



Broken Threads

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FROM THE EDITOR

Way to Go Guys!

Our thanks go out to all those members who helped staff the various booths and activities at both the Sportsman's Show and the Outdoor Show. We've had positive feedback from all our sponsors and both show organizers. Your continued support shows just how co-operative and friendly Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers really are. We've picked up a fair number of new members in the process. Welcome to all the "newbies". See you soon at a meeting.

I heard the Devil was looking for a chainsaw the other day so he could get in a little casting practice now that the top layer of Hell has frozen over. Man will spring ever come? If the cold weather ever breaks, I think we should hold a little celebration. In the mean time, the Club has a few upcoming events to pass the time.

We will be running a "Beginner's Fly Tying Seminar" which will be open to the public on Saturday, April 6th. The format will be similar to our successful Member's Only Beginner's Seminar. Detailed information is contained elsewhere in the newsletter. Volunteers will be required. Contact Brian Hepperle if you can help.

We're planning a "members only" Fly Casting Clinic, probably in late April or early May. We'll let you know as soon as we can fix a date and venue. This will be valuable for beginners and those veterans who want help with specific casting problems.

I'd like to start a "Classified" section in the newsletter, but I need items to list. So if you want to unload that old rod or reel, drop me an e-mail and I'll get it going.

Speaking of e-mail, Shaw has pulled the trigger on the Powersurfr server so I'm about to get an e-mail address change. Even though there will be a redirect on my old address, I'll send a mass mailer with the new address when it happens. #S&% technology time-waster.

Tip of the Month: Your 2001 fishing license has run out. New Licenses are required April 1. Licenses and regulations are available at the fishing stores. Don't forget your WIN card!

Note: The Club Web Page address has undergone a slight change .

Tight lines all ...let's hope spring comes soon!

Dave Robinson

PITHY SAYINGS

I get all the truth I need
in the newspaper every morning,
so every chance I get, I go fishing
or swap stories with fishermen,
to get the taste of it out of my mouth.

Ed Zern

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 Meeting: April 15, 2002, 7:30pm: Lion's Seniors Centre, 11113 - 113 Street.
Speaker: John Volpe on "Science Friction: The story of Atlantic salmon in BC."

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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

APRIL 3

Program Corner 1: *Section Township Range.*

Comments: *Aaron Geiger will explain all those funny numbers that make up legal land descriptions to enable you to find that "Fisherman's Creek".*

Topic: *Free Tying*

Comments: *If you were not able to get your fly box filled over the winter, tonight will be a chance to get ready. Some flowing waters open April 1. You may even be able to get some hints from the veterans on what a good selection of patterns for a typical box might be.*

APRIL 10

Program Corner 1: *Lazy S Cast*

Comments: *Learn how, when and why to use it.*

Program Corner 2: *Hackle*

Comments: *Find out how to judge the quality of hackle and where and when to use different grades*

Tyer: *Rod Boisvert*

Pattern: *Got To Go*

Hook: #10 Shrimp

Thread: 6/0 black

Rib: Fine gold wire

Body: Black seal dubbing

Wingcase: Moose mane and black ostrich

Thorax: Black seal dubbing

Hackle: Black wet

Antennae: Moose mane

Comments: *Rod is becoming a regular demonstrator and has lots of different and innovative patterns to share.*

APRIL 17

Program Corner 1: *Split Shot Rigging*

Comments: *Learn the various techniques for getting your fly down to where the fish are.*

Program Corner 2: *Tail Techniques*

Comments: *Several ways to tie tails on will be demonstrated.*

Tyer: *Dennis Southwick*

Pattern: *Chironomid*

Hook: #16 Scud

Thread: 8/0

Bead: White or Pearlescent

Body: Elite lace filled with mineral oil

Thorax: Peacock herl

Comments: *A very interesting new pattern from Dennis*

Note: *Gord's Kitimat Trip*

Anyone who is interested in this fun trip, should give Gord a call at 437-3724 ASAP. He would also like feedback as to what dates would be preferable.

APRIL 24

Tyer: *Robert Clarke*

Pattern: *Mountain Midge*

Hook: #12 – 16 continuous curve nymph TA-ST163C

Thread: Black 8/0 Unithread

Rib: extra fine copper wire

Body: wine super stretch floss & pearl crystal flash

Thorax: Peacock herl

Pattern: *Ice Cream Cone*

Hook: #12 – 16 continuous curve nymph or dry hook

Thread: Black 6/0 Danville

Bead: white xs bead (14 and smaller)

Rib: red extra fine copper wire

Body: black super stretch floss or color to suit

Comments: *Robert will discuss midge construction and how to fish these tiny hatches that occur throughout the year. He will also discuss a variety of new products that are available for fly tyers*

Beginner's Fly Tying Seminar

A one day Instructional Seminar

Saturday, April 6th, 2002

Featuring one-on-one instruction by members of
The Northern Lights Fly Tyers & fishers

Location

Jasper Place High School

Room 188, 8950 - 163 Street

From 8:30 am to 3:30pm

Cost: \$20.00

Ten dollar discount provided on club membership
if you join at the event

CLUB OUTING

Thunder Lake Adventures on the Brazeau River

Date: June 22 –23

7 species of trout (&char) within 45 minutes of camp.

Rivers: Cardinal, Pembina, McLeod, Embarras & Blackthorn

Lakes: Thunder, Miskiki, Fairfax, Ruby, Silkstone & Lovett

Camp has: washrooms and showers, a complete commercial

kitchen with lots of room and barbecues and fire pit with

plenty of wood. Cabins have 2 double beds, although without

heat and power are quite comfortable.

Quad rentals and whitewater rafting on the Brazeau are

available but must be booked ahead.

15 Club members already booked, only a few cabins

remaining. Camping available at a minimal cost once the

cabins are filled.

Brings sleeping bag, pillow, food, fishing gear and other

necessary spirits.

Cost \$50.00 for both nights based on 2 people per cabin.

Contact Brian Bleackley 483-1374 or 718-1428.