

# Broken Threads

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## FROM THE EDITOR

## **Summer Season Coming to a Close! Fall Meetings To Start!**

Yes, our fall season if fast is approaching. We'll start regular meetings at Queen Mary Park Community League on September 5<sup>th</sup>. More on that later.

For many, a successful summer fishing season has come and gone. The Club's annual trip to Brazeau Canyon Lodge on the weekend after Father's Day was a success. I hear much single malt was downed and a few fish caught. It also sounds as if the FFF @ Klave in southern Alberta was a real hit. Dennis has some stories to tell about large Bulls and Cuts and Vince has fallen in love with the area. A few members spent some time up at Sulphur and Swan. I'm looking forward to seeing their photos.

For the months of July and August, the Club alternated between going fishing at a local venue and open tying and BS sessions at Queen Mary Park. There were a few guys out at each event, although turnout was better last summer. Everyone must have been off fishing.

I didn't fish as much myself as I'd hoped due to yard work and a tip out to the coast. But I did spend a day or two at Muir, two on the Bow and one with Vince and Rick near Edson. Zoie the Zodiac got launching wheels this summer. Now I just have to attach them. I'm off to Haa Nee Naa lodge along with Bill Gouge the last week of August to fly fish for Coho, so that should make up for a quiet summer otherwise. I hope fall is better fish-wise.

September marks the start of the Club's fall and winter season. Our first weekly meeting this month is on September 5<sup>th</sup>. This is our usual Photos Don't Lie session, so bring along your fish porn and we'll see who wins bragging rights. The second week, September 12<sup>th</sup> we have Michael Dell tying up Little Smoky Flies in preparation for the Club's annual Grayling trip. On the third week, September 19<sup>th</sup>, in anticipation of the fall "fall" we have Dennis Southwick demonstrating some Backswimmer Patterns. The fourth week, September 27<sup>th</sup> we'll have a guest speaker. Kari O'Shaughnessy will talk about Cows and Fish. (Right up my alley eh Vince?) That rounds out the September set of weekly programs.

The annual Club outing to the Little Smoky River will be the September 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> weekend. Camping is primitive and the road in a real white-knuckler at times. If you've not been before, talk to a few members to get the details.

We're starting the planning for our major seminar to be held January 19th and 20th featuring Rick Hafele and Skip Morris. Keep your ears open for more information and volunteer opportunities.

Jerry tells me that the library needs you to return any overdue books. See page 2.

We're still working on deciding how to handle beginner and intermediate tying sessions this fall. The plan is to do something every other week. Let us know what you'd like to see.

Coho here I come! 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

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

## TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: Seminar Room, Northgate Lions Seniors Centre (7524 139 Avenue) 7:30 pm October 15, 2007: Bruce Wilson from the River Valley Alliance on North Saskatchewan River access points between Devon and Fort Saskatchewan.

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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**

## SEPTEMBER 5TH

## **Photos Don't Lie**

# Fall Start-Up Meeting

**Comment:** Bring your summer brag photos and share them along with your stories. There will likely be only minor heckling. You can also start planning those fall trips we all look forward to. Or, you can tie some fall flies.

# SEPTEMBER 12TH

## **Little Smoky Flies**

Tyer: Michael Dell

**Pattern:** *Griffiths Gnat* (+ *variations*)

Hook: Dry fly size 12-20

Thread: 8/0 Body: Peacock

Hackle: Grizzly (or substitute) **Pattern:** Olive Soft Hackle
Hook: wet fly size 6-14

Thread: 8/0 olive

Body: olive dyed hare's mask fur Hackle: partridge or grouse

Pattern: Black Leech
Hook: wet fly size 6-14

Thread: 6/0 black Wings: black marabou

Pattern: Tom Bomb aka No Brainer

(Pattern by Wally Lutz)

Hook: long shank hook size 6-12

Thread: 6/0

Hackle: saddle hackle
Tail and body: deer or elk hair

**Comment:** Michael Dell will demonstrate 4 simple flies that are easy to tie, use 2 (or less) materials, and work for grayling.

#### SEPTEMBER 19TH

#### **Backswimmer Bonanza**

Tyer: Dennis Southwick

Pattern: Holographic Backswimmer

Hook Dry fly - # 10 to # 16

Thread 6/0 black

Body: Holographic Chenille Back: Black Craft Foam Legs: Black rubber hackle

Patterns Various Backswimmer Patterns

**Comment:** Dennis will demonstrate a few backswimmer patterns that are useful in local ponds in the fall.

# SEPTEMBER 26TH

# **Guest Speaker**

Speaker: Kari O'Shaughnessy
Topic: Cows and Fish or

"Can Cows and Fish Co-exist?"

**Comment:** Kari will repeat the presentation she made to Trout Unlimited last spring, which discusses the impact of livestock on fishing.

## **CLUB LOGO CLOTHING**

Our order of clothing that has the club logo embroidered on it has arrived. We have hats, t-shirts, quick-dry fishing shirts, cotton fishing shirts, fleece vests and fleece jackets in a variety of sizes. Prices are quite reasonable. Buy early at a club meeting to avoid disappointment.

## **BOOKS FOR SILENT AUCTION**

Here's the list of the books that will be auctioned off at the September meetings.

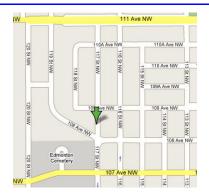
Sept. 5th<br/>Sept. 12thFly Fishing Handbook<br/>The Gilly, A Flyfisher's GuideL.L. Bean<br/>Alfred G. DavySept. 19th<br/>Sept. 26thLee Wulff on Flies<br/>The Fly Tier's CompanionLee Wulff<br/>Mike Dawes

#### LIBRARY NOTICE

At present there are over 50 items out on loan from the library, which is great. Unfortunately some of the items have been out for several months by the same person which then means others are unable to view the books, dvd. and vhs material.

In the past it was expected that material would be borrowed from the library on a 2 week time frame. In all fairness to all club members please adhere to this Guideline when borrowing items from the library. For those who have books, dvd or vhs material from the Library please return on Sept 5/07.

## MAP TO NLFT&F HOME



NLFT&F Meeting Location

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 5<sup>th</sup> Meetings Resume Queen Mary Park
September 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Club Outing Little Smoky River
January 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Hafele & Morris Seminar TBA
January 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Calgary Fly Fishing Expo Spruce Meadows