



Broken Threads

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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to Winter!

The recent outbreak of seriously cold weather put a quick end to most fishing until the ice gets thick enough for boring (holes that is) fishing. That hasn't seemed to stop the enthusiasm of Club members though. Turnouts at meetings have been pretty solid even on the colder nights. It must be the exciting programs we're running eh?

Kudos go out to Chelsea and Bill Cattrol for their first demonstration last month. The tag team father/daughter duo did a fine job. Let's hope it provides inspiration for a few more "newbies" to give it a go. This month sees us start with some foam flies by Dennis Southwick, followed by a Stimulator and Rat-faced McDougal by Dave Murray.

The final meeting of the year will be a repeat of last year's wind-up at the Ritchie Mill. The date is December 17th at the usual 7pm start time. There is no planned program, other than a chance to swap lies about this year's catches and tease a few "wetbacks". Everyone had a good time last year so don't be left out. The Club will spring for a few snacks to get things going. You're on your own for drinks etc. Remember to keep the consumption responsible!

November's seminar with Jack Dennis and Roman Scharabun was a resounding success! About 60 folks showed up for each day to soak up as much information as possible.

Jack let us all in on some of the secrets gleaned from his contact with European competition fishing which I'm sure will lead to a few people trying out some new nymphing techniques in the spring. I'll bet we'll all be trying our hands at tying Amy's Ants this winter too. Jack's underwater footage was simply outstanding and led to a new appreciation for what fish see and how they react to our offerings.

Roman's session on rod building let us all know how important a spine is in a rod, regardless of whether we're buying or building. His session on fishing mountain streams raised a lot of interest and his tying sessions were up to his usual professional standards.

You could tell how well the presentations were received by seeing the rapt faces and intense concentration. Jack said he thoroughly enjoyed the event and would welcome a return engagement sometime in the future.

Our thanks go out to Jack and Roman for a superb event. To: all those who attended; to our sponsoring clubs; Northern Lights, TU, The Edmonton Trout Club and Old Timers Fishing Club; our corporate contributors; Grant Mc Ewan, The Fishin' Hole, The Fishing Center and Superfly; and to our key organizers; Dennis Southwick, Tim Doskoch, Michael Dell; and to all our volunteers who are too numerous to mention in this small space. Great job folks!

Have a Merry Christmas and Safe and Happy New Year!

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 December 15, 2003, 7:30 PM at Lion's Seniors Centre (11113 113 Street) in the Arts & Crafts Room --: John Willis, from Alberta Environment, Water Resources Branch on aquatic insects and habitat

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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

DECEMBER 3RD

Pattern Demonstration

Tyer: *Dennis Southwick*

Pattern: *Chernobyl Ant*

Hook: Streamer, 2x to 3x long, #6 to #12
 Thread: Red 6/0
 Body: Tan closed cell foam
 Glue: Zap a Gap or similar instant glue
 Legs: Rubber hackle

Comments: This is Dennis' "go to" pattern when things get tough. He will show a simple attachment technique for the rubber legs.

Pattern: *Foam Emerger*

Hook: Dry Fly # 10 to #16 Tiemco 100 or 9300
 Thread: Olive 6/0
 Trailing Shuck: Brown antron
 Body: Pheasant tail
 Rib: Copper wire
 Wing Case: Tan closed cell foam
 Thorax: PMD dubbing (light yellow antron)
 Wing: Natural CDC puff

Comments: This is one of Jack Dennis' patterns. The low profile matches an emerging insect.

Pattern: *Loop Foam Fly*

Hook: Dry Fly # 10 to #16 Tiemco 100 or 9300
 Thread: Black 6/0
 Body: Foam – color to suit
 Underwing: Mirage Accent
 Wing: Elk Hair
 Head: Black foam
 Legs: Rubber Hackle

Comments: Another foam pattern to learn more foam tying techniques.

Pattern: *Extended Body Technique*

Accessory: Medium sized needle
 Thread: Brown 6/0
 Body: Closed cell foam

Comments: Dennis will show you how to make extended bodies for mayflies.

DECEMBER 10TH

Pattern Demonstration

Tyer: *Dave Murray*

Pattern: *Stimulator*

Hook: Nymph #10 to #16
 Thread: Orange 8/0
 Tail: Tan elk hair
 Rib: Grizzly hackle, undersized
 Body: Yellow orange dubbing
 Wing: Elk hair
 Hackle: Brown hackle

Comments: Dave will demonstrate his version of this venerable pattern.

DECEMBER 10TH (CONTINUED)

Pattern: *Rat-faced McDougal*

Hook: Dry fly #10 to #26
 Thread: White 8/0
 Tail: Deer hair, short
 Body: Deer hair, spun and clipped
 Wing: Grizzly (or cree) hackle tips
 Hackle: Grizzly (or ginger) hackle

Comments: This high floating pattern is based on teh Irresistible. Perhaps Dave knows where the unusual name came from?

DECEMBER 17TH

Christmas Wind Up!

Location: *Ritchie Mill*

Format: *Informal Gabfest*

Comments: Here's a chance to raise a glass of your favorite seasonal beverage with your fishing buddies. The gathering is an informal get together where the Club supplies a few snacks and you provide the libations and entertainment.

FLIES FROM THE FALL SEMINAR

