



# Broken Threads

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TO LEARN AND SHARE THE FLY TYING AND FISHING EXPERIENCE

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### **Summer Is On Its Way! Regular Tying Season Coming To A Close!**

That's right, with the end of the school year approaching and summer vacations starting soon, regular weekly meetings of the Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers are about to end. That doesn't mean that Club activities come to a halt. Far from it, we just change focus from indoor to outdoor activity!

The two Casting Clinic dates are fast approaching. These are all-day outdoor events, so be prepared for variable weather. The Beginner Clinic is on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at Robert Rundle School and the Intermediate Clinic is on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at Rundle Park. See the boxes on page two or the flyers on the Club's web page for more details. We will need volunteers to assist. The idea is to have one experienced member for each student. Contact Brian Hepperle or Gord Boutette if you can help.

The Thunder Lake Trip for June 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> looks to be a well-attended event. While all the cabins are booked, there's still space in the campground. If you want 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>. If history is any guide, you may want to book that one early to save a space.

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.

As for the rest of the summer program, we will have informal Wednesday evening activities. It looks like every other week will be open tying sessions at the Water's Edge. On alternate weeks, we'll try to go fishing for an evening at a local venue. Keep an eye on the Bulletin Board on the Club Web Page for details (<http://www.flytyers.org>).

On that note, this is the last newsletter until the fall. During summer, the Club Web Page is our main contact point. Be sure to check the home page and Bulletin Board regularly. That's one place where club members organize fishing outings. Don't be afraid to join in on an outing posted or to organize one of your own. The club is full of friendly fishers who are looking for any excuse to wet a line, including yours truly.

I had a good start to the season last month at one of the local ponds. My new fly rod even caught a nice fish on its first cast. Last Sunday, I even out-competed some cormorants for a six-pack of rainbows. Let's hope that's a good omen for the upcoming season.

To H E double hockey sticks with the Stanley Cup, there's no Canadian team to cheer for, so:

**Lets go fishing instead!**

*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

**Last Regular Meeting for Summer is June 18<sup>th</sup> – Watch the Web Page for Alternatives**

## TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

**Trout Unlimited Events:** Stay tuned for the fall.

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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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## MEETINGS

**JUNE 4**

### PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

**Tyer:** *Michael Dell*  
**Pattern:** *Parachute Green Drake*  
**Hook:** Dryfly size #8 to #12  
**Thread:** Olive 8/0  
**Wing:** Calf tail  
**Tail:** Moose Mane  
**Body:** Peacock Herl  
**Hackle:** Grizzly or Olive dyed grizzly

*Comments: Michael will demonstrate this ultra-large mayfly that frequents Alberta streams.*

**JUNE 11**

### PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

**Tyer:** *Paul Fitt*  
**Pattern:** *Alexander Special*  
**Hook:** 2XL Streamer #6 to #10  
**Thread:** Black 6/0  
**Tail:** Pheasant Tail  
**Ribbing:** Silver oval tinsel (optional)  
**Abdomen:** Light green dubbing  
**Hackle:** Grizzly hackle  
**Wing:** Pheasant tail  
**Thorax:** 4-5 Strands of peacock herl wrapped individually

*Comments: Paul will be our final demonstrator of the spring season with a fly invented by Edmontonian Bruce Alexander in the 70s*

**JUNE 18**

### SPRING WIND UP

*Comments: Join the crew for some libations at the Ritchie Mill to celebrate the start of real fishing season.*

## MUIR LAKE SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction for Muir Lake held on Saturday May 10th at Schank's Athletic Club was a resounding success.

Through the efforts of Northern Lights, Edmonton Trout Club and Old Timers Club, about \$11,000.00 were raised for the Muir Lake Project. This goes a long way to funding the necessary aerator.

Thanks go out to all the attendees who parted with their hard earned cash for some of the bargains in the auction and to members of all three clubs who helped organize and run the event.

Special thanks go out to Brian Bleakley and Tim Doskoch, whose tireless work on behalf of the project greatly contributed to the event's success.

Way to go all of you!

All future trophy anglers thank you!

## SUMMER PROGRAM

**JUNE 25**

*Beaumont Pond*

**JULY 2**

*Free Tie @ Water's Edge*

**JULY 9**

*Cardiff Pond*

**JULY 16**

*Free Tie @ Water's Edge*

**JULY 23**

*Morinville Pond*

**JULY 30**

*Free Tie @ Water's Edge*

**AUGUST 6**

*North Saskatchewan River*

**AUGUST 13**

*Free Tie @ Water's Edge*

**AUGUST 20**

*North Saskatchewan River*

**AUGUST 27**

*Free Tie @ Water's Edge*

**SEPTEMBER 3**

*Beaumont Pond*

**SEPTEMBER 10**

*Regular Meetings Resume*

## BEGINNERS CASTING CLINIC

**A one-day Beginners Fly Casting Clinic**  
**Sunday, 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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