



# Broken Threads

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## From the Editor

### **The fall season now in full swing!**

The upcoming month's program looks to be a good mix of tying and fishing information. In the ongoing spirit of a truly member driven club, lots of different members have volunteered to do their bit to help out. Broad membership participation is the key to the Club's success. So if you'd like to do a pattern demo or have some knowledge or time to offer, don't be shy, just talk to a member of the executive and we'll find a way to get you involved.

The Club trip to the Little Smoky was a success again this year, despite some lousy weather. A number of intrepid souls went up early on Thursday. I joined them later in the day. A pretty greasy road greeted us on the final 20-mile leg and the campsite had its share of puddles. That didn't deter the grayling or us though. Light drizzle and gusty wind kept us cool Thursday and Friday, but the roaring campfire helped that out. The fish seemed to like just about any pattern in olive or black as long as it was stripped a bit. A few were taken on surface patterns, but nymphs and streamers ruled for the most part.

Roman Scharabun will be running the rod building sessions in November with orientation currently scheduled for the first week. Roman will be at a few meetings in October to answer questions about the upcoming course.

Don Johnson is still planning on doing a session on map reading and GPS use, but his fall schedule is jam packed, so he will conduct the course in the spring. Knowing Don's knowledge and thoroughness, this will be an event worth waiting for.

The Club Bulletin Board continues to be a great source for current conditions and trip planning. We've had a bit of a problem with the length of time taken to load the bulletin board page and with downloading the newsletter, but we're working on it.

On a sad personal note, as those who attended the September 3 meeting heard, my Uncle Joe Gammon passed away recently. Joe was a family oriented, hard working, blue-collar kind of guy. He started as a very young lad working for the CPR as a carman. Over the years he worked his way up until he retired as head of the Ogden shop's wreck recovery and heavy maintenance division. He put a daughter through university and helped send his granddaughter to private school. Besides his family and large locomotives, his passion was fishing. He spent many years fishing the east slope streams from Nordeg to Waterton, his favorite being the Highwood. He last went fishing about four years ago at age 86. His arthritis finally reduced his mobility too much to continue after that. I had a nice chat with him about his favorite sport on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday last year. Family, friends and fishing partners, will sorely miss him. May he have the choicest pools and tight lines forever!

*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 October 21, 7:30 pm @ Lions Senior Center  
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"

### **Membership Contact**

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<b>Meetings</b>
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**October 2**

## Tying Techniques and Tutoring

**Level:** *Beginner*  
**Instructor:** *Michael Dell*  
**Pattern 1:** *Renegade*

Hook: # 10 to 16, standard dry  
 Thread: Black 8/0  
 Rear Hackle: Brown dry neck hackle  
 Body: Peacock Herl  
 Front Hackle: Grizzly, white or any light color dry hackle

## Fishing Facts and Fundamentals

**Topic:** *May Fly Entomology*  
**Presenter:** *Don Johnson*

**Comments:** *Don will give an introduction to the science of insects with a focus on one of a trout's major food groups.*

**October 9**

## Tying Techniques and Tutoring

**Level:** *Advanced*  
**Instructor:** *Don Johnson*  
**Pattern 1:** *Hatching Mayfly Nymph*

Hook: C67S  
 Thread: Black 8/0  
 Abdomen: Nymph skin (clear)  
 Legs: Dun CDC and Cree hackle  
 Wings: Clear cellophane  
 Thorax & Head: Ever-stretch foam (white packing foam)  
 Tail: Moose mane  
 Felt Pens: Black and Dark Brown

## Fishing Facts and Fundamentals

**Topic:** *Knot Again*  
**Presenter:** *Rod Boisvert*

**Comments:** *Rod demonstrate the knots and methods for double rigging flies For those who haven't fished with two fly rigs, this is an essential technique to improve your success.*

**October 16**

## Tying Techniques and Tutoring

**Level:** *Beginner*  
**Instructor:** *Don Johnson*  
**Pattern 1:** *Grizzly Midge Pupa*

Hook: Standard wet, # 12 to 18  
 Thread: Black 6/0  
 Body: Stripped grizzly hackle (center quill) tied in by the tip at the bend and wound forward  
 Thorax: Peacock herl

## Fishing Facts and Fundamentals

**Topic:** *Salmon Flies*  
**Presenter:** *Brian Hepperle*

**Comments:** *Brian Hepperle will talk on tying Salmon flies. He will talk about the types of material used and show how to add stinger hooks. He will also show you a few tricks on how to fish these flies when you're out on the ocean.*

**October 23**

## Tying Techniques and Tutoring

**Level:** *Intermediate*  
**Instructor:** *Dennis Southwick*  
**Pattern:** *Brown Drake Nymph*

Hook: # 8 Nymph, 4x long, ring eye, Mustad 9674  
 Thread: Tan or Black  
 Tail: Wood duck flank  
 Body: Tan wool dubbing, loop method  
 Wing Case: Wood duck flank  
 Legs: Wood duck flank (part of wing case)  
 Thorax: Dark tan dubbing, loop method  
 Head: Medium brown dubbing

## Fishing Facts and Fundamentals

**Topic:** *First Aid*  
**Presenter:** *Paul Fitt*

**Comments:** *Paul will give an introduction to basic first aid that will be useful to the fisherman.*

**October 30**

## Tying Techniques and Tutoring

**Level:** *Beginner*  
**Instructor:** *Brian Bleakley*  
**Pattern:** *Mickey Finn*

Hook: #4 to #14, 6 x long wet  
 Body: Flat silver tinsel  
 Rib: Oval silver tinsel  
 Bottom Wing: Yellow bucktail  
 Middle Wing: Red bucktail  
 Top Wing: Yellow bucktail

## Fishing Facts and Fundamentals

**Topic:** *To Be Announced*  
**Presenter:** *Surprise*

**Comments:** *We haven't finalized this one yet, so come prepared for anything.*

<b>Coastal Indian Planked Salmon</b>
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*This unusual method of preparing Salmon keeps it moist and full of flavour. The native Indians of the Pacific Northwest used cedar planks as a cooking platform and as a source of infused taste and aroma. The cedar can be purchased at any building supply store. Make sure it is untreated wood.*

**Ingredients:**

*1 to 2 sides fresh salmon (filleted), 1 cup vegetable oil  
 1 cup soy sauce, 1 tablespoon brown sugar  
 1 inch piece finely minced ginger, 3 minced garlic cloves  
 1 jigger bourbon or Rum (which I prefer)  
 1 bunch green onions (garnish), cedar planks to suit fish*

**Method:**

- 1. Mix the oil, soy, sugar, ginger garlic and bourbon together in a bowl. Stir until the sugar is dissolved.*
- 2. Let the salmon soak in this over night. At the same time soak the cedar planks in water over night.*
- 3. Heat BBQ to a medium heat and place the salmon on the plank and onto the BBQ. Keep a spray bottle of water handy because the plank will catch fire while cooking!*

*Recipe courtesy of Bill Gouge*