



# Broken Threads

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## FROM THE EDITOR



### The Christmas Season is Coming!



Yes, 'tis the season to be jolly, even if the snow is here and the lakes are frozen over. There are still lots of things to keep a fly fisher busy. You can stock up your boxes in anticipation of spring, tie a few flies for ice fishing, build that new rod you've always wanted, come and listen to our guest speakers and join the happy crew for a Christmas Celebration at the Ritchie Mill. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for details of what your club has to offer.

The Christmas season also signals that the membership year for the club is drawing to a close. Time to renew! See the box on the second page for details.

You may notice a few minor cosmetic changes in the newsletter this month. I usually prepare the newsletter for distribution on my Macintosh at home. I then use my office machine to distribute it via e-mail to take advantage of its superior virus protection software. November saw my work machine switched from Word 98 to Word 2000 and as is common with that type of thing, there are a few glitches. For some reason Mr. Bill has decided to substitute some fonts from 98 to 2000 and as a result, formatting of the newsletter got b\*\$%#d up. One of the hazards of new technology I guess. If you have trouble opening the file, or it looks funny on your machine, let me know and I'll see if I can figure out how to fix it. I may end up sending it out in PDF format instead of Word.

My river fishing season came to a close with a bang a couple of weeks ago. Paul Fitt, Arron Geiger and I went for a day-long fish on the Red Deer. We had a great time! The whitefish were big, fat and cooperative. I caught and released over 30 and I know Paul matched me fish for fish and Arron did way better. For those trout purists who turn their noses up at fly fishing for whities, you have no idea of the fun you're missing. Try it sometime.

Now is also the time to provide your input for the New Year. We have some things lined up for January, but new ideas and volunteers are more than welcome. What would you like to see in the way of Club programs? Do you have a favorite pattern you'd like to demonstrate? All you need do is speak to one of the executive and we'll be happy to accommodate. So don't be shy, let us know what you can do.

*Tight Lines Always*

*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 16, 2002, Lions Senior Citizen's Center  
11113 113 Street, Speaker: Monday December 16, 2002: "Fishing in Canada's National  
Parks" with Kevin Van Tighem

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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 4

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Topic: Eye Protection for the Fisherman
Presenter: Dr. Larry Gies

Comments: Dr. Gies is an optometrist with the Optometrists Clinic. He will discuss the hazards to a fisherman's eyes such as flying hooks and sunlight and how to protect your sight so you can see all those lunkers lying in the weeds.

TYING TECHNIQUES AND TUTORING

Pattern: Free Tye

Comments: If time permits, those wanting to work on replacing all those flies lost this summer can do their thing after the guest speaker is done.

DECEMBER 11

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Topic: Edmonton Area Trophy Lake
Presenter: Tim Dostkotch

Comments: In addition to being a member of the Edmonton Trout Club, Tim is one of a group of anglers attempting to set up a trophy trout lake in the Edmonton area. Tim will report on their plan and progress.

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DECEMBER 18

EVENT: CLUB CHRISTMAS DO

Location: Ritchie Mill Restaurant

Comments: This is an opportunity for Club members to celebrate the season with Fellow Fly Fishers.

The liquid refreshments are your own responsibility, but the club will provide a few munchies to get things rolling. So bring those photos and spend a couple of hours swapping Christmas toasts and lies.

DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

No Meeting

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Merry Christmas!

And Happy New Year!

PHOTO CREDITS

I forgot to credit last month's photo of Michael Dell to Lance Taylor. Sorry Lance. Thanks for the photo.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

The Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fisher's membership year ends on December 31, so you will need to renew your memberships soon.

Unlike so many other things, the price has not gone up. For a mere \$20.00 you can enjoy all the benefits of membership such as friendly advice, weekly meetings, fellowship, special prices at Club events and discounts at many retailers.

What a bargain for a membership in the finest fly tying and fishing club in Northern Alberta, maybe even in the whole darn Province! Renew early!

GIFTS FOR THE FLY FISHER

At the risk of being thought repetitive, I'm including a list from last year of the kind of things a Fly Tyeer and Fisher would like to find in their stocking.

- Shortie Wading Vest (for those with chest waders)
Inflatable PFD (for those with a float tube)
Fishing Calendar with photos of famous trout streams.
Subscription to Fly Tyeer, or American Angler Magazines
Polarized Sunglasses with side shields
Fluorocarbon Tippet Material- 3x, 4x and 5x Spools
Rotary Fly Tying Vise (Why not upgrade?)
Ceramic or Ruby Tipped Bobbin
Thompson "Ice Tempered" Scissors
Clip on magnifiers for glasses
Whitting Farms No2 Grizzly Saddle Hackle
Rio or Scientific Anglers "Intermediate" Fly Line



SUMMER MEMORY



Fishing on the Kananaskis River in July