



Northern Lights  
Fly Tyers & Fishers

# Broken Threads

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### Northern Light's Busy Season Is Upon Us!

March was pretty busy. Not only did we have our regular meetings, but we managed to squeeze in a special day with Jack Dennis, the Boat and Sportsman's Show and (as of today at least) the upcoming Fishin' Hole Outdoor Show.

The day with Jack Dennis drew a small crowd. However, taking ticket and 50/50 sales into account, we made a bit of money. Jack entertained us with his non-stop stories, some neat fly tying and an exposé on the Czech and Spanish nymphing methods. For those who did attend, it was an educational and enjoyable experience. For those who didn't go, too bad, you missed a great day! Our thanks to Dave Murray, Rick Lang and Brian Bleackley for all the effort in getting the event done up right. We are continuing our discussions with Jack on a possible event to be held next spring. When things get firmer we'll announce what may be the most exciting thing the club has done for years.

The Boat and Sportsman's show once again proved to be more boat show than the other. That didn't stop us though. We had a fine presence with the kids tying table in the basement and a table at the Fishing Center booth (many thanks Lorne). While we had a few slow hours, we did manage to run out of brochures and hooks. Thanks go out to all the volunteers.

Our first April meeting is on the 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Alberta Al will finally get to show us how to "marry" wings for wet flies. Our second meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> features Dennis Southwick tying something called the "Techno Nymph". Bring your magic tool and pantone pens. Our third meeting, on the 15<sup>th</sup>, has Rod Boisbert doing a quartet of fly patterns based on the gold ribbed hares ear. And the last meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> has Dave Murray showing us variations on the venerable wooly bugger.

While March was really busy, April is also an event filled month starting with the last two days of the Fishin' Hole Outdoor Show (March 30 to April 2) and our Public Beginners Fly Tying Seminar, which is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> at NAIT. If you can help instruct, give your name to Dave Murray.

Also in April, our Silent Auction fund raiser is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> at Bo Diddleys. We need to sell tickets and we need you to buy them, attend and find auction items. See Brian Bleackley if you need tickets to sell, have items to turn in or need donation letters. This is our one major fund raiser for the year, so we need lots of effort to make it a success.

Don't forget the Brazeau Trip and the TU dinner. The TU Dinner is on May 4<sup>th</sup> and Michael is once again be looking for helpers. Brian Bleackley has booked the camp at Brazeau Canyon Lodge for June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. You'd better book early or the spots will be gone.

*Muir opening getting ever closer!*

*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: April 24, 2006, Program to be announced @ Lions Seniors Center - 11113 - 113 Street - (Arts & Crafts Room 3) - 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

APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

## PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Presenter: *Al Grombacher*Topic: *Married Wing Wet Fly Techniques*

*Comment: Alberta Al will show us how to do wet fly wings that join two or more feathers together. These are typically used for full dress salmon flies, but can be used on others.*

APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>

## PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Presenter: *Dennis Southwick*Pattern: *Techno Nymph*

Thread: Olive 8/0  
 Hooks: #10 3 XL Streamer  
 Bed head: Glow in the dark bead  
 Tails: Yellow and Chartreuse Llama  
 Body: Yellow seed beads 3 or 4  
 Hackle: Yellow and olive CDC  
 Dubbing: Yellow diamond dub  
 Legs: Yellow, black and white striped rubber  
 Thorax: Dark olive llama and dark emu  
 Wing case: Pearlescent Easter basket fuzz

*Comment: Dennis will show an unusual pattern using the magic tool. If he as time he may do another pattern*

APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>

## PATTERN DEMONSTRATION

Presenter: *Rod Boisvert*Pattern: *#1 Wet Gold Ribbed Hares Ear c/w wingcase*

Hook: # 16 to #10 Mustad 3906B or R50  
 Thread: Uni brown 8/0  
 Tail: Natural hare's mask  
 Rib: Gold mylar  
 Body: Natural hare's mask  
 Wing case: Goose primary coated with Flexament  
 Thorax: Natural hare's mask with guard hairs  
 Option: Gold bead head

Pattern: *#2 GRHE - Dry*

Same as #1 but without the wing case or bead

Hook: Mustad R030 or TMC 100

Pattern: *#3 GRHE - Green / Wet*

Same as #1 except for:

Tail: Green Pheasant tail  
 Rib: Gold or yellow Uni-wire  
 Body: Green hare's mask  
 Wing case: Green Pheasant tail

Pattern: *#4 GRHE - Grey / Wet*

Same as #1 except for:

Thread: Uni Red 8/0  
 Tag: Red holographic mylar  
 Tail: Grey hen hackle  
 Rib: Silver wire  
 Body: Grey rabbit dubbing  
 Wing case: Grey hen

*Comment: Rod will show us few different variations of this old standby pattern.*

APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>Presenter: *Dave Murray (Wooly)*Pattern: *Variations on the Wooly Bugger*Pattern 1: *Crystal Chenille Wooly*Pattern 2: *Egg Sucking Wooly*Pattern 3: *Green Crystal Wooly*Pattern 4: *Bead Head Wooly*

*Comment: This set of patterns is appropriate given Dave's web alias. The Crystal Wooly was inspired by Barry White.*

## SEMINAR

A one-day

## Beginners Fly Tying Seminar

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Featuring one-on-one instruction by members of

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS FLY TYERS &amp; FISHERS

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology

Main Campus - Room A 147

From 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Cost: Members: \$5.00  
 Non-Members: \$30.00

## RECENT PHOTOS



A Day with Jack

Photo courtesy Lance Taylor



Sportsman's Show

Photo courtesy Lance Taylor

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 30-Apr. 2 Fishin' Hole Outdoor Show Mayfield Inn  
 April 8 Public Beginners Fly Tying Seminar NAIT  
 April 29 Silent Auction with TU Bo Diddleys  
 June 17-18 Brazeau Trip Brazeau Canon Lodge  
 May 4 Trout Unlimited Auction Shaw Conference Center