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Fly Tyers & Fishers*

# Broken Threads

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### Summer Winding Down! Fall Meetings Start!

Dang!! My birch tree is turning yellow, my daughter is back in school and I saw a flock of geese circling the other day. Those signs are not encouraging for those of us who think summer is too short as it is. Fall is fast approaching, and while it is the harbinger of "hard water" season, there is still plenty of time and fine weather to get in some fishing.

I think everyone had an interesting and productive summer fishing-wise. Some members went to Dolberg Lake in May and had a great time chasing Rainbows and enjoying some interesting fireside events. A bunch of members went to Brazeau Canyon Lodge in mid June. From all reports, the fishing in the lakes was good, but stream fishing suffered from the effects of the heavy rains. I attended the FFF@ 2 uh oh 5 Klave on the Embarrass River. It too suffered from wet weather and high water, but we made up for it by partying hearty and being fed sumptuously by Brian B and Joy, Wally's better half.

I know there were many impromptu trips arranged over the summer to a variety of locations. I went on a couple myself, enjoying the friendship and camaraderie of Barry White, John Bertrand, Dennis Southwick, Vince Schembri and Rick Lang. I don't think we got skunked on any of our trips and a couple produced a reasonable number of fish. Other members managed to get to high mountain lakes, southern streams, including the Bow, and "secret" locations. I'm sure there will be lots of photos and embarrassing "bobber-like" stories to share.

Our summer program was reasonably well attended. We had a few fine discussions on the free tie nights. We also enjoyed outings catching goldeye and mooneye on the North Saskatchewan River, discovering an almost new river due to the stream bed being altered by the high water flows. Members also frequented Beaumont, Cardiff and Morinville ponds as well as Star and Hasse lakes with varying degree of success. Outings to Muir Lake proved popular and many decent sized and feisty rainbows were caught. I don't think anyone has caught a "keeper" yet, but that day isn't too far off. On that topic, I suspect there will be lots of discussion this fall on the future plans regarding Muir and another possible lake by the Fisheries Enhancement Society of Alberta (FESA), of which NLFT&F is a member.

We plan on running an intermediate tying course this fall. We haven't determined a program or date yet, so please let us know what you want to see, and when would be a good time. We'll probably need volunteers to tie and run it, so keep your calendar open for that too.

Our September Program starts at 7pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> in the usual location at the Lions Center on 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 113<sup>th</sup> Street. We will be trying to accommodate members' requests in programming this fall by having more tie-along sessions and ensuring each month features beginner and intermediate patterns. Our first meeting though, will be a get reacquainted and BS session. So bring those photos and tall tales from your summer adventures.

*Lets get the last of summer fishing in!*

*Dave Robinson*

## CLUB MEETINGS

**Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions:**

*Lions Senior Citizens Center*

Equipment and Materials:

The format is Informal Drop In

*Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.*

*11113 - 113 Street*

Bring your own or use the Club loaners

Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

## TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: Lions Senior Citizens Center - 11113 - 113 Street – Arts and Craft Room 1 - First fall meeting will be October 17<sup>th</sup> program 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

SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

## FIRST FALL MEETING &amp; BRAG SESSION

*Comments: Bring your photos and stories and regale your buddies with your summer fishing. We'll also be talking about the upcoming fall program, so bring ideas as well*

SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

## PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

**Tier:** Dave Murray

**Pattern:** Peacock Nymph

**Hook:** Mustad 9671 or 9672 - #8 to #12

**Thread:** Black 6/0 (140 denier) or 8/0 (70 denier)

**Tail shuck:** Red Wool

**Under Body:** Black sewing thread (longest you can find)

**Body & Thorax:** Peacock herl

**Wing Case:** Black Sewing interface or mottled turkey quill

**Head:** Tying thread

**Pattern:** Griffiths Gnat

**Hook:** Mustad C72 Dry Fly - #12 to #18

**Thread:** Black 8/0

**Body:** Peacock herl

**Hackle:** Grizzly Saddle

**Optional Wing:** Fluorescent Orange poly

**Head:** Tying thread

*Comments: These are the first of our "Beginner Flies" for the fall. They are simple patterns but have proven effective on many waters, not the least of which is the Little Smoky.*

SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

## PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

**Tier:** Tom Gaunt

**Pattern:** SLF Caddis

**Hook:** #10 to ? Scud Hook

**Thread:** White or Cream & Brown or Black 8/0

**Abdomen:** Fiery Orange SLF Dubbing

**Sheath:** Clear Swiss Straw

**Legs:** Partridge or Brown Hen

**Thorax:** Dark brown SLF Dubbing

**Antennae:** Bronze Mallard wing quill fibres

*Comments: Tom is the owner of Rocky Mountain Flies, which carries a line of unusual bird feathers and materials. He will demonstrate a pattern that uses some of those materials.*

SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

## PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

**Tier:** Dennis Southwick

**Pattern:** Holographic Backswimmer

**Hook:** Mustad 9671, #10 to #16

**Thread:** Black 6/0 or 8/0

**Back:** Black Foam

**Body:** Holographic yarn

**Legs:** Rubber Hackle

*Comments: Dennis invented this pattern last year specifically for Muir Lake and it proved to be a killer. I tested it out again recently and it still works.*

## FALL TRIPS

Little Smoky River - September 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>



Contact Brian Bleackley or come out to an early September meeting to get directions.



Camping is primitive, so you will need to bring everything you need, including firewood, water and sanitary facilities.

## RECENT PHOTO



Rick Lang with a Muir Lake Rainbow