get you rod set up and Lorne Zavaduck will show us the new stuff in his store. Bring your loonies for the 50/50 draw and join us for a beverage at the Ritchie Mill afterwards. It's the social side of the meetings that really separate this group from others.

For those with a conservation interest, Trout Unlimited will start up its fall program this month. See the box at the bottom of the page for info on the first meeting. Michael Dell is also looking for volunteers to participate in the annual "fish rescue" from the irrigation system. If you want further information or wish to register as a volunteer talk to Michael or visit the website at: <http://www.tucanada.org/alberta/fishrescue.htm>.

The Jack Dennis and Roman Scharabun Seminar on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> is getting closer all the time. (See the box on page 2) Two-day tickets are available in advance at the venues noted with one-day tickets sold at the door. At \$50.00 for two days, it's a terrific value compared to other similar seminars held elsewhere. Eager fly fishers shouldn't let this opportunity to learn from "The Masters" go by. Mark your calendar and buy your ticket! Our thanks go out to Grant McEwan for their participation in this event. Until then...

**Jack Frost may be here but the fishing isn't over yet. Tight Lines! 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:** First Fall Meeting October 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM at Lion's Seniors Centre (11113 113 Street) in the Arts & Crafts Room - Topic to be announced.

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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

### OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

#### PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

**Tyer:** *Dan Tulik*  
**Pattern:** *Coyote*  
Hook: #12 or smaller dry  
Thread: Black 6/0  
Tail: natural deer hair (short length)  
Body: red yarn or floss  
Wing: natural deer hair (short length)  
Hackle: grizzly and brown (gap size and larger)

**Comments:** *Dan will tie up an attractor pattern for us.*

### OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

#### OSTRICH HERL FLIES

**Tyer:** *Doug Cockwill*  
**Pattern:** *Gilled Nymph*  
Hook: TMC 200R #12 to #18  
Thread: Black 6/0  
Rob: Fine wire  
Body: Gray Ostrich Herl  
Wing Case: Plastic Bag  
Thorax: Gray dubbing  
Legs: Partridge hackle  
**Pattern:** *Ostrich Caddis*  
Hook: TMC 2302 #12 to #16  
Thread: Black 6/0  
Body: Clear larva lace and gray and white ostrich herl  
Thorax: Hare's ear dubbing  
Wing Case: Clear plastic

**Comments:** *Doug will show us a couple of patterns that take advantage of the characteristics of this material.*

### OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

#### PROGRAM CORNER

**Speaker:** *Lorne Zavaduk*  
**Topic:** *New Items from The Fishing Center*

**Comments:** *A showing of new fly tying products and fly tying vices (low to high end).*

### OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

**Tyer:** *Michael Dell*  
**Pattern:** *CDC Blue Winged Olive*  
Hook: Dry Fly #18 to #22  
Thread: Olive 8/0  
Wing: 2 natural dun CDC tips, divided  
Tail: blue dun or light colored hackle tips  
Body: olive CDC dubbed

**Comments:** *This pattern comes via Vic Bergman to Jim McLennan. Michael will demonstrate how to tie up a fly we see on the water often, but in sizes we normally don't try to tie.*

### OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

#### PROGRAM CORNER

**Speaker:** *Gord Boutette*  
**Topic:** *Rigging for Fly Fishing*

**Comments:** *Gord will show us the knots required to rig a rod from the fly reel arbor out to the tippet. He will also lead a discussion on fly lines and tippet materials. Bring along your reel, line and tippet material if you want to try the knots hands-on.*

## FALL SEMINAR

### *Two Gentlemen Fly Fishers*

November 15<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 2003  
Grant McEwan Community Colledge  
8:30 am to 3:30 pm  
Room 6-212

#### Featuring

*Jack Dennis*  
*and*  
*Roman Scharabun*

#### Cost

Both days \$50.00  
Single Day \$35.00

#### Program

Fly Fishing Slide Shows  
Fly Casting Demonstrations  
Innovative Underwater Videos  
Fly Tying Demonstrations  
Discussions on Trout Behavior  
Reading Trout Streams  
Fly Fishing Equipment Discussions

Two-Day Tickets available from the Sponsoring Clubs,  
At the Fishing Center and  
At all locations of the Fishin' Hole  
Single-Day tickets available at the door

## REMEMBER SUMMER FISHING?

