



# Broken Threads

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### Spring Still A Ways Off, But A Busy Month Ahead!

The recent warm weather has stirred up cabin fever and dreams of spring, so attendance at meetings has grown. The weather may not be conducive to outdoor fishing, but the indoor stuff is rolling right along. Many Club members attended the fly-fishing show in Calgary last month and came away with a wealth of stories and advice, plus a few new gadgets and materials. If you haven't attended yet, be sure to catch the show next year.

The TU dinner is on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Westin. So here's another reminder to start contributing to our annual donation of flies. Also, Michael Dell is looking for volunteers to assist with various activities at the dinner. If you want to help trout conservation, give Michael a call.

We're taking names for volunteers for the booths at the Sportsman's Show (March 11 to 14) and Outdoor Show (April 1 to 4). The benefits of working our booth is that you get free admission to the shows and get to meet and chat with lots of fishing minded people. We'll need lots of folks to fill up the numerous time slots, so if you want to spend a few hours promoting fly tying and fishing, leave your name and time available with Scot Campbell or any one on the executive.

April 17<sup>th</sup> will be our beginner's Fly Tying Session. This is a hands-on day of introduction to the basics. The venue has been moved from Jasper Place High (undergoing renovations) to NAIT (Thanks to Dave Murray). We try to make the teaching one-on-one using club volunteers. If you want to help with that, or just attend and learn a thing or three, leave your name with Scott Campbell or Ron Hagen. Ron will be looking for volunteers at the next few meetings to bag materials for the various patterns.

The advanced fly tying session will be May 1<sup>st</sup>, so we still have a bit of time to organize, but if you are interested in that one please let Scott or Ron know. Organizing for our Casting Seminars is also in the very early stages. We'll keep you informed as things get set up.

We have a new event outside of our normal meetings and the shows for March. On March 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be participating in a "Flies and Beer" night at Santannas (17930 - Stony Plain Rd). Bring your own light, power bar and extension cord. Base style vise preferred but we will have table for C Clamp vises. Time is 7pm until done or closing which ever comes first. As this is a licensed establishment, unfortunately we can't have minors attend.

"The Iron Fly Tyer" is going next month. This should be a hoot. I'll be the EM CEE for the contest and will be looking for volunteers to "compete" for the coveted title of "Iron Fly Tyer" and judges for the event. I expect all contestants, judges and spectators to come equipped to get into the spirit. You know, maybe with a headband, kimono, sushi knives....

*Hoping to see you at a meeting soon*

*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 March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 7:30 PM at Lion's Seniors Centre (11113 113 Street) Arts & Crafts Room. Speaker: Vic Bergman of the Crowsnest Angler.

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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

### MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> PROGRAM CORNER FREE TIE

*Comments: Bring your own equipment and tie up a bunch of patterns that were lost or worn out from last year's fishing. You could also tie up a few for the TU donation*

### MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

**Tyer:** Les Campbell  
**Pattern:** Epoxy Streamers  
**Hook:** Streamer #2/0 to #6  
**Thread:** Black 6/0  
**Material:** Saltwater hair, bucktail, saddle hackles, peacock herl and crystal flash

*Comments: Les will demonstrate how to tie up those salmon and pike patterns that have epoxy bodies and heads. Material list is generic, as long as it's colorful.*

### MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> GUEST SPEAKER

**Speaker:** The Reel Doctor  
**Topic:** Fly Reel Maintenance

*Comments: Come out and learn about the care and feeding of fly reels, including maintenance, cleaning and adjustments.*

### MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

**Tyer:** Dave Phelps  
**Pattern:** Evil Weevil  
**Thread:** UTC 140 Olive  
**Hook:** #10/#14 Tiemco 2457 caddis/shrimp  
**Bead:** Gold 1/8" Tungsten  
**Tail:** Rabbit guard hairs  
**Body:** Light green caddis dub  
**Thorax:** Dark green peacock dub  
**Overbody/wing case:** Salt water mylar

**Pattern:** Green Spratley  
**Thread:** 6/0 black or olive  
**Hook:** #10 - 4x ring eye nymph  
**Tail:** Dyed olive guinea hen  
**Rib:** Green holographic tinsel, medium  
**Body:** Wool (peacock herl color)  
**Throat:** Dyed olive guinea hen  
**Downwing:** Olive pheasant rump  
**Head:** Peacock herl

*Comments: Dave will demonstrate two of the most productive patterns for fishing local ponds and streams. The evil weevil is developing quite a reputation for Rockie attraction and the Spratley for fooling trout on Hasse Lake.*

## MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>

### GUEST SPEAKER

**Speaker:** Al Belhumeur  
**Topic:** Pontoon Boats

*Comments: Al will talk about the product he represents, which is Outcast pontoon boats. We may also have a speaker to talk about other brands depending on availability.*

## PHOTOS



A Michelle Lake Golden Trout

Photo: Brent Schroter

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8<sup>th</sup>  
Flies and Beer" - 7pm @ Santannas  
17930 Stony Plain Rd

March 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>  
Edmonton Sportsman Show  
Edmonton Northlands

April 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>  
Outdoor Show  
Mayfield Conference Centre

April 17<sup>th</sup>  
Beginner's Fly Tying Seminar  
NAIT

May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Advanced Fly Tying Seminar  
Venue to be Announced

May to June ?  
Beginner Fly Casting Seminar  
Intermediate Fly Casting Seminar