



Broken Threads

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FROM THE EDITOR

Tying Season in Full Swing!

The main fishing season here is drawing to a close. The Red Deer and McLeod Rivers have produced Rockies and some Grayling for those intrepid anglers tough enough to head out in colder weather. There may still be a lake or two without ice for part of this month so I'd expect a few reports of late season lunkers caught. Keep your eye on the club Bulletin Board for hints of outings. Once the ice comes and gets thick enough (usually later in December) there may even be a few hardy ice fishers going out. Just make sure there's 4" of ice first.



Speaking of the Red Deer River, as noted in my post to the Club BB, the "Bobber Pool" claimed another couple of victims last month. John and Lance fell victims to slippery rocks and found out why wader belts are required equipment. Remember to be careful wading and now that cooler weather makes a ducking a more serious proposition, be sure to carry a safety kit containing some matches, a power bar and maybe a dry shirt in a zip-lock bag. Hypothermia can be a killer.

Also on the Red Deer, please make sure before wading that you're not going to step into Brown Trout Redds. Look for lighter patches of gravel. We don't want to disturb the next generation of fish.

With winter just around the corner, its time to start stocking up those boxes for next spring, tying ice fishing flies, or perhaps tying a bunch of flies as Christmas presents for that angler on your list. Our Club's indoor activity is now in full swing, so come out and tie a few or just listen to the varied fishing talks. Once again we have patterns to suit a variety of fishing occasions and tying skills with a Woolly Bugger demonstration by father and daughter Cattroll and an Advanced Caddis pattern by Don Johnston. We also have some topics of general interest to fly fishers with Hopper-Dropper Technique by Brian Hepperle (absolutely essential for fishing the Red Deer) and a GPS Device presentation by Wayne Richie to help keep you from getting lost. Remember to bring your loonies for the 50/50 draw and don't be shy about joining some of us for a beverage at the Ritchie Mill afterwards.

The Trout Unlimited winter program is also going strong. See the box at the bottom of the page for info on the next meeting.

The Jack Dennis and Roman Scharabun Seminar on November 15th and 16th happens this month. (See the box on page 2) At \$50.00 for two days, it's a terrific value! You just don't get advice and tips from pros like these two for less. Mark you calendar and buy your ticket!

Get out those winter woolies, the iceman commeth!

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: Next Meeting November 17th 7:30 PM at Lion's Seniors Centre (11113 113 Street) in the Arts & Crafts Room – Jim O'Neill, Fishery Biologist with RL&L will talk about Muir Lake.

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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

NOVEMBER 5TH

PROGRAM CORNER

Speaker: *Brian Hepperle*

Topic: *Hopper Dropper Setup*

Comments: *Brian will show us how to rig up for two-fly presentations and talk about indicator fishing technique. Come out and learn this effective method from an expert.*

NOVEMBER 12TH

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tyer: *Bill Cattroll*

Instructor: *Chelsea Cattroll*

Pattern: *Wooly Bugger (Green and Black)*

Hook: Streamer, 2x to 3x long, #10 to #16

Thread: Black 6/0

Body: Medium Chenille

Hackle: Olive Saddle, palmered

Comments: *This Father-Daughter team will demonstrate a basic fly pattern. Although normally thought of as a beginner pattern, the wooly bugger is one of the more effective patterns around. You may even learn about variations that work best on the potholes.*

NOVEMBER 19TH

PROGRAM CORNER

Speaker: *Wayne Richie*

Topic: *GPS Devices*

Comments: *There's a host of these products on the market now. They can help keep you from getting lost, and even let you mark your secret pool. Wayne will explain the various features and how to use them.*

NOVEMBER 26TH

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tyer: *Don Johnston*

Pattern: *Adult Sedge*

Hook: Daichi Size 14, 2X long

Thread: Brown 8/0 or 170

Abdomen: CDC Florescent green

Legs: English Deer Hair

Wing: Ladies Panty Hose

Antennae: Porcupine guard hair

Pattern: *Spent Sedge*

Hook: Daichi Size 14, to 16, 2X long

Thread: Brown 8/0 or 170

Abdomen: Nymph skin, organza wrapping ribbon

Legs: English Deer Hair and CDC

Wing: Ladies Panty Hose

Thorax: Designer Skin

Antennae: Porcupine guard hair

Pens: Prismacolor or chart pack – ocher, leaf green, dark brown, blender

Comments: *These are advanced, realistic patterns using some interesting techniques.*

FALL SEMINAR

Two Gentlemen Fly Fishers

November 15nd and 16th 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**

MORE SUMMER MEMORIES



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