

**Don't wait—accelerate!**



**Northwestel Sympatico™ Dialup Accelerator is now available to Northwestel Sympatico™ Dialup Internet customers—absolutely free!**

After just one simple download, users can **surf the net at anywhere up to 2 to 5 times faster than conventional dialup speeds.** Northwestel's *High Speed Internet* (where available) is ideal for faster connection speed and high bandwidth applications, while *Dialup Accelerator* improves connection speed for users' light surfing needs. *Dialup Accelerator* is available for download at [www.nwtel.ca/accelerate](http://www.nwtel.ca/accelerate).



## heads up

**Dialup surfers beware**

Modem hijacking has been on the increase in Canada, including in the North.

Modem hijacking occurs when a website prompts its visitors to do one of the following to access information on the site: download a file via a pop-up window, accept the website's terms and conditions, or download a special viewer or dialler to see certain content. The file or download then accesses software on your computer to use your modem to dial phone numbers in foreign countries resulting in long distance charges and/or connection fees appearing on your phone bill.

Modem hijacking can affect anyone with a dialup connection. ADSL or cable high speed internet customers are not affected unless they also have a dialup connection, such as a fax modem in place.

To protect its customers, Northwestel has blocked direct-dialled calls to the countries of Sao Tome and Principe, Nauru, Guinea-Bissau, Tuvalu, Tokelau and the Cook Islands. Legitimate calls to these countries can still be made by using Northwestel operator assistance (direct-dial rates would apply).

Protect yourself from modem hijacking by taking the following precautions:

- Ensure all dialup connections are disconnected when not in use
- Review/remove any network and dialup connections that are not needed
- Carefully read disclaimers, terms/conditions, and warnings before downloading information
- Don't download a program from a website that is unknown or not trusted
- Check phone bill to verify long distance charges
- Ensure your anti-virus software is updated with the latest definitions
- Carefully monitor your children's Internet activities

## in your community

Northwestel is currently accepting applications from northern students to its Northern Futures Scholarship Program. Scholarships of \$2,500.00 each will be awarded to ten students to assist with their post-secondary studies for the 2005-2006 academic year. In addition, Northwestel makes efforts to provide employment for the scholarship recipients during their summer breaks and after graduation.



To qualify, students must reside in Northwestel's operating area and be pursuing full-time post-secondary studies in telecommunications technology, computer science/computer engineering, electrical engineering or business administration/commerce. The application deadline is July 15th.

Visit [www.nwtel.ca/scholarships](http://www.nwtel.ca/scholarships) for more information and application forms.

**Northwestel has recently sponsored these and many other community events:**

*Aisek Music Festival* - Haines Junction, Yukon  
*2005 Ladies' Charity Golf Tournament* - Fort Nelson, BC

*National Aboriginal Day celebrations Recognition Day ceremonies* - Fort Good Hope, NWT  
*Western Arctic Leadership Program Golf Tournament* - Fort Smith, NWT  
*PGI Golf Tournament* - Cambridge Bay, NU

## Internet security - a lesson in lingo

While many of us have received a phished e-mail or have even encountered a trojan horse at our virtual doorsteps, very few of us know what these terms mean or the damage they can cause to computer systems. Here are a few useful definitions to help boost your internet security savvy:

**Phishing** - A form of identity theft in which a scammer uses an authentic-looking e-mail to trick recipients into giving out sensitive personal information for fraudulent-use.

**Worm** - A program that reproduces itself over a network that can spread from one computer to the next taking advantage of automatic file sending and receiving features found on many computers.

**Trojan Horse** - A program that appears to be legitimate but contains in its code instructions that cause damage to the systems on which it runs.

**Spyware** - A general term for a program that surreptitiously monitors your actions. While they are sometimes sinister, like a remote control program used by a hacker, software companies have been known to use Spyware to gather data about customers.

Arm yourself with information to protect your system from these internet threats. Websites such as [www.pcworld.com](http://www.pcworld.com), [www.bewebaware.ca](http://www.bewebaware.ca), [www.getnetwise.org](http://www.getnetwise.org) offer good information, or use any search engine to help locate definitions and steps to take to protect your computer against harmful actions.

## customer contest

Enter for a chance to win Northwestel prepaid phone cards valued at \$50! Submit your solution by July 15 to:

Link Customer Contest  
P.O. Box 2727  
Whitehorse, YT  
Y1A 4Y4

Toll-free fax: 867-668-5706

Email: [link@nwtel.ca](mailto:link@nwtel.ca)

(include community and phone number)

Winners will be announced in the September 2005 issue of *Link*.

Congratulations to last issue's winners:

**Connie Kalluak**, Arviat, NU

**Joan Lepine**, Fort Smith, NT

**Liz Fraser**, Dawson City, YT

(One entry per household, please. Northwestel employees and their families are not eligible.)

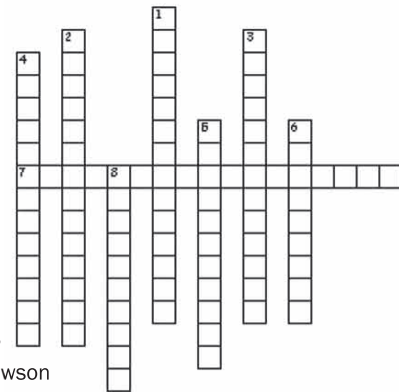
## Summer events of the north

Across

7. \_\_\_\_\_ festival - Art 'takes over' Inuvik

Down

1. Longest day of the year
2. Annual outdoor concerts
3. Yukon celebrates the Gold Rush
4. Canada celebrates the contributions of Aboriginal peoples
5. Mad (rub-a-dub) river race to Dawson
6. Our nation's birthday
8. Fun, 3-sport races held throughout the north



Name (please print clearly)

Address

Town or city

Postal Code

Daytime telephone

## recipe

### Broccoli Grape Almond Salad

- 4 c. broccoli (in small bite-sized pieces)
- 1 c. seedless green grapes
- 1 c. seedless red grapes
- 1/2 c. green onions
- 1/2 c. chopped celery
- 2/3 c. toasted sliced almonds
- 8 slices bacon, chopped and cooked (optional)

Toss ingredients together.

Dressing:

- 1 c. mayo
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. vinegar

Mix dressing together and then mix well into broccoli salad mixture.

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