

Northern Lights  
Fly Tyers & Fishers

# Broken Threads

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TO LEARN AND SHARE THE FLY TYING AND FISHING EXPERIENCE

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### New Year Starts for the Northern Lights!

Happy New Year! Welcome to a new membership year for the Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers! We are heading into the busy time of year the club's indoor activities, so keep your eyes on the newsletter and the Club Web Page for upcoming events.

This month kicks off on the 5<sup>th</sup> with Dan Tulik tying up his "pink thing" of Red Deer River fame. That's followed by what should be a fun event on the 12<sup>th</sup>, "The Blind Bugger Ball". Check out page two for details. Everyone is urged to bring their tying stuff and get in on the action. We end the month on the 26<sup>th</sup> with a demo of a damsel fly nymph by Mike Powell.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> we have our annual General Meeting. This is your opportunity to become more involved with the Club. We are always looking for volunteers and no position on the executive or any of the committees is cast in stone. We can really use fresh faces and new ideas to keep the organization lively and interesting. So step up to the plate and take a shot at whatever you might find of interest.

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> we put on our big event for the year, which is the Brian Chan and Phil Rowley Seminar. These two gentlemen are excellent presenters and have a wealth of information to share. Two days for \$50.00 is a real bargain! So if you want to become more proficient at fishing lakes, be sure to attend the Stillwater Spectacular at the main downtown campus of Grant McEwan Community College. There's good indoor parking off 105 avenue.

Some members have been out ice fishing with mixed reports of success. If you're interested in giving it a try, keep your eye on the forum on the club web page and join any of the groups going out. For those of us without ice augers and all the paraphernalia of the diehards, that's a great opportunity to have a go without breaking your back or bank account on equipment.

There's a small group of members undertaking an interesting project. We're tying up the six salmon flies depicted on a Canadian postage stamp issue of a few years ago. We'll be starting in January with one fly per week on the agenda, going from simple to more complex. The intent is to frame all six flies and the stamps in a collector's format. We're also hoping to do an extra set or two for auction at the TU dinner and for Muir Lake. See my first try at pattern 1 on page 2. If you want to join us, come chat with Darren on myself on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Club fly swaps are a great way to improve you tying skills, see new pattern variations and meet other club members. Starting in January is a swap featuring patterns tied using the Magic Tool with Pacres as the "Swapmeister". Check it out on the forum and if it interests you, sign up while there's still room.

*See you at the annual General Meeting*

*Dave Robinson*

## CLUB MEETINGS

**Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions:**

*Lions Senior Citizens Center*

Equipment and Materials:

The format is Informal Drop In

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

*11113 - 113 Street*

Bring your own or use the Club loaners

Coffee served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

## TROUT UNLIMITED NOTICES

Trout Unlimited Events: Next Meeting January 17, 2005, 7:30 PM at Lion's Senior's Centre (11113 - 113 Street). Jim O'Neil, from Golder Associates on Arctic char (Room 1)

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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"

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## MEETINGS

JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>

## PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

**Tyer:** Dan Tulik (Dipperdan)  
**Pattern:** "Pink Thing"  
**Hook:** Mustad C53S (curved nymph) #14  
**Bead:** Gold Tungsten to suit hook size  
**Thread:** Red 6/0  
**Tail:** Red Yarn  
**Dubbing:** Bighorn Pink Sow Scud  
**Hackle:** White hackle

*Comments: Dan claims that this "hot pants" pattern is deadly for Rockies on the Red Deer River.*

JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>

## PROGRAM CORNER

**Topic:** Blind Bugger Ball  
**Participants:** Anyone and Everyone  
**Format:**

1. Each member puts their name on the piece of paper and deposits it in a draw pail
2. Three names will be drawn from the pail to see who is going to tie.
3. Three names will be drawn for volunteers to put the blindfolds on.
4. Each tyer has 30 seconds to arrange their materials as they wish.
5. After the 30 seconds, the three volunteers will then blindfold the tyers.
6. Each tyer then has a 15 minute time limit to tie one Wooly Bugger.
7. The three volunteers will judge the results.
8. We will draw an additional three names, and repeat the same process. If time permits, we will do this a third time.

*Comments: This has proven to be a fun event for other clubs, so don't be shy, come on out and put your name in the pail. Bring your own vise and fly tying tools. Materials will be provided.*

JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Comments: The key item on the agenda of course, is the election of club officers. Positions are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and Membership. We will also be looking for people to commit to assist as back up to those positions as well as on various committees. Other agenda items will include reports from last year's executive and a quick outline of upcoming events. The Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers is a volunteer driven organization, so your participation is important.*

JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>

## PROGRAM CORNER



**Tier:** Mike Powell  
**Pattern:** Damsel Fly Nymph  
**Hook:** Mustad C535 Size #12  
**Thread:** Olive 6/0  
**Tail:** Olive marabou  
**Body:** Olive ostrich  
**Legs:** Pheasant tail  
**Thorax:** Pheasant tail  
**Eyes:** Dumbbell eyes.

## PHOTOS



Steelhead Bee - the first of six Salmon Fly Patterns some members will be tying in January from the Canadian Postage Stamp Series

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Northern Lights Fly Tyers & Fishers*   Trout Unlimited Canada  
Edmonton Chapter

*Present*

***A Stillwater Spectacular***

*with*

***Brian Chan & Phil Rowley***

**Two Days** January 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005  
 Grant McEwan Community College – Main Campus  
 Room # 6-212 - 9 am to 5 pm  
 One day \$35.00 Both Days \$50.00

Come out and hear from two well-known BC anglers, guides, authors and renowned experts on Stillwater angling.

Tickets available at Club meetings, at all locations of the Fishin' Hole and at the Fishing Center.  
 Single day tickets only available at the door

March 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Edmonton Sportsman's Show  
 Edmonton Northlands

March 21<sup>st</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Outdoor Show  
 Mayfield Conference Center