



# Broken Threads

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Well, this is a big month. Our stint at the Sportsman's Show went well, so we're expecting a few new members to show up. We've been getting fine turnouts lately, so come and join the throng at any one of our April meetings.

I am pleased to report that the annual TU dinner was a success. Significant money was raised for the conservation and habitat efforts of the Edmonton Chapter. Some of the money came as a result of donations by NLFT members in the form of a fly filled box (which garnered a bucket full of tickets in the raffle), as well as a few personal donations from our own Mike Heemskirk. Congratulations go out to Michael Dell, president of the local TU chapter and our featured member this month. Well done Michael and friends! Every trout fisherman in Alberta owes you a cool one!

Our **Beginner's Seminar** goes on **Saturday April 3 at 9 am at The Water's Edge**. Members are free, others, ten bucks. We need all experienced members to help teach, so please come and help out. We've had lots of interest expressed, so expect lots of pupils.

Our Major Seminar "**Flyfishing - The Alberta Angle**" goes on **April 10th and 11th at Grant Mc Ewan**. Bob Scammell and Jim McLennan are set to give us a fine program indeed. The program is outlined in the attached flyer and I'm sure it will appeal to everybody. We need about 35 folks on each day to break even. Come on out, treat yourself to a great event and support the Club at the same time. We've got lots of great raffle prizes too, so bring a few loonies with you when you come.

We had a brief session on potential fishing trips last month. Some fine suggestions were made, but the program is not finalized yet, so if you have any ideas, please call, send an e-mail or come out to a meeting and tell us what you'd like. We're trying to be more active in the actual fishing end this year, so we need your input.

April's sessions are mostly tying ones, in preparation for the upcoming season, with the exception of Dave Jensen's talk on the South Ram River. Thanks to Michael Dell, Shelley Robertson, Dave Phelps and Dave Jensen for volunteering.

May will provide open water in the local ponds and river, so we're thinking of having sessions involving equipment preparation, casting practice, a kick off barbecue and some goldeye pursuit. Any other ideas?

And once again thanks to Lance Taylor for the work on the web page. If you haven't visited it

## CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: Every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm  
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 and cookies served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

## OTHER EVENTS

Trout Unlimited Meeting To be announced,  
Grant Mc Ewan Community College Room 6-258  
TU Canada Regional Habitat Workshop on Saturday April 24, 10 to 4, @ GMCC 6-242

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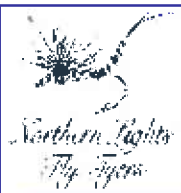
## MEMBERSHIP

### 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"



## INGS

**BEGINNER'S SEMINAR**

*April 3, Water's Edge*  
 10149 Saskatchewan Drive 9 am to noon  
 Cost \$10.00 - Instructing Members Free

The seminar will cover very basic instruction. Just enough for those with little or no experience to get started. We'll try to have one-on-one instruction available.

**APRIL 7**

**Tyer: Michael Dell**

**Pattern: *Reduced Patterns for Big Fish***

**Comments:** Get your magnifying glasses and tweezers out. Michael will be tying tiny flies (under size 20) that he guarantees will catch fish. He'll show us how to tie them, and give us tips and tricks to making these minuscule flies easier to tie.

**APRIL 14**

**Tyer: Dave Phelps**

**Pattern: *Something Basic and Traditional***

**Comments:** A first time demonstrator. Dave was unavailable to give me pattern information at time of the newsletter publication, but I am assured that the pattern won't require anything too specialized.

**APRIL 21**

**Tyer: Shelley Robertson**

**Pattern: *Mountain Midge***

**Hook:** Mustad 80520BR - #14 caddis

**Thread:** Black 6/0

**Rib:** Fine gold wire

**Body:** Black-olive Super Stretch Floss

**Bubble:** Crystal Flash

**Head:** Peacock Herl

**Comments:** Who hasn't wanted a killer midge pattern for mountain lakes? Any hiking trip to one will find you either

**APRIL 28**

**Tyer: Dave Jensen**

**Topic: *South Ram River***

**Comments:** Dave is going to drive up from Rocky Mountain House to give us the lowdown on his favorite stream. He'll give us a slide show, discuss how to fish the river and tell us why it has become catch and release.

## FISHING REPORTS

Nothing to report at this time. As soon as the ice goes, I'll try to get some current reports.

## MEMBER PROFILE



**Name:** Michael Dell

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 (together 18 child-free years)

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**Occupation:** Manager, Children's Division,  
 Stanley A. Milner Library (downtown)

**Flyfishing:** 9 years **Flytying:** 7 years

**Favourite stream:** Stauffer Creek (fish 30 to 40 days a year)

**Easiest fishing:** Frenchman's Creek (world's dumbest trout)

**Stream where I send people:** Red Deer River below Dickson Dam (Stand on the boat launch and cast out into the stream.)

**Largest fish caught:** 6 pound rainbow (see photo)

**Preferences:** cane rods, dry flies, flowing streams (but I can adjust to circumstances)

**Favourite hatch:** BWO's and Green Drakes

**Remarks:**

Michael is the hard working President of Edmonton Chapter of Trout Unlimited Canada. In his spare time he maintains webpages at <http://www.freenet.edmonton.ab.ca/trout> and <http://www.telusplanet.net/public/dmanders>.

He claims his only vices are fishing toys (don't we all have that one?), excuses (I'll be home as soon as the hatch ends.) and

## FLYFISHING - THE ALBERTA ANGLE

**Jim McLennan and Bob Scammell**

**In a two day Flyfishing Extravaganza**

**Date:** April 10 and 11, 1999

**Time:** 9 am to 4:30 pm - Doors open at 8 am

**Place:** Grant MacEwan Community College Room 5-142

**Cost:** \$35.00 per day or \$60.00 for both days

These two famous Alberta Fly Fishers will team up to give us a varied program. We'll learn a bunch about Alberta waters and insects, with tips on tying and fishing photography thrown in for good measure. You'll even have an opportunity to get them to autograph any of their books you own.