



*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

### Northern Lights Fly Tyers and Fishers Starts Its Tenth Year!

That's right; NLFT&F is now 10 years old. It's been an exciting time of learning, growth, sharing of fishing information and experiences and making good friendships. So if you haven't already done so, do yourself a favour and renew your membership. There is no increase in fees. For twenty bucks a year, a Northern Lights membership is a great value!

The "members only" Intermediate Fly Tying Seminar ran on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Josephs Hospital. About a dozen club members showed up to learn extended body, quill wing and weaving techniques. It was a fun day with lots to learn and try out on our next patterns. Thanks to those who helped out and special thanks to Rena for organizing the great venue.

December 10<sup>th</sup> we did some in-store fly tying demonstrations at the Fishin' Hole and Fishing Center. From all reports, they went well and store management appreciated our efforts. Thanks to those who gave up a Saturday near Christmas in order to boost the club.

Our January program features the Annual General Meeting in January 18<sup>th</sup>. A list of nominated officers is in this newsletter, but that doesn't mean nominations are closed. We will accept nominees (volunteers) from the floor. Come on out and provide your input into how the club is run for the next year.

Our first 2006 meeting in January is on the 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Barry White will be tying Bow rive Flies. Our second meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> features a couple of veteran tyers (old guys) demonstrating Zonkers. Our third meeting is the AGM. Our Fourth meeting, on the 25<sup>th</sup>, features Alex Muirhead, a taxidermist, showing us how to skin birds for feathers preservation.

Our major seminar is set to go. It will be held at the main campus of Grant McEwan College on January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> featuring Ed Engle and Jim McLennan. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter and posted to the NLFT&F web site.

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.

As we start into the New Year, things are about to get busy for the Club. We will have a kid's tying booth and beginner seminars at the Fly Fishing Symposium in Calgary on February 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. We'll also have booths at the Edmonton Sportsman's Show and the Fishing Hole Outdoor Shows again this year. More information on those will be forthcoming. Our new executive will also start planning the public fly tying seminars and "members only" casting seminars starting in January. These events will all need volunteers, but if you ask around, those who helped out in the past had a blast, so it isn't really work. Time to get involved!

*Wishing A Happy and Prosperous 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: January 16, 2006: To be announced (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

**January 4<sup>th</sup>**

### Pattern Demonstration

**Tiers:** Barry White

**Pattern:** Bow River Flies

**Comments:** Fresh from his well received Christmas engagement at Bonnie Doon Mall; "Santa" Barry will demonstrate a couple of his favorite Bow River flies. I wonder if he'll sacrifice part of his beard like Les did last year.

**January 11<sup>th</sup>**

### Pattern Demonstration

**Tiers:** Dennis Southwick & Michael Dell

**Pattern:** Zonkermania

**Hooks:** #6 to #10 streamer – 3XL

**Weight:** Lead Tape

**Body:** Mylar, Bunny Strip or whatever

**Tail/Wing:** Bunny Strip

**Comments:** Dennis and Michael will demonstrate a couple of different ways of tying zonkers. This is an effective streamer pattern that seems to have lost favour in the last few years.

**January 18<sup>th</sup>**

### Annual General Meeting

#### Agenda

Previous Minutes:

President's Report:

Treasurer's Report:

Membership Report:

FESA Report:

#### Election of Officers: Current Nominations

**President:** Dennis Southwick, Brian Bleackley, Lance Taylor

**Vice President:** Vacant

**Secretary:** Vacant

**Treasurer:** Rick Lang

**Program:** Dave Murray

**Membership:** Vince Schembri

**Newsletter:** Dave Robinson

**FESA Reps:** Brain Bleackley, Vacant

**Comments:** Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. This is the only real formal business meeting of the year. This is where your executive is held accountable for the past year and you choose who does the job for the next one.

**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

**January 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### Major Seminar



Northern Lights  
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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)

**January 25<sup>th</sup>**

### Presentation

**Topic:** Skinning Birds

**Presenter:** Alex Muirhead

**Comments:** Alex is a taxidermist who will show us how to skin and preserve birds so that the product is useful for fly tying.

## Fall Memory



Ice on the Little Smoky at the end of October

## Missing Books

Some books are still missing from our library. Please check you collection against the list posted at club meetings to see if you may have inadvertently kept one.

## Upcoming Events

|                       |                            |              |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 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