



*Northern Lights Fly Tyers & Fishers*

# Broken Threads

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**THE NORTHERN LIGHTS FLY TYERS & FISHERS**

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TO LEARN AND SHARE THE FLY TYING AND FISHING EXPERIENCE

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### Happy New Year To All You Fly Fishers!

Our White Christmas finally came, a week late. Not to worry though, I understand there's some ice fishing going on. I've heard Spring and Buck lakes are both producing fish if you're prepared to drill a few holes. If huddling in a black tent looking through a small hole in the "hard stuff" isn't for you, then you'll have to content yourself with attending a few club meetings. We've got a good line up for you.

This month we've again put the "program corner" on hold due to a wealth of guest speakers. We've got Dave Jensen to tell us about his "Stream Watch" program and all about fishing streams in the Nordegg area. Dave's talk was postponed from November due to other commitments. Roman Scharabun has rod building well underway with building sessions to suit the participant's progress. Steve Miller from the Fishin' Hole will be in to talk about the new tying materials on the market and Bob Guidos will give a talk on fly hooks. Daren Benoit will demo a fly called the T.U. Special. Looks like there's something for everybody.

January is the time when we start gearing up for our spring events. Soon we'll start planning for our two Beginner's Tying Seminars (one for members only and one for the public). These sessions will give those who got some new fly tying gear from Santa a chance to try it all out with some expert instruction. We like to arrange almost one-on-one instructions for attendees, so we will soon be canvassing for people to help with both.

We'll also start working on our Casting Clinics and our involvement in the Edmonton Outdoor Shows. We'll need input and volunteers for those events as well, so if you think you can help out, please let one of the executives know.

For those who want to contribute by tying flies, the push will also be on to fill a few fly boxes to be donated to the TU Dinner in April. So when you sit down to tie few of your favorites, tie a couple more and pass them on at a meeting.

Also in January, we'll have to go through the annual formality of elections where we will draft (Oops, I mean elect.) those who will act in an executive capacity for guiding the Club through the coming year. The Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers is a volunteer driven organization. None of the executive positions are closed to new people and those who have been contributing in the past are always looking for more help. This is an opportunity for those of you who want to contribute to step up to the plate and volunteer your services. The more people we have involved, either in a primary role or in a backup capacity, the less work falls on those hard working volunteers who keep things rolling. Also, the more input we have from you, the members, the better we can serve your needs. So don't sit there quietly, get involved. It's a great group to be an active part of.

*Dave Robinson*

## CLUB MEETINGS

### Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions:

*Water's Edge - 10149 - Saskatchewan Drive*

Equipment and Materials:

Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

*Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.*

Enter main door and go straight ahead

Bring your own or use the Club loaners

## TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

**Trout Unlimited Events:** Next meeting Monday, January 20, 2003: Lions Senior Citizen's Center, 11113 113 Street, Topic: *The Muir Lake Project*

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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"

### Membership Contact

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## MEETINGS

### JANUARY 1 New Year's Day

#### NO MEETING

*Comment:* You'll probably be watching football games and parades on TV while recovering from the night before.

### JANUARY 8

#### SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

**Topic:** *Stream Watch*  
**Presenter:** *Dave Jensen*

*Comments:* Dave will describe the program that is designed to keep track of what is happening to our favorite streams and will describe fishing in the Nordegg area.

#### FISHING FACTS AND FUNDAMENTALS

**Topic:** *Rod Building*  
**Presenter:** *Roman Scharabun*

*Comments:* Roman may have a session with those who are building rods depending on progress and instruction required.

### JANUARY 15

#### SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

**Topic:** *New Fishing and Fly Tying Stuff*  
**Presenter:** *Steve Miller of the Fishin' Hole*

*Comments:* Steve will bring along samples of some of the new tying materials on the market and talk about how they are used. He may also bring along some of the new fishing gear and accessories of interest to the fly fisherman

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### JANUARY 22

#### TYING TECHNIQUES AND TUTORING

**Level:** *Advanced*  
**Instructor:** *Daren Benoit*  
**Pattern:** *T.U. Special*

**Hook:** Streamer, 4x long, #10 or #12  
**Thread:** 6/0 olive or black  
**Tail:** Peacock Sword, 3/8" long  
**Ribbing:** Peacock eye  
**Hackle:** Ring neck pheasant rump, rust color

#### CLUB ELECTION

*Comments:* Here's your chance to have a voice in how your Club is run. If you don't want to run for office, at least come out and vote.

## DISCOUNT NOTE

At the December 4 meeting, Dr. Larry Gies of Optometrist's Clinic Inc. kindly offered a discount at any one of their locations (Ledue, Capilano, Mayfield and Jasper Ave) to club members who wish to purchase "Fit Overs" sunglasses. Please show your membership card at time of purchase and offer our thanks for the discount.

## JANUARY 29

#### SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

**Topic:** *Fly Hooks*  
**Presenter:** *Bob Guidos*

*Comments:* Bob will discuss the different types of hooks available for tying flies on. He will discuss what the differences are and why one may be better than another for a particular application.

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## MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

#### YES VIRGINIA, IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

### Club Dues for 2003 are Now Due!

Just think, for a mere \$20.00, you get a year's worth of friendly fishing and tying advice and the companionship of like-minded fishers. You may even find out where and how to catch that big one. Or at least be able to tell about the one that got away without being greeted by gales of laughter (maybe).

You can pay Bob Guidos at any meeting or give him a call at the number listed on the front page. While you're at it, make sure your personal information is up to date. For those with e-mail it's particularly important to check that your e-mail address is correct and current.

For those of you who procrastinate too much, you may suddenly find yourselves missing from the mailing list and paying extra for club-sponsored events.

## PHOTO GALLERY

Here's a photo (courtesy of Bill Gouge) of a couple of intent looking guys entertaining an unnamed visitor at last year's Outdoor Show.

