



# Broken Threads

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## FROM THE EDITOR

I've just discovered one of the problems faced by magazine editors. Due to the lead time required for printing and the pending holiday season, I find myself putting the January newsletter to bed before Christmas. It's hard to think about tying in January when I still haven't bought my Dad's Christmas gift. I'll just have to anticipate things a bit and fit in last minute information. For example, I had planned on advertising Derry's Rod Building Course in February, but was just advised that it's already filled. C'est La Vie!

So, welcome to the New Year! And we have a fine one in store for you!

In addition to the January events outlined in this Newsletter, we have some preliminary information on our major seminar. We'll be offering a two day seminar on April 10th and 11th for which we have booked Jim McLennan and Bob Scammell to lead tying and information sessions. More information on the program to come as it is finalized.

We're planning an Introductory Tying Course for March, shortly after the Sportsman's Show. It will be aimed at beginners and we hope to recruit attendees at the Show. The course will be a 1/2 day session where basic techniques, equipment and materials are introduced. Just enough to get newbies started and interested in Club activities.

Speaking of which, we will once again need volunteer Tyers for the Sportsman's Show. Details have yet to be worked out, but we anticipate needing Tyers for each of the four days. So if you want to meet a whole lot of people and pitch the joys of membership in the NLFTC, then let us know.

As noted below, Trout Unlimited is sponsoring the Coldwater Anglers Conference at the end of the month. Four famous Alberta Tyers are on the agenda along with dinner, slide show and silent auction. Contact Bill Robertson at 455-6265 (W) or 476-4235 (H) for further information.

Just a reminder. It's time to send in that Northern Lights membership renewal. Just think, 40 evenings of entertainment for \$20.00! What a tremendous value!

## CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: Every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm  
Water's Edge - 10149 - Saskatchewan Drive Enter main door and go straight ahead  
Equipment and Materials: Bring your own or use the Club loaners  
Coffee and cookies served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

## OTHER EVENTS

Trout Unlimited Meeting January 18, 1999 7:30 pm Grant Mc Ewan College Rm 6-291  
Carl Hunt, former Fisheries Management Division biologist in Edson.  
Canadian Coldwater Angler's Conference Sponsored by Trout Unlimited \$100.00 /wkend  
January 30 & 31 8:30 am Grant Mc Ewan College Rm 5-142

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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"



## MEETINGS

## JANUARY 6

## Free For All

Start the New Year off right. Come renew your old acquaintance with club members. Unfortunately we were not able to come up with a demo tyer due to Sun Lover Vacations and the holiday season. So you get to do your own thing.

Time to stock those fly boxes with your favorite patterns. If you're feeling bold, you may even want to share yours with the rest of us.

## JANUARY 13

**Tyer:** *Mike Heemskerk*

**Pattern:** *Bullet Head Bug Eyed Sculpin*

**Hook:** Mustad 34007 - #4

**Tail:** Orange and Brown grizzly hackles splayed out with gold flashabou mixed in

**Head:** Top - Tan, orange and black deer belly hair  
Bottom - White deer body hair

Coated with epoxy

**Eyes:** Doll's eyes

**Comments:** Oh Goody! Another deer hair mess to make on the floor. This time with epoxy to keep it there.

## JANUARY 20

## ELECTION NIGHT

COME AND SELECT YOUR NEW CLUB EXECUTIVE  
ELECTION TO FOLLOW TYING DEMONSTRATION

**Tyer:** *Dennis Southwick*

**Pattern:** *Fuzzy Caddis*

**Hook:** Standard Dry #12 to #18

**Thread:** To match body

**Trailing Shuck:** Antron to match body

**Body:** Antron - favorts caddis colors

**Underwing and Legs:** Antron as body or slightly darker

**Wing:** Speckled hen hackle

**Comments:** If he has time, for all those minimalist tyers, Dennis will also demonstrate an "All CDC Caddis".

## JANUARY 27

**Tyer:** *Mystery Tyer*

**Pattern:** *To be announced*

**Comments:** As of the newsletter deadline, a tyer for this date has yet to volunteer. We will twist someone's arm, so come prepared for just about anything.

## MEMBER PROFILE



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**E-Mail:** dsouthwick@shaw.wave.ca **Age:** 40 (barely)

**Occupation:** General Insurance Agent

**Other Interests:** Camping, Hiking, Biking

**Fly Fishing:** 15 years **Tying:** 12 Years & learning

**Favorite Patterns:** SA Hopper (thanks Roman) Gold Ribbed Hares Ear Beadhead, Griffiths Gnat, Parachute Adams

**Favorite Location:** Livingston and Little Smoky

**Remarks:** Fly fishing and tying are some of the most relaxing things a person can do. I have to thank Rick Hillburn and Gary Hanke for taking time to teach me and put up with my stupid questions when I first started out in this sport. This is a sport that enables you to meet new people, see new places and have new experiences, continually.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that The Fishing Center is now offering Northern Lights Fly Tyers' Members a 10% discount on tying materials. Please present your membership card at time of purchase. Thanks to Wayne Terry and Lorne Zavaduk. We'll be hearing more from them in the future.

## LIAR'S CORNER

*I heard that Lance Taylor is selling all his fishing equipment in the hopes of raising enough money for a telescope. Anybody want to stock up on fly tying stuff, cheap?*

*The Richard Eaton Singers are performing an ode to a "Fisher Of Men" (a.k.a. Bach's St. Mathew Passion) at the Winspear in mid March. (I warned you about classical music references. Send me some tall tales dammit!).*

## FISHING REPORTS

As of this writing, rumour has it that Stauffer is fishing well. The recent cold weather may change that though.