



*Northern Lights  
Fly Tyers & Fishers*

# Broken Threads

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### Fall Is Here! Tied Enough Backswimmers?

The summer fishing season is pretty much over. With fall in the air, it's time to get the last of the open water fishing in and start getting prepared for the hard-water season. We have a few more weeks before snow is on the ground and the lakes freeze over. Is your tying kit ready?

The Little Smoky Trip was a bust due to the wet and snowy weather. A few members made it up on September 23<sup>rd</sup> instead and had a fine fall day of grayling fishing. There should be a few good days fishing left before the October 30 closing or ice-over, whichever comes first.

September's meetings went well. The usual summer tales are being swapped and attendance is slowly building. Our thanks go out to Dennis, Wooly and our other volunteers who helped make the evenings fun and interesting.

The club executive continues to plan the fall and winter season. Unfortunately Dave (Wooly) Murray has to go in for major surgery, so will be unable to work on program until at least the New Year. We hope Dave's surgery goes well and he recovers quickly. Meanwhile, we need volunteers to fill in while he's away. We're also open to any ideas for program content.

Our first weekly meeting on **October 4<sup>th</sup>** has **Don't Fall In** as the theme, covering safety around the water, particularly as cold weather approaches. The second week, **October 11<sup>th</sup>**, features **Tye Along with Ranger Bob** who will be demonstrating saltwater flies. We also kick off the **Beginner Tying Sessions**. Week 3 on **October 18<sup>th</sup>** is **Winterize Your Fishing**. Winter fishing equipment, clothing and destinations etc. will be addressed. At month's end we have **Tricks and Treats on October 27<sup>th</sup>**. We'll be judging a pumpkin carving (or decorating) contest and tying Halloween theme flies. **Beginners Tying** continues as well. October should be an interesting and action packed month, so come out and participate.

Planning for our major seminar for **January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** is well in hand. The great news is that the seminar will feature **Dave Hughes and Jim Schollmeyer**. Dave is one of the most well known fishing writers and publishers in the fly fishing business. He has not been on the speaking circuit for a few years so will have lots of fresh material to present. Jim is a well known fishing author and editor of the Fly Tyers Benchside Reference. Dave and Jim are close friends and should make a great team for the seminar. More information on the program will be coming shortly. The NLFT&F goal is to have tickets and advertising ready to go by November 1<sup>st</sup> to hit the Christmas gift season.

In related news, the annual TU Fish Rescue starts September 30<sup>th</sup> and continues through mid October. Refer to the TU web page at <http://www.tucanada.org/> for details. And the annual FESA Silent Auction goes November 18<sup>th</sup> at Bo Diddleys. Volunteers needed for both events!

*Is it Fall Rocky Season Yet?*

*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: Programs resume on October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 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

**OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**DON'T FALL IN!**

**Presenter:** *Various Club Members*

**Comment:** As the temperature of air and water cools, it brings to mind safety around water. This session will cover such things as safety while wading, float tubing and boating.

**OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**TYE ALONG WITH RANGER BOB**

**Presenter:** *Lance (Ranger Bob) Taylor*

**Patterns:** *Cop Car & Night Rider*

**Comment:** Having finally gone saltwater fly fishing with Brain and Michael, Ranger Bobber now considers himself an expert, so will demonstrate some useful patterns. (You should come prepared to tie along with him).

The ultra secretive "Cop Car" series of flies was first developed and designed by Dennis Dickson

(<http://www.streamsideflyshop.com/members.htm>), a Washington Guide, to imitate an injured smolt pattern.

One of his clients named it, not only because it should be a crime to fish with, but it closely resembles a cop car cruiser.

The other fly Lance will be presenting is a slight variation called the "Night Rider". In researching these patterns RB discovered a few "Coyote Spoon Lures" that closely resemble these fly patterns. There seems to be a trend in adapting proven spoons, Rapala's, Jigs, and other effective lure combinations over to fur and feather. As a recent example, check out Nick Pujic's "The X-Stream Furpala" pattern in the Aug/Nov 2006 issue of Canadian Fly magazine. If there is time remaining RB may also demonstrate this pattern for us.

**OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**WINTERIZE YOUR FISHING**

**Master Of Ceremonies:** *To be announced*

**Participants:** *Various Club Members*

**Comment:** Come and find out where to fish once the hard water arrives. We'll talk about equipment and clothing for cold weather fishing. Keeping Safety in mind, we'll discuss hypothermia, its causes, prevention and treatment.

**OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**TRICKS AND TREATS**

**Participants:** *All Club Members*

**Event:** *Pumpkin Decoration and Carving*

**Comment:** Here's your chance to demonstrate your skills with pumpkins. Carve or decorate one and bring it along to display your seasonal artistic efforts and have the membership vote on the best in a couple of different categories.

**Event:** *Halloween Flies*

**Comment:** Try your hand at tying some flies on a Halloween theme. They could be as simple as an orange and black wooly bugger, as scary as a large bushy spider or as whacky as a Witch Creek Nymph. Use your imagination and have some fun.

*The club will supply some prizes and confections*

## PHOTO



*Casting to LSR Grayling.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 30 to mid Oct	Fish Rescue	Various locations
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	FESA Silent Auction	Bo Diddleys
January 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dave Hughes & Jim Schollmeyer	Grant McEwan

## JANUARY SEMINAR

**Dave Hughes and Jim Schollmeyer**

**January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007**

**Grant McEwan College**

**Main Campus – 10700 – 104 Avenue**

**Room 6-212**

**9 am to 5pm both days**

**Cost \$75.00 for both days**

## LIBRARY NOTICE

*Each item has a sign out card. When borrowing an item, fill out a card and place it in the small box. Replace the card in the item on its return. The sign-out cards for books are located inside the front cover. For the VHS tapes and DVD cases the cards are inside the covers.*

*There are a few books in the library that are reserved. This means that due to their value or rarity, they may only be borrowed during meetings and can't leave the building.*