



Broken Threads

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FROM THE EDITOR

New Membership Year Underway!

At the January 22 meeting this year's executive was elected. Returning members are Dennis Southwick as President, Ron Hagen as Secretary, Dave Phelps as Treasurer and myself as Editor. New faces are Brian Bleakley as Vice President, Paul Fitt for Program and Scott Campbell for Membership. Thanks to those returning and a warm welcome to the new volunteers. The ongoing task of helping keep the club going means there's work ahead, but if our club members live up to past performance, there will be lots of help. Speaking of which, we try to have a backup for each of the positions (except President where VP is his backup). So if you want to help, speak to any executive member and we'll find a way for you to contribute.

The February program is a good mix once again. We have two speakers and two pattern demonstrators. Paul Fitt will give a basic fisherman's first aid talk and Gord Boutette will talk about his passion for steelhead fishing. Bill Lee will give instructions for his favorite fall Stillwater pattern and Doug Cockwill will show us two patterns using craft foam. Of course there will be the usual crew of reprobates sitting in the corner tying flies to fill their depleted boxes. If you have any questions on specific techniques or patterns don't hesitate to collar one of them.

February is crunch time for organizing our spring activities. Events on the agenda are:

Sportsman's Show	March 13 to 16	See Gord Boutette
Outdoor Show	March 20 to 23	See Gord Boutette
Beginner's Tying Seminars	April 12	for the public
Beginner's Tying Seminar	Date to come	members only
General Tying Seminar	Date to come	topic and format to be determined
Casting Clinics	May	venue and instructors to be determined
Jack Dennis Seminar	November 22 to 23	details to come later in the year

We need volunteers for these events, so if you think you can help out, please let us know.

You may also want to help out at TU's annual dinner. They usually need volunteers to help with the auction etc. If you want to assist, contact Michael Dell. The dinner is April 24 at the Westin. Check TU's web page (<http://www.freenet.edmonton.ab.ca/trout/dinner.html>) for further information.

And one last reminder, club memberships dues are now due. Renew now or miss out on all the fun for the new year.

Tight lines

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 Monday, February 24, 2003: Lions Senior Citizen's Center, 11113 113 Street, Speaker : *Keith Rae of Get Hooked Fishing Tours*, Topic: *Fishing the North Saskatchewan*

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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 5

GUEST SPEAKER

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

Comments: *Paul will talk about basic first aid such as fish hook injuries, hypothermia, ankle sprains and insect bite. He'll also show you what kind of a first aid kit you should carry in your vest..*

FEBRUARY 12

GUEST SPEAKER

Topic: *Steelhead Fishing*
Presenter: *Gord Boutette*

Comments: *Gord spends a fair amount of time fishing and guiding in the Kitimat area. Come and listen to him talk about a topic close to his heart. Gord will also show some of his favorite flies for going after those runaway locomotives disguised as fish.*

FEBRUARY 19

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tyer: *Bill Lee*
Pattern: *The Beetle*

Hook: Standard wet #6 and #8
Thread: # 3/0 black or brown
Underbody: Long hen hackles
Body: Black electrical tape
Legs: Heavy waxed shoe maker's thread
(black or brown)
Eyes: Black plastic beads

Comments: *Bill says that this still water pattern works great in the fall when the natural is about. He claims it is strictly a Big Fish fly.*

FEBRUARY 26

PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tyer: *Doug Cockwill*
Pattern #1: *Edward's Little Ant*

Hook: Tiemco 100 - # 10 - 20
Thread: # 8/0 black
Body: Black craft foam
Legs: Paintbrush bristles
Antennae: Paintbrush bristles

Pattern #1: *Club Sandwich*
Hook: Tiemco 2312 - # 8 - 14
Thread: # 8/0 brown
Body: Three layers of craft foam, 2 tan , 1 brown

Comments: *Doug says these flies are good on all kinds of trout. The Ant is good year round and the other is a grasshopper imitation useful from June to August.*

DISCOUNT NOTE

Dr. Larry Gies of Optometrist's Clinic Inc. has kindly offered club members a discount on "Fit Overs" (sunglasses for those who wear glasses) at any one of their locations (Leduc, Capilano, Mayfield and Jasper Ave). Please show your membership card at time of purchase and offer our thanks for the discount.

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Club Dues for 2003 are Due!

Just think, for a mere \$20.00, you get a year's worth of friendly fishing and tying advice and the companionship of like-minded fishers. You may even find out where and how to catch that big one. Or at least be able to tell about the one that got away without being greeted by gales of laughter (maybe).

You can pay Bob Guidos at any meeting or give him a call at the number listed on the front page. While you're at it, make sure your personal information is up to date. For those with e-mail it's particularly important to check that your e-mail address is correct and current.

For those of you who procrastinate too much, you may suddenly find yourselves missing from the mailing list and paying extra for club-sponsored events.

PHOTO GALLERY

Here's a photo of a fellow fisher who is probably more effective than most of us. It's one of those memories from summertime at White Swan Lake.



I wonder what pattern he's using?

