



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

### The End Of Another Membership Year Is Coming. Time To Renew!

Yes, our membership year is winding down. We begin selling 2006 memberships this week. There is no increase in fees, so at twenty bucks for the year, a Northern Lights membership is still a real bargain! January will see the start of a new club year with the annual general meeting and elections to be held on January 18<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see a great turnout.

Our silent auction was held on November 12<sup>th</sup> at Schanks Athletic Club. After expenses, we cleared about \$4,200.00, which was split between The Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers and Trout Unlimited, Edmonton Chapter. This revenue goes a long way to offsetting the annual operating costs for both organizations. A big thank-you goes to Brian Bleackley for organizing the event, to those who scrounged up auction items, to those who donated items and to those who attended and bid on and bought items. Great job all!

The "members only" Beginners Fly Tying Seminar ran on November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Intuit Center. About a dozen club member beginners were aided by at least as many experienced members in learning some basic tying techniques and patterns. Thanks to those who helped out and special thanks to Scratch for organizing the venue.

Our December program is pretty short due to Christmas scheduling and availability of the rooms at the Lions Center. Our first meeting in December is on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Dave Murray (Wooly) will be tying up some Christmas Flies (whatever that means). Our second meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> is the last for the month and will be our Christmas wind up and bull session. The club will be supplying pizza and pop.

The "members only" Intermediate Tying Seminar is set to go. It will be held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at St Joseph's Hospital (10707 - 29<sup>th</sup> avenue). Cost is \$5.00. It will run from 9am to 3pm. Parking is available on-site and you go in the main entrance. Brian Hepperle is running the show; so if you are going to attend, or wish to volunteer to help out, let him know.

December 10<sup>th</sup> we are set to do some in-store fly tying demonstrations at all locations of the Fishin' Hole. If you want to help out, contact Brian Bleackley. This is a great opportunity to introduce others to the hobby and make friends for the club, so don't be afraid to call Brian.

Our major seminar in the New Year is set to go as well. It will be held at the main campus of Grant McEwan College on January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> and will feature Ed Engle and Jim McLennan. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter and posted to the NLFT&F web site. This is shaping up to be a very exciting event and tickets would make a great Christmas Gift.

In advance of the Seminar, on Friday January 20<sup>th</sup>, Ed Engel has agreed to do a one night Fly Tying demonstration for members only of the Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers and Trout Unlimited at the Lion's Center. We will charge \$5.00 per attendee to defray room costs.

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All!*

*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: December 19, 2005: George Sterling on Athabasca Rainbows (Arts & Crafts Room 3) @ Lions Seniors Center - 11113 - 113 Street - Music Room @ 7:30 pm

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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

DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

## INTERMEDIATE SEMINAR (Members Only)

Location: *St Joseph's Hospital* (10707 29th Avenue)Time: *9:00 am to 3:00 pm*Cost: *\$5.00*

*Comments: The program will cover extended bodies, quill wings and weaving techniques. Parking on site. You can buy coffee and lunch at the Hospital cafeteria.*

DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

## PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Tier: *Dave Murray (Wooly)*Pattern: *Christmas Flies*

*Comments: I'm not sure exactly what Dave has up his sleeve, but I was told the flies will be in keeping with the spirit of the season and might involve the colors red and green and materials like tinsel. Will Dave be playing Santa or will he leave role that up to our venerable Barry White.*

DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

## CHRISTMAS WIND UP

*Comments: Come out and join your fellow fly fishers in a seasonal celebration. Pizza and Pop will be provided. Those wanting stronger beverages will go to Runway 29 afterwards*

JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Comments: Presidents report, financial report, program report, executive elections and election of representatives to the Fisheries Enhancement Society of Alberta fill the bill. This is our once-a-year formal meeting where you get to decide who will do all the organizing work for the club next year.*

JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>

## SPECIAL "MEMBERS ONLY" MEETING

Tier: *Ed Engle*Topic: *Fly Tying Demonstration*Cost: *\$5.00*

*Comments: This is a special treat for the members of Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers and TU. Ed will conduct a fly tying demonstration evening specifically for us. It will be a great preview of what to expect during the following two days of Seminar*

## MISSING BOOKS

Some books are still missing from our library. Please check you collection to see if you may have inadvertently kept one.

## Hard Cover Books

Fishing's Best Short Stories

Fly Tying Bible

Life of a River

## Soft Cover Books

Fly Fishing Trout Lakes

Angling in the Shadows of the Rockies

Tying Flies

Fly Tyers Nymph Manual

Western Anglers

## FLY FISHER'S CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

## FROM THE FRUGAL (UNDER \$20)

50 Tungsten Beads (1/8" or 3/32")  
Tiemco 200 R Hooks (#14 or #16)  
Package of Phil Rowley Strike indicators  
Clip-on Fly Floatant Caddy  
Tippet Minder (T shaped from Umpqua)  
Five pound lead anchor ball (before they outlaw lead)

## FROM THE CARING (\$30 TO \$150)

Package of 15' Air Flow interchangeable leaders  
Aussie style fishing hat (big brim and weatherproof)  
Scotty Anchor Lock - anchor cleat and clamp  
Ptezl Head Lamp  
Mustang Air Force Manual Inflator - Flotation Device  
Tickets to "Two For the Show"

## FROM THE ADDING (\$200 AND UP)

Orvis weatherproof carryall bag  
Sage Fli 6 or 7 weight 9ft 4-piece rod (for the traveler)  
Min Kota 60 lb thrust trolling motor c/w maximizer  
A day of guided fishing on the Bow  
A year's supply of a fine Single Malt Scotch  
A tank of gas for the big truck

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Intermediate Tying Seminar	St Josephs Hospital
Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Flies	Lions Center
Dec.10 <sup>th</sup>	In Store Demos	Various Locations
Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Wind-up	Lions Center
Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>	TU Meeting	Lions Center
Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Memberships Due	
Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Annual General Meeting	Lions Center
Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Special Mtg. with Ed Engle	Lions Center
Jan.21 <sup>st</sup>	Two For The Show	Grant McEwan
Jan.22 <sup>nd</sup>	Two For The Show	Grant McEwan
Feb.3 to 5	Fly Fishing Symposium	Calgary

## JANUARY SEMINAR



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Trout Unlimited Canada  
Edmonton Chapter

Present

*Two For The Show*

with

*ED Engle and Jim McLennan***Two Days January 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006**

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 about fly-fishing techniques & tactics from two well-known anglers, guides, & authors

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

For more information visit the Club's web page at [www.nlft.org](http://www.nlft.org)