

# Broken Threads

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### FROM THE EDITOR

# Winter/ Spring Season Coming to a Close! Let's Go Fishing!

Yes, we'll wind up our fall, winter and spring program this month. Summer Wednesdays will find us alternating between going fishing and open tying sessions. More on that later.

A successful May program has come and gone. Dennis Southwick demonstrated his Llama Leech and Muir Lake Backswimmer, Phil Rowley told us all about fly fishing for Walleye and tied a few patterns. We held an interesting discussion session on Boat Safety and Fishing Etiquette and Michael Dell regaled us with is 21 things to know about Peacock Herl. Our last meeting for May will be a session on Chironomids for Ponds. The beginners group continued to try more challenging flies with sessions on the Prince Nymph and the Rabbit Leech.

Thanks for the efforts of all volunteer "helpers" for the Beginner Casting Seminar. We had about 15 students on a rather blustery day. Nonetheless everyone learned something, not the least of which was a bit on how to handle wind. The Intermediate Casting Clinic goes on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, again at Rundle Park, start time 10 am. Bring your fly rods, eye protection, sunscreen and, just in case we get the chance to try the river, your fishing license.

At our first weekly meeting this month is on June 6<sup>th</sup>, we have Dave Murray demonstrating a Red Squirrel Pattern. Beginners will be tying a Foam Backswimmer. The second week, June 13th, we hold our Member's Only Spring Wind Up featuring Pizza and Pop (be sure to bring your membership card). We suggest you bring your equipment and do some tying while the eating and drinking goes on. Week 3 on June 20<sup>th</sup> has two options. Those who want a Local Fishing Outing will repair to Beaumont Pond to have a go before summer heat drives the fish deep. Those not fishing can meet at Queen Mary Park for a Free Tye. The fourth week, June 27<sup>th</sup> we'll reconvene at Queen Mary Park where Peter Morrison will be talking about Fly Rods. That rounds out the regular program until fall.

For the months of July and August, we'll alternate between going fishing at a local venue and open tying and BS sessions at Queen Mary Park. The second Local Fishing Outing will be at Muir Lake on the U-Alls holiday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. See the next page for the summer schedule.

There are a few outings already planned for summer, including the FFF @ Klave. Keep your eye on the Club web page. If attending any of these outings, make sure to advise the organizer in advance so that head counts, trip expectations and etiquette are clear. Let's make sure all club outings are friendly and fun for all.

Brian Bleackley is still looking for volunteers for June 6<sup>th</sup> to do kids tying at Good Sheppard Elementary School and June 9<sup>th</sup> at River Days. If you can help out give Brian a call.

Brian is also organizing the trip to Brazeau Canyon Lodge which occurs from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 24<sup>th</sup> (the weekend after Father's Day). Contact Brian for further information and booking. Consider joining the group at this or any other outing this summer.

Zoie the Zodiac got baptized last weekend! I even caught fish!

Dave Robinson

#### **CLUB MEETINGS**

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: *Queen Mary Park Community League* Equipment and Materials: The format is Informal Drop In

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. 10844 – 117<sup>th</sup> Street

Bring your own or use the Club loaners Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

# **TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES**

Trout Unlimited Events: Regular program is complete for this part of the year. Programs will resume in the fall.

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#### MEMBERSHIP

Only \$20.00 January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>

#### Benefits Include:

- Fishing Presentations & Fly Tying Sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- Club event discounts
- Selected retailer discounts (with card)
- Access to large club library
- Fellowship of fellow fishers
- Tying and fishing "secrets"

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#### **MEETINGS**

# JUNE 6TH

Tyer: Dave Muray
Pattern: Red Squirrel

Hook: Size 8 - 3xl - Mustad 9672

Thread: 3/0 black

Lead: 15 wraps of lead wire or lead substitute

Tail: Red Squirrel Rib: Gold Oval Tinsel

Body: Light colored Red Squirrel Thorax: Dark colored Red Squirrel

**Comment:** I once saw a guy use this pattern to catch a about a 3 pound rainbow each time he rowed past the dock at White Swan Lake in his little Sportspal canoe.

#### **BEGINNERS FLY TYING**

Pattern: Foam Backswimmer

Hook Dry fly - # 10 to # 16

Thread 6/0 black

Body: Saltwater Mylar or Silver Tinsel

Back: Black Craft Foam Legs: Black rubber hackle

**Comment:** The final session of beginners tying features a basic pattern. Use smaller ones in the spring and larger ones in the fall. We'll discuss presentation.

#### JUNE 13TH

Spring Wind Up
Pizza, Pop, Stories and Summer Plans

**Comment:** Bring your fly tying kit and joins us in a little free tie. Fill your boxes with that special pattern you just know you'll need .for your favorite water.

#### JUNE 20TH

Topic: Local Fishing Outing or Free Tye

Location: Beaumont Pond and Queen Mary Park

Comment: This week you have a choice. Join us on the water at Beaumont Pond for a bit of fishing or at the usual haunt for a free tye. The pond is in the south west end of Beaumont near the water park. It is most easily accessed via the road to Nisku, then north through the subdivision. Spring is the best time to fish this water, but don't expect any biggies. The meeting hall will be open or those who want to Tie and Lie instead of chasing small fish.

# JUNE 27TH

Speaker: Peter Morrison

**Topic:** Fly Rods

**Comment:** Pete Morrison, the Sage representative for BC, will give us a talk on fly rod design, action and manufacturing.

#### **JULY 4TH**

Summer Fun Begins

**Topic:** Local Fishing Outing

**Location:** Muir Lake

# Intermediate Casting Clinic

# A one day Casting Clinic

Presented by the

Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers

JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2007

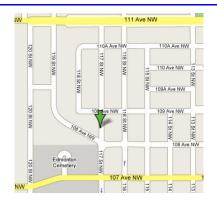
Featuring one-on-one instruction by Club members

# Rundle Park

Westernmost parking lot 2903 - 113 Avenue, Edmonton From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

> Cost Members: \$5.00 Non Members: \$25.00

#### MAP TO NLFT&F HOME



NLFT&F Meeting Location

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Intermediate Casting Clin	ic Rundle Park
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Demonstration	Good Sheppard Elementary
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	River Days	Rundle Park
June 20th	Local Fishing Outing	Beaumont Pond
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 2	4 <sup>th</sup> Brazeau Trip	Brazeau Canyon Lodge
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Local Fishing Outing	Muir Lake
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Free Tye	Queen Mary Park
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Local Fishing Outing	N Saskatchewan River
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Free Tye	Queen Mary Park
August 1st	Local Fishing Outing	Muir Lake
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Free Tye	Queen Mary Park
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Local Fishing Outing	N Saskatchewan River
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Free Tye	Queen Mary Park
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Local Fishing Outing	Star Lake
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Meetings Resume	Queen Mary Park