



# Broken Threads

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### **Summer Is Nearly Over! Regular Meeting and Tying Season Starts Soon!**

That's right, with the start of the school year approaching and summer vacations ending, regular weekly meetings of the Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers are about to begin again. That doesn't mean that fishing is over. Far from it, there are lots of trips and outings left before the ice comes. Keep an eye on the Bulletin Board at the Club Web Page for impromptu outings and fishing information (<http://www.flytyers.org>).

I know many Club summer events went well. We had good attendance at the Wednesday fishing outings to Beaumont, Cardiff, Morinville and the North Saskatchewan River. Catch rates varied, but it seems some fish were caught at each, except perhaps Morinville, where the heat sent them all deep. A few members caught their first fish and first Goldeye on the North Saskatchewan River. When the water's right, it's nice to have an overlooked resource right in our own back yard. I'm going to try to give it more of a working over in future.

The June trip to Thunder lake had weather problems, but the August one was a hit! Aside from one windy day, the weather held this time. Many fish were caught and it sounds like everyone had a good time. Come out on September 10<sup>th</sup> to hear the stories.

A few members took a helicopter trip to fish for golden trout on Michele Lake. Brain Bleakley says it was a good time, particularly the ride in and out. See him for stories and photos.

Several trips to the Red Deer River have been made with more to come. This is becoming one of my favorite fisheries with big, fat, stubborn Rockies to be had with a little effort. Fall fishing there is great.

The annual Little Smoky trip for Arctic Grayling is the weekend of September 20th. This is one of the Club's highlight trips. Not much more needs to be said. Contact Brain Bleakley for detailed information on when and where. Remember the river is catch and release only!

We start up our Club's indoor activity on September 10th! I'm looking forward to hearing the tall tales of summer and seeing the photographic proof.

Our big seminar featuring Jack Dennis and Roman Scharabun continues to get organized for November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. See the box on page 2 for further information. It's time to volunteer to help or buy a ticket to attend. Two-day tickets are available at the meetings of the Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers, TU and Edmonton Trout Club as well as at the Fishin' Hole, and the Fishing Center. One-day tickets will be sold at the door.

Before that happens though, there is still a lot of fishing to be done. I'm thinking a Dolberg Lake trip should be organized soon, and maybe a couple of outings to Hasse and Star Lakes for Backswimmer season. Any takers?

**Let's keep fishing until Jack Frost takes over!**

*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:** First Fall Meeting October 20<sup>th</sup> Stay tuned for further information.

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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

**SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

### INFORMAL FISHING OUTING

**Location:** North Saskatchewan River

**Time:** 7pm till dark

*Comments: Due to the success of the last session on the river, we've altered the venue for the last informal event from Beaumont to the river! We're meeting at the north parking lot in the Strathcona Science Park, just off 17<sup>th</sup> street. Bring hopper and caddis patterns.*

**SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

### FIRST FALL MEETING GENERAL BRAG SESSION

*Comments: Our first fall meeting at the Water's Edge will be an open format get-together. Dennis will give a rundown of the upcoming season and everyone will have an opportunity to share stories and photos from the summer fishing season.*

**SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

### PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

**Tyer:** Bill Lee

**Pattern:** Backswimmers

Hook: #10 to #16 Nymph  
Thread: Black 6/0  
Shell Back: Pheasant tail fibres  
Ribbing: Silver Tinsel  
Body: Green wool  
Thorax: Peacock herl  
Legs: Rubber Legs

*Comments: One of many such patterns that are essential on the potholes for the fall season. Bill will also give some tips on presentation techniques.*

**SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

### PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

**Tyer:** Dennis Southwick or Paul Fitt

**Pattern:** Evil Weevil or Orange Butt Pheasant Tail

Hook:	#12 to #16 Nymph	- Same
Bead:	Brass or tungsten bead	- Same
Thread:	Black 6/0	- Same
Butt:	Optional	- Orange dubbing
Tail:	Pheasant tail fibres	- Pheasant Tail
Back:	Mylar strip	- None
Ribbing:	Fine copper wire	- Copper Wire
Abdomen:	Peacock "Diamond Dub"	- Pheasant Tail
Legs:	Brown goose biots	- Pheasant Tail
Thorax:	Peacock "Diamond Dub"	- Peacock herl
Wing Case:	Mylar strip	- Pheasant Tail

*Comments: These are the patterns that seemed to be working best on the Red Deer River lately. The pattern tied will depend on who is available on the given day. If we're lucky, we'll get to see both.*

## FALL SEMINAR

### Two Gentlemen Fly Fishers

November 15<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 2003  
Grant McEwan Community Colledge  
8:30 am to 3:30 pm

**Featuring**

Jack Dennis  
and

Roman Scharabun

**Cost**

Both days \$50.00  
Single Day \$35.00

**Program**

Fly Fishing Slide Shows  
Fly Casting Demonstrations  
Innovative Underwater Videos  
Fly Tying Demonstrations  
Discussions on Trout Behavior  
Reading Trout Streams  
Fly Fishing Equipment Discussions

Two-Day Tickets available from the Sponsoring Clubs,  
At the Fishing Center and  
At all locations of the Fishin' Hole  
Single-Day tickets available at the door

## SUMMER MEMORY



Photo by Dave Robinson @ Bay Bulls Newfoundland 7/2003

*And you say it rose to a #22 chironomid?*