



Northern Lights  
Fly Tyers

# Broken Threads

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## THE NORTHERN LIGHTS FLY TYING CLUB

*Providing a friendly atmosphere for novice and experienced fly tiers and fly fishers to learn and share information.*

### A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

#### Summary of 1998 General Meeting – January 28, 1998

##### Accomplishments of the Past Year

- The Club membership has been increased.
- A new logo was adopted.
- The newsletter is up and running (no, really).

##### Membership has its Rewards

- 10 % Discounts are now available at select retailers. Note: to receive your discount, present your NLFTC card (discreetly) at time of purchase.
- There are two videos on fly tying available for members to borrow. We need to expand on our library.

##### Treasurers Report

- 1997 opening balance \$488.23
- Expenses \$375.00 (approx.)
- Income \$735.00
- Closing balance \$908.05
- Thanks to Tak for his shadow boxes that raised \$345 for the Club!

##### Fund Raising

- Weekly 50/50 raffle.
- Fly Raffle.



##### Fly Dressers Guild

A decision was made by the membership not to join the Fly Dressers Guild and form a chapter. The two tier membership was too confusing to new members.

##### Fly Tying Symposium

- We will be looking into holding a fly tying symposium that will be open to members and the public in April.
- Tentative tiers are Mike Heemsker, Roman Scharabun, Dale Johnson, and Reg Denny
- If you have any tiers you would like to see, please talk to the Board.

##### Outreach

- We are going to look into inviting members of the Old Timers Club and the Women's Fly Fishing Association to a future meeting
- Any suggestions? Talk to the Board.

##### Sportsman Show '98

- March 11 to 15<sup>th</sup>
- If you would like to tie at the show, please talk to Dennis to schedule a time.
- We will be ordering a banner for this and other future planned events.
- We would like to ask members to contribute some of their hand tied flies for the shadow box display. Please let Dennis know if you would like to donate.

##### Fishing Expeditions (Klaves)

- FFF Conclave in Idaho – July
- Crowsnest – July 24-26
- Little Smoky – September TBA
- Bow River – TBA
- Stauffer Creek – TBA
- Prairie Creek – TBA

##### Elections to the Board

- The Board was re-elected as it stood plus, a new board position was created. The editor position is now a recognized board position. Lance Taylor was nominated and elected to the position.
- Ian Russell, however, has since stepped down as the President. We are now accepting nominations for the position, and elections will be held at the March 4th meeting. Please plan to attend.

##### New Business

- Getting a new banner for 1998 Sportsman Show bearing the new logo - \$100
- Looking into getting hats and T-Shirts made up with the new logo.

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#### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

*Members please submit your tying dates, pattern info, and all articles to the Editor via e-mail or fax, prior to the 2nd scheduled meeting of each month for publication.*



NLFTC "Broken Threads"  
Newsletter On The Internet.



<http://www.compusmart.ab.ca/lancet/nl.htm>

*As an experiment this month we will also be distributing by e-mail and fax as per your signup info.*

## TYING DEMONSTRATIONS FOR FEBRUARY

February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ian Russell</b></p> <p><b>** TECHNIQUE DEMONSTRATION **</b></p> <p><i>Variations on two well-known patterns will be used to demonstrate the techniques of spinning deer hair. If there is time remaining a deer hair mouse may also be demonstrated.</i></p> <p><b><u>Adams Irresistible</u></b>            Hook: TMC 100, Mustad 94845.            Size: 8-14.            Thread: Black 6/0 prewaxed.            Tail: Moose body hair.            Body: Spun deer hair.            Wings: Grizzly hackle tips.            Hackle: Brown and Grizzly mixed.</p> <p><b><u>Dave's Hopper</u></b>            Hook: TMC 5212, M94831, 4-12.            Thread: Black 6/0 prewaxed.            Rib: Fine copper wire.            Hook: Dry Fly, 10-20            Tail: Red deer hair, and small loop of yellow yarn.            Hackle: Brown hackle, palmered over the body and clipped.            Underwing: Yellow calftail.            Wing: Turkey wing quill, lacquered.            Legs: Dyed yellow grizzly hackle stems clipped and knotted.            Collar: Natural light tan deer hair spun.            Head: Natural light tan deer hair, spun and clipped.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dennis Southwick</b></p> <p><b><u>Red Fox Squirrel Nymph</u></b>            Hook: 3-XL Nymph, Sz. 10-18.            Thread: Black.            Weight: Fine lead or copper(optional)            Abdomen: Belly fur for red fox squirrel.            Thorax: Body or back fur of red fox squirrel.            Rib: Fine gold or copper wire or oval tinsel.            Tail: Tuft if back fur of red fox squirrel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>I will try to have enough red fox squirrel fur that all could tie one. Please bring own material if you have, including your own hooks.</i></p> <p><b><u>Western March Brown Flymph</u></b>            Hook: 2x stout, Sz. 12-16.            Thread: Red or red pearsells marabou floss or gossamer silk.            Hackle: Furnace or brown Hen.            Tail: Same as Hackle.            Rib: Narrow gold tinsel or gold or copper fine wire.            Body: Hare's ear (tannish).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Note the pearsall silk is very hard to find, one strand red floss can be substituted.</i></p> <p><b><u>Dark Cahill Wet Fly</u></b>            Hook: 2x stout, Sz. 12-16.            Thread: Black.            Hackle: Furnace or dark brown hen.            Tail: Same as hackle but stiffer fibers.            Wing: Wood duck flank fibers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mike Heemskerck</b></p> <p><b><u>Twenty-Incher</u></b>            Hook: Tiemco 200R, #6-12.            Tail: Brown Goose biot; tied forked.            Abdomen: Peacock herl.            Rib: Gold wire.            Thorax: Hare's ear dubbing.            Wingcase: Turkey quill.            Legs: Brown soft hackle.            Optional: Gold head at bead.</p> <p><b><u>Olive Danger Baby</u></b>            Hook: Tiemco 2487, #10-14            Head: Gold bead.            Tag: Green or Chartreuse stretch floss.            Abdomen: Peacock herl.            Wing: Olive Antron Yarn.            Thorax: Peacock herl.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gord Bouttete</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please bring along the following materials for the demonstration.</i></p> <p><b><u>Leprechaun</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hook: 1/0.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Large orange chenille.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Large orange saddle hackle.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Big green fiber.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dark green saddle hackle.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> White saddle hackle.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Silver tinsel.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Orange marabou.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fly-Tying/Fly-Fishing On The Internet</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.halcyon.com/wffn/index.htm">http://www.halcyon.com/wffn/index.htm</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dedicated to helping women learn and enjoy flyfishing in a supportive, non-competitive environment. Offers guided tours and many related links and contacts.</i></p>			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IMPORTANT NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATIONS FOR MARCH</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please note that the first two regular Wednesday meetings in March have been cancelled so please do not come on:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>March 4th, 1998</b> (Room booked to another Party)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>March 11th, 1998</b> (Outdoor Sportsman Show)</p>

### MEMBERSHIP INFO

*Basic 97/98 NLFTC Membership & Benefits*

( Includes Family Membership - January thru December ) - \$20:00  
 \* 10% Discount Card @ Select Retailers \*  
 \* Newsletter Subscription \* Discount on Special Events \*

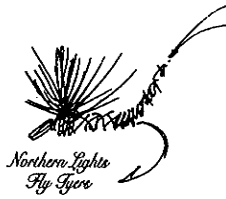
Regular weekly meetings and Tying sessions are held every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m at St. Joseph Catholic High School, second floor cafeteria at 10830 - 109 Street. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring your fly tying kits and materials, if you have. If not the club equipment is available for you to use. Coffee and cookies served at the meetings, don't forget to bring your \$2.00 for the 50/50 draw. Average take has been about \$10-\$12 each week. 🍷

### NLFTC '98 ICE FISHING KLAVE TRIP REPORT

Attendees & Fish Count (Lg/Sm): Takahiko Scimizu (5 LW), Perry Miles (1 YP), Lance Taylor (1 YP), Ian Russell (0), Ian Kidd (0) — The latter two the drivers of course! A fun day of fishing was had by all!

Die off at Gull Lake, (98 January 5) Source: From the Fish and Wildlife site. Contributed by Ian Kidd so him and Ian would feel better about not catching anything!

This past November there was a dieoff of lake whitefish in Gull Lake (northwest of Red Deer in central Alberta). It appears the dieoff is the result of supersaturation of oxygen in the water caused by a windstorm on November 16, 1997. At that time, the shallows were frozen and the center of the lake was open. The storm worked on the open water, trapping the oxygen in the water under the ice. Oxygen levels were at 15-16 ppm in the shallows after the windstorm, dropping to 7 ppm a couple of days later. The dieoff appears to have been worst on the south and east shores, as the 60 kms winds came from the northwest. The dead whitefish had gas bubbles in their fins, with deep and dark red gills. Regional fisheries staff from Red Deer counted 450+ dead lake whitefish in the days following the storm. It is not known just how many fish were affected, and fishing has been spotty since mid-November. 🍷



*Agenda for Northern Lights Fly Tying Club  
Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday, January 28th, 1998*

**Mandate:** *To provide a friendly atmosphere for novice and experienced fly tyers and fly fishers in which to learn and share information*

**Goals:** *to attract new and active members to the Club  
to develop relationships with other clubs, individuals and associations*

**Introduction**

- 1997 board members
- old and new members

**Accomplishments in the past year**

- maintained cautious approach with regards to the financial status of the Club
- investigated fund raising methods for the club
- developed a new logo for the Club
- reached out to other associations
- established the Broken Thread newsletter as a more effective communication tool
- invested in two Thompson tying vises

**NLFTC Memberhips**

- discounts available at:
  - The Fishing Hole - 10% on fly tying materials and tools
  - Denny's Fly Tying Specialties - 10% on everything except books and flies
- Discounts are available upon presentation of the NLFTC membership card
- Memberhips are due January and are valid January through December
- videos for use to membership
- A current Club phone list will be available for the first meeting in February
- commitment of membership (to tie at meetings and events, distribute newsletters)

**Treasurer's Report**

- 1997 opening / closing balance
- expenses throughout the year
- 1998 opening balance

**Fund Raising**

- weekly 50/50 draw has raised monies for the club coffers
- collection of flys for raffle
- organized raffle draw
- volunteers

### **Fly Dressers Guild**

- association with this organization
- membership

### **Edmonton Fly Tying Symposium**

- possible dates March 7, April 4th or April 18th
- Edmonton Tyers- Mike Heemskerk, Roman Scharabun, Dale Johnson, Reg Denny
- Grant MacEwan room holds 84 people
- Expenses - booking fee \$80.00, \$25.00 visual presenter plus G.S.T.
- television coverage, public notices
- patterns and biographies from the tyers

### **Outreach**

- invitation to Old Timers Club for February
- invitation to Women's Fly Fishing Association of Alberta
- other suggestions

### **Sportsman Show '98**

- March 11th - 15th
- The Fishn' Hole will give us a table with two entrance passes
- schedule
- selling memberships
- certificate of appreciation
- banner for special events

### **Fishing Expeditions**

- FFF conclave in Idaho - July
- Little Smoky - September
- Bow River -
- Stauffer Creek -
- Prairie Creek -
- Crowsnest - July 24-26

### **Elections to the Board**

### **Monthly Meetings of the NLFTC Executive**

- the NLFTC meets on the first wednesday of the month after the regular club meeting
- all members are welcome

### **Miscellaneous New Business**