



Broken Threads

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FROM THE EDITOR

Spring Is Coming!

At least that's what I think is bringing the members out in record numbers. The last three meetings have been very well attended with between a dozen and sixteen folks showing up to tie, drink coffee and swap tales. We even have a couple of new faces to welcome. And last week, Rocky gave his first demo. The first one's always the hardest, but he stuck with it and everybody learned something. Way to go Rocky!

Another sure sign of spring is the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman's Show (March 9th to 12th at the Agricom). We've got a spot at the Fishin' Hole booth for the whole show and a few times a the the Fishing Center's booth. With two venues, we'll need a few more tyers than last year, so if you can lend a hand, call Gord Boutette who's organizing things.

Spring also brings around the Trout Unlimited Annual Dinner and Auction. Details are in the sidebar at the bottom of the page. We're donating the box of flies we've collected over the year for one of their auctions. If you have any contributions to this worthy effort see Dave Phelps.

Our Beginner's Seminar is set for March 25th, on Saturday morning at the Water's Edge. The format will be informal with one on one instruction by club members, so we need your help to introduce new tyers to our hobby. If you can do a basic Woolly Bugger, Bead Head Hare's Ear or San Juan Worm, then you qualify. Give Dennis a call if you can help.

And in spite of all these goings on, we still have regular meetings planned, except for Sportsman's Show week. We'll have two tying demos, courtesy Bob Kharas and Brian Hepperle. Michael Dell will talk to us about Trout Unlimited, and Gord Boutette will discuss fly line options and techniques. Sounds like a program with something for everyone.

Our proposed one day tying seminar in April is still in the planning stages, We'll let you know more in the next newsletter. *Dave Robinson*

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.
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 Dinner and Auction

The TUC Edmonton Chapter 2000 Dinner and Auction will be held:
Thursday, March 30 at the Westin Hotel.
Tickets are still \$100 per person and are available from:
Bill Robertson at 455-6265.

Bill is also looking for volunteers for the behind the scenes work at the dinner. Volunteers will also get fed, though not as nice a meal as the dinner attendees.

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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"

Meetings

March 1

Tyer: *Bob Kharas*

Pattern: *Golden Stonefly Nymph*

Hook: # 2 to #10 - 6x long Nymph

Thread: Yellow

Weight: Medium lead wire

Tail: Brown goose biots

Rib: Fine gold swanundaze

Abdomen: Golden Stone Anton

Wingcase: Turkey quill dyed gold or yellow

Thorax: Same as abdomen

Antennae: Same as Tail

Comments: Bob's going to help us get ready for spring on the Crow with this traditional pattern.

March 8

Topic: *Trout Unlimited Canada*

We need volunteers for the booths. Call Gord Boutette if you can help out.

March 15

Speaker: *Michael Dell*

Topic: *Trout Unlimited Canada*

Comments: Michael Dell is the president of the local chapter of Trout Unlimited. He's going to describe who TU is, why TU exists, what they do and where and when they do it. Come on out and find out about this terrific organization that does so much to help preserve our cold water fisheries.

More Memories

Since for the last two months I haven't found a victim (oops I mean volunteer) to be the Member of the Month, I'm going to fill this space with some personal memories.

The first is of a trip I took with my Dad about 6 years ago.

I had purchased a day of fishing for two guided by Vic Bergman on the Crowsnest at the TU dinner silent auction. The first scheduled time was washed out by major high water, but Vic kindly rearranged it for the next spring.

My Dad, at age 74, thoroughly enjoyed the undivided attention Vic gave him, catching an 18" brown in the pool in the picture. Meanwhile, I was catching every species of fish the river holds just downstream, without moving more than 50 m.



The second is of a lazy spring day at Malign Lake in Jasper. My wife took this picture just before she caught a 14" rainbow. I thought she would be impressed by this, but was rather blasé about it. That's why I go fishing with the Guys now.

March 22

Demonstrator: Gord Boutette

Topic: Fly Line Demo

Comments: Gord is going to give us his insights on what he thinks works for fly lines, particularly for his favorite kind of steelhead, salmon and big rainbow fishing. Come and learn about shooting heads, running lines, quick change loops and designed fly lines. Just think, all that guide's advice, for free!

March 29

Tyer: Brian Hepperle

Pattern: Royal Humpy

Hook: #10 to #18 standard dry

Thread: Red 6/0 or 8/0

Underbody: Red thread

Overbody: Deer hair

Wings: White calf tail

Hackle: Dry fly quality brown neck

Comments: Learn how to tie this all purpose pattern that floats like a cork. It often can be a struggle for some of us to get the proportions right, but Brian will show us the



Memberships

If you're an old NLFT member who hasn't renewed, you're probably reading this newsletter at a fishing or tying shop! To renew your membership, or if you're new and want to join call Dave Phelps at @ 436-5909, mail the fee to 357 Hunters Run, Edmonton T6R 2P1, or come out to a meeting and sign up there.