

# Broken Threads

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#### FROM THE EDITOR

## Doug Cressman, TU National CEO passes away.

It is with sadness that we heard of the passing of Doug Cressman on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The Northern Lights Fly Tyers - Trout Unlimited Edmonton, passes along our condolences to his family, friends and co-workers with TU National. Doug's memorial service will be held in Regina September 30th at Victoria Avenue Funeral Home. Doug was a great friend to trout and trout fishers. His efforts on behalf of our coldwater resources will be missed.

On happier note, our September program went with only one hitch. Due to Doug's illness, our TU execs from Calgary were unable to attend week three, so we bagged material for the Leroy Hyatt seminar instead. We had a small Bragging session to kick off the fall season on week one. Week two, Robert Clarke of Superfly demonstrated Water Boatman Patterns. Week four we had a Free Tye. I was unable to attend so the Beginner Instruction was postponed. I'll expand on that later. The fifth meeting will have Mervin Hassler demonstrating a couple of Salmon Fly Patterns.

The next couple of months features two special events coming up. The first is our annual Silent Auction Fundraiser at Bo Diddley's Roadhouse on Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> (See the box on the next page). Brian and our great volunteers have managed to solicit a wide range of auction items, many non-fishing. Bring your friends out for a fine evening. See Brian Bleackley for tickets (\$15.00each including steak dinner) and donation letters.

The second major event will be a real highlight for the year. LeRoy Hyatt of PBS's Fly Tying The Angler's Art is coming in to give us a One Day Intermediate Fly Tying Seminar on Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup>. Leroy has promised us more than a dozen patterns with the possibility of some individual help. Seating is limited, so get your \$25.00 tickets early. They will be available starting the last meeting in September.

We have an opportunity to provide some Fly tying and Fly Fishing education on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to the employees of Petrocanada and Suncor who will be spending part of the day stenciling yellow fish road symbols on area storm drains. See the second page for details and Barry Wright to volunteer.

You can also keep your ear to the ground for an opportunity to help with Raven River Redd Counts. Date has not been set but it will likely be late October or early November. If you can help out with this interesting endeavor, let Barry Wright know.

Our regular program continues each week this month. On October 7th we have Mike Monteith (Doc) giving us a session on three of his favorite flys for use on local lakes. Week two October 14<sup>th</sup> we have Michael Dell Beginner Fly Tying Sessions with a Soft Hackle. Week three on October 21<sup>st</sup> we feature George Sterling of SRD talking about Arctic Grayling. On October 28<sup>th</sup> we have Michael Dell continuing the Beginner Sessions with a Wooly Bugger. Come out, bring your vices and join the crew in some learning, tying and friendly banter. You might even find a partner for that late season outing.

Minor changes to the newsletter have been deferred pending a decision on a new club Logo. When decided I will alter the masthead accordingly and you can expect changes to our logoed clothing, web page, brochure and business cards.

Our fall programs are in full swing. Come out and join us!

Dave Robinson

#### **CLUB MEETINGS**

Queen Mary Park Community League Equipment and Materials: The format is Informal Drop In 10844 – 117<sup>th</sup> Street Bring your own or use the Club loaners Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

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#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Now \$40.00
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**

# OCTOBER 7TH

#### AN EVENING WITH THE DOC

Tyer: Mike Monteith (aka Doc)
Pattern: Doc's Black Thread Midge

Hook: Mustad C49S #8-#18

Thread: 8/0 Black Head; 3/32 black Bead

Body: 8/0 Thread black or color to suit

Rib: Fine gold Wire Thorax: Peacock herl

Gills: Stillwater Solution's Midge Gill (white yarn)

Pattern: Star Scud

Hook: Mustad C49S #12-#16

Weight: Lead wire Thread: 8/0 tan

Body: H&H Rainbow Sow Scud Dubbing

Shellback: Stillwater Solutions callabaetis 1/8 midge flex

**Pattern:** Popsicle Leech (pike version)

Hook: Streamer #2 Thread: 6/0 color to suit

Cone Head: Fluorescent Orange (or gold or copper bead)

Tail: Long marabou and flashabou

Body: Crystal Chenille Hackle: Long marabou

**Comment:** Doc operates <a href="http://www.freewebs.com/flyfishedmonton/">http://www.freewebs.com/flyfishedmonton/</a> and <a href="www.albertastillwaters.com">www.albertastillwaters.com</a> web pages. He will demonstrate some of his favorite patterns for Muir, Spring, Hasse and Star Lakes. He will also demonstrate the pike version of the Popsicle Leech he uses at Wabamun.

#### OCTOBER 14TH

#### **BEGINNER BASICS**

Instructor: Michael Dell Pattern: Soft Hackle Hook: Wet Fly

Thread: 6/0 color of your choice.

Hackle: Soft Hen Hackle Body: Tying thread

Thorax: Hare's mask dubbing

*Comment:* Michael will run a series of beginner sessions over the next few months. The first one will cover the basics of hook placement; thread dubbing, touch dibbing, winding soft hackle and the half hitch. Even veterans can benefit from Michael's thorough approach to the basics. If you don't have your own equipment, we have a limited supply of loaners.

## OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>

## TROUT UNLIMITED FOCUS MEETING

#### GRAYLING, GRAYLING, GRAYLING

Presenter: George Sterling - Fisheries Biologist

**Comment:** George is the biologist with Sustainable Resource Development in Edson, He will discuss the range, habitat and spawning of arctic grayling, what is happening to them and why.

# OCTOBER 28TH

### **BEGINNER SESSION**

Instructor: Michael Dell
Pattern: Wooly Bugger
Hook: Streamer

Thread: Streamer 6/0 black

Hackle: Soft Streamer Hackle

Body: Chenille

Thorax: Hare's mask dubbing

Comment: Michael will continue his series of beginner sessions with the venerable Wooly Bugger. We may have tied this fly thousands of times, but don't take it for granted as you may learn something new. If you have more WBs than you need, then you can tye whichever pattern suits your fancy to fill you boxes

## SILENT AUCTION FUND-RAISER

Date: Saturday, October 17th, 2009

Location: Bo Diddley's Roadhouse

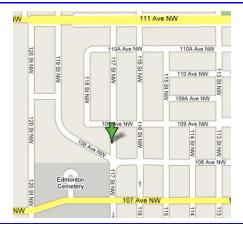
11650 - 142 Street

Time: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Tickets: \$15.00 - Includes Steak and Caesar Salad

**Comment:** This is our major fund-raiser for they year so we need you to get out and solicit donations for the silent auction. Buy tickets for yourselves and, spouses and sell them to friends and acquaintances. There are some good raffle items available.

## MAP TO NLFT - TU EDMONTON



#### SPECIAL VOLUNTEER EVENT

# PETROCANADA/SUNCOR

#### YELLOW FISH ROAD OUTING

Date: Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Place: Goldbar Park, 109A Avenue and 50th Street

Time: 10 am to 1 pm

**Comment:** We will provide fly tying and fishing demos for Petrocanada and Suncor employees who will be stenciling yellow fish road symbols on area storm drains. See Barry Wright to volunteer.

#### ONE DAY SEMINAR

#### INTERMEDIATE FLY TYING

**FEATURING** 

#### LEROY HYATT

Date: Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009
Location: Queen Mary Park Community League

10844 - 117<sup>th</sup> Street

Time: 9:00 am 5:00 pm

Cost: \$25.00

Seating: Limited. So get your tickets early

Equipment: Bring vice, thread and tying equipment Material: Will be provided for all patterns tied.

Comment: Expect this to be a fast paced session covering more than a dozen patterns. We'll have a souvenir program and raffles as well.

#### LEROY HYATT

LeRoy is the longest serving star of Fly Tying: The Angler's Art seen Saturday's on KSPS TV. LeRoy has taught fly tying for over twenty-five years. Along with his classes at a nearby college and local recreation programs, he is frequently invited to teach at events around the country, always keeping the emphasis on having fun while fly tying. He gets genuine pleasure from seeing a new or a seasoned tier's eyes light up when the tier sees LeRoy demonstrate a new technique or idea.

In his lifetime of fly fishing and fly tying, he has willingly shared his knowledge and his experiences with many other fly fishers and tiers. He writes a biweekly column for his local newspaper on fly tying and fly fishing and has done so for many years.

As a commercial tier, LeRoy specializes in tying with deer hair, and he ties professionally both trout and steelhead patterns.

The visual presentation he created on steelhead fly fishing has rewarded him with extensive travel to many clubs and other organizations across America. LeRoy lives in Idaho and when he isn't teaching or tying, he can often be found fishing his many nearby rivers, streams and lakes.

#### FISHING PHOTOS



Greg Humphries at a well known location



An artsy view of the well known location



Ranger Bob at another fine spot