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Fly Tyers & Fishers*

Broken Threads

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FROM THE EDITOR

Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers Gets New President!

Our Annual General Meeting on January 18th saw some changes in club executive. Dennis Southwick has retired as president and been replaced by Brian Bleackley. Filling Brian's spot at Vice President is Lance Taylor (aka Ranger Bob). One other change saw John Marple resign to be replaced by Ron Hagen as secretary. So now we have some "new blood" on the executive. I'm sure they will work as hard as the departing members. Our thanks go out to each retiring executive for their efforts on our behalf.

My personal thanks go to Dennis for his tremendous effort over the last 9 years. His work has seen the club grow from a small group of tyers into the most robust and active fishing club in the province. Dennis somehow managed to keep the atmosphere light and all of us committed to being a friendly place for a fly fisher to come and learn. Thanks very much Dennis!

Our first 2006 meeting in February is on the 1st at 7pm. Greg Scratchlety will demo a trio of his favorite flies. Our second meeting on the 8th features Bill Lee demonstrating two patterns from the beginner's course we have been running. Our third meeting is on the 15th, finds Darren McEachern showing us a couple of unusual patterns. The last meeting on the 22nd marks the return of the Iron Fly Tyer. It should be a fun month

Our major seminar was held at Grant McEwan on January 21st and 22nd featuring Ed Engle and Jim McLennan. On Friday in advance of the Seminar Ed Engel entertained a bunch of members with a demonstration of his talent for tying small flies, culminating in a size 32. That was just a precursor to what turned out to be a terrific and educational weekend. Both Ed and Jim did a bang up job of educating and entertaining the crowd of over 50 attendees.

We saw presentations on fishing Alberta and Colorado streams, how to fish small creeks, big rivers and tailwaters, how to tie and fish small flies and how to photograph our outings. The venue at Grant McEwan was superb and all the electronics worked, so everyone got a great view. If you didn't attend, you missed out on a fine event. Keep your eyes peeled as our new executive has some ideas for next year's version.

This month the Club starts to get busy. We will have a kid's tying booth and beginner seminars at the Fly Fishing Symposium in Calgary on February 3rd to 5th. Dave Murray is organizing the attendees. We'll also have booths at the Edmonton Sportsman's Show (March 16th to 19th) and the Fishing Hole Outdoor Show again this year. More information on those will be forthcoming.

Our new executive will also start planning the public fly tying seminars and "members only" casting seminars. These events will all need volunteers. It's a great way to promote our sport, meet the fishing public and make new fishing friends!

Lets get the new club year going with a bang!

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions:

Lions Senior Citizens Center

Equipment and Materials:

The format is Informal Drop In

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

11113 - 113 Street.

Bring your own or use the Club loaners

Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: February 27th, 2006: Ken Delk on Restoring Trout Streams @ Lions Seniors Center - 11113 - 113 Street - (Arts & Crafts Room 3) - 7:30 pm

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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

FEBRUARY 1ST**PATTERN DEMONSTRATION****Tiers:** *Greg Scratchley***Pattern:** *Water Docman*

Hook: Dry #10- #14
 Thread: Black 6/0
 Body: Tan nymph skin
 Legs: Superfloss in black/tan/duck
 Wingcase/Back: Brown foam
 Head: Whip finished

Comments: *Since he always fishes chironomids, Scratch figures Doc (Mike Monteith, the originator) will never demonstrate this one, so he will do it instead.*

Pattern: *Diving Holo Caddis*

Hook: Tiemco 200R (12 to 16)
 Bead: Olive
 Tread: Olive 8/0
 Overbody: Mixed olive /dun S'lon
 Abdomen: Mirage crystal flash
 Thorax: Olive seal dubbing
 Legs: Partridge

Comments: *This is a pattern directly based on Gary Lafontaine's Sparkle caddis series. The fly is tied to represent a caddis emerging / failing to emerge from the water by creating the appearance of a gas bubble around the caddis body/case during hatch.*

Pattern: *Red Butt Weevil*

Hooks: #10 to #16 Tiemco 200 R or 2487
 Bead: Gold Tungsten
 Butt: Bright red rabbit dubbing
 Tail: Brown or rust biots
 Rib: Fine copper wire
 Shellback: Mirage pearl flash
 Abdomen: Light Peacock UV dubbing
 Thorax: Dark Peacock dubbing
 Legs: Brown or rust biots

Comments: *This is Scratch's variation of the famous Eevil Weevil by Jeremy Davies except for the red butt and slight color change. He uses the heavy bead or tungsten because this is his go-to fly for whitefish, goldeye, mooneye - and grayling - all of which tend to hang low in the water column - in typically fast moving water.*

FEBRUARY 8TH**PATTERN DEMONSTRATION****Tier:** *Bill Lee***Pattern:** *Clouser Minnow*

Hooks: #3/0 to #6 O'Shaughnessey or 9671 Mustad
 Eyes: Lead barbell, red with black pupil
 Throat: White fish hair or white thread
 Body: White bucktail, chartreuse fish hair, pearl crystal flash
 Options: Silver mylar flash wrap in shank

Comment: *This is a fresh and salt water fly. The style, with the barbell eyes, provides good movement with the hook pointing upwards. Chartreuse and white is a favorite color.*

Pattern: *Muddler Minnow*

Hooks: #6 to #12 - 9671 Mustad
 Tail: Slip of mottled turkey feather
 Body: Flat gold mylar tinsel, rib with oval tinsel
 Wing: Grey squirrel hair and mottled turkey feather
 Collar/head: Deer hair

Comment: *Muddlers are now tied as a general attractor pattern and to imitate anything from caddis flies to grasshopper, While all muddlers will differ in color and profile, all have the same basic construction*

FEBRUARY 15TH**Tier:** *Darren McEachern***Pattern:** *Bleeding Schlappen Leech*

Thread: Black 8/0
 Hooks: #4 to #10 - 3XL Streamer hook
 Beads: 5 to 7 silver lined red beads
 Tail: Black Marabou
 Hackle: Black Schlappen

Pattern: *Caca Doic (Goose Turd)*

Thread: 8/0 dark brown
 Hooks: #10 to #16 -94841 Mustad dry fly
 Body: Mylar tinsel
 Thorax: Olive/Yellow CDC
 Hackle: Hen back or partridge

Comment: *Darren's first fly incorporates a material we seldom use and the second will make use of the magic tool.*

FEBRUARY 22ND**IRON FLY TYER****Iron Fly Tyer:** *Dale Johnson***Challengers:** *Mike Monteith (aka: Doc)**Alex Del-Hiero (aka: Ballast)***Patterns:** *Dry fly, Wet fly and Nymph***Hook:** *Dry #12, Wet #8, Nymph #10***Material:** *Surprise!*

Format: The competitors will use their own materials and equipment to construct at least three flies in a one-hour time frame. A special "surprise" material will be given out at the start of tying that the participants will have to incorporate into each fly. The flies will be judged on: Appearance, Tying Techniques, Originality, Best Use of Mystery Material and Potential Catching Ability The winner earns the coveted title of "Iron Fly Tyer" until the next competition.

Comments: *The smash success of the last two years returns with Dale Johnson defending his title against two challengers: Each will test their tying skill against the Master in a trio of patterns. Come prepared to be amazed (and to heckle).*

UPCOMING EVENTS		
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Feb. 3-5	Fly Fishing Symposium	Calgary
Mar. 16-19	Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show	Agricomm
Mar.-Apr.	Fishin' Hole Show	(TBA)