



# Broken Threads

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### **Spring Has Sprung the Grass is Riz Lets go where the Fishes Iz!**

A few folk have been out prospecting the upper Bow for Rockies and one Club member I know is headed to the Crow soon. I'm going to try out the open water at Beaumont this weekend and I expect that the lakes will open up and turn over within about three weeks, so the 2003 fishing season is about to get under way. Make sure you've picked up your new license!

The April 12<sup>th</sup> Beginner's Fly Tying Seminar went quite well with more than a dozen new tyers getting one-on-one instruction in the Angler's Art. That sure is the best way to get a good start. Although I wasn't able to attend personally, I understand the April 26<sup>th</sup> General Tying Seminar also went well, with Michel Dell, Dennis Southwick, Mike Heemskirk and Robert Clarke demonstrating some interesting patterns.

The two Casting Clinic dates are now finalized. They are all-day events to be held in June with the Beginner Clinic on June 1<sup>st</sup> and the Intermediate Clinic on June 14<sup>th</sup>. See the box on page two or the flyers on the web page for more details. These clinics will need help with instruction and demonstration. Contact Brian Hepperle or Gord Boutette if you can assist.

The Silent Auction for Muir Lake takes place on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> at Schank's Athletic Club (9927 178 Street) starting at 6 pm. Admission includes a drink and snacks at 8pm. Tickets are \$10.00 and \$5 of that goes to Muir Lake. Get yours from Brian Bleakley soon.

Organizing for the Thunder Lake Trip for June 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> is well underway, with all the cabins now booked. There's still room in the campground, so if you want to join the crew for a fine weekend of fishing and fellowship, get in touch with Brian Bleakley. There will be a repeat in August on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, so if you miss the first one, make sure to call Brian and arrange a space for the second.

Your Club doesn't quit just because it's fishing season. We're finalizing our summer program now, so stay tuned for goings-on during July and August. We'll probably intersperse Wednesday fishing outings with tying at the Water's Edge. Keep an eye on the bulletin board on the Club Web Page. That's also where club members organize impromptu outings. If one looks attractive to you, don't be shy, join right in. Better yet, organize one of your own. I'm sure you'll find a few willing fishers to share the outing and help keep travel expenses down.

Our big seminar with Jack Dennis and Roman Scharabun continues to get organized for November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. It's not too early to buy a ticket or volunteer to help.

It's time to finish sorting fly boxes, patch waders, limber up the casting arm and  
GO FISHING!

*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:** 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"

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## MEETINGS

THIS MONTH IS BEGINNER PATTERN MONTH

### MAY 7

#### PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

**Tyer:** *Rick Crozier*  
**Pattern:** *Spring Fever Fly*  
**Hook:** Mustad 3799 Sizes #2 to #6  
**Thread:** Black 6/0  
**Body :** Polypropylene Yarn (yellow, olive or brown)  
**Legs:** Hen hackle fibres  
**Eyes:** Twisted polypropylene yarn

*Comments: Rick will tie both the darter and crawler versions of this pattern. They are supposed to be very simple and quick to tie.*

### MAY 14

#### PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

**Tyer:** *Dan Tulik*  
**Pattern:** *Euro Bead Head Caddis*  
**Hook:** Sizes #12 to #16  
**Thread:** Black 6/0  
**Body:** Black and olive synthetic dubbing (Hare's Ear Plus)  
**Head:** Gold Bead

**Pattern:** *Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear*  
**Hook:** Sizes #12 to #16  
**Thread:** Black 6/0  
**Ribbing:** Gold Tinsel  
**Body:** Light hare's ear dubbing  
**Wing Case:** Mottled turkey feather  
**Thorax:** Dark hare's ear dubbing

*Comments: Dan will demonstrate a couple of simple beginner patterns that work well.*

### MAY 21

#### PATTERN DEMONSTRATIONS

**Tyer:** *Dave Robinson*  
**Pattern:** *Blue Winged Olive*  
**Hook:** Tiemco 100 size #12 to #16  
**Thread:** 6/0 to match body  
**Tail:** Moose Mane fibres  
**Body:** Olive Goose Quill fibres  
**Wing:** Duck quill segments tied dry style  
**Hackle:** Grizzly dry  
**Pattern:** *Coachman*  
**Hook:** Mustad 9671 (2XL)) size #12 to 16  
**Thread:** 6/0 olive  
**Tail:** Brown hackle fibres  
**Body:** Peacock herl  
**Wing:** Duck quill segments tied wet style  
**Hackle:** Brown saddle

*Comments: Dave will demonstrate two methods of tying quill wings for these two traditional patterns for those adventurous enough to try them out.*

### MAY 28

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION

**Speaker:** *Ron Hagen*  
**Topic:** *Fly Tying Tools*  
**Comments:** *Ron will discuss the selection and use of basic fly tying tools.*

#### PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

**Tyer:** *Ron Hagen*  
**Pattern:** *R. S. Quad*  
**Hook:** Mustad 800000 BR, to suit  
**Thread:** Olive 8/0  
**Shuck:** White Antron  
**Body:** White Turkey Biot  
**Wing Post:** White Turkey Biot  
**Wing:** Grizzly hackle, dry  
**Thorax:** Antron Dubbing

*Comments: Ron will demonstrate how to use biots for this pattern.*

## MUIR LAKE SILENT AUCTION

### Silent Auction

Saturday May 10th @ 6 pm

to raise funds for:

*The Muir Lake Project*

**Shank's Athletic Club**

9927 - 178th Street Edmonton

Cost: \$10.00.

## BEGINNERS CASTING CLINIC

### A one day Beginners Fly Casting Clinic

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 2003

Featuring instruction by members of

*The Northern Lights Fly Tyers & Fishers*

**Robert Rundle School**

50 A Grosvenor Boulevard St. Albert

From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Cost: \$5.00

## INTERMEDIATE CASTING CLINIC

### A one day Intermediate Fly Casting Clinic

Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2003

Featuring instruction by members of

*The Northern Lights Fly Tyers & Fishers*

**Rundle Park Pond**

2913 - 113 Avenue Edmonton

From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Cost: \$5.00

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