



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

April 2009

President's Notes

The last day of February and the first day of March brought Cabin Fever Reliever to the Brewer Auditorium. After months of planning, the two day event was well worth the effort. Several hundred people visited the event daily. The kitchen crew served up many orders for beans and dogs, chili and American chop suey. Coffee flowed and doughnuts and cookies disappeared quickly. The daily speakers drew large audiences and the exhibitors enjoyed many conversations with the friendly visitors. The canoe raffle was a huge success. Many thanks to the Cabin Fever committee and to all the volunteers who worked the weekend.

The 13th, 14th and 15th of March ushered in the Sportsman's Show at the University of Maine field house. The Penobscot Fly Fishers fly tying table for kids was very active. Joe Bertolaccini, Bob Blatz, Hank Metcalf, Wayne Thayer and Malcolm Coulter jr spent many hours teaching youngsters how to tie Alvin Theriault's infamous "maple syrup" and the guys managed to sneak in a few "wooly buggers." Saturday afternoon Woody Higgins and a staff member presented the PFF booth with the "Best Active Exhibitor ribbon." This was a first for our organization and we thanked them for recognizing us. The Saturday and Sunday fly casting demonstration at the pool was well attended. Joe Beaulieu handled the casting chores as Rob Dunnett held the canoe steady. Hank Metcalf Emcee'd on Saturday and Don Corey was at his best on Sunday. Good weather made for an enjoyable weekend as they had a record crowd on Saturday. Thanks to our PFF volunteers for a job well done.

Our guest speaker for the April 1 meeting will be Rob Gould and Jeff Fahey from "Sunkhaze Outfitters." They have been presenters at Cabin Fever but few of us ever get the chance to see them due to staffing the event. Bass fishing techniques are one their

specialties and they will be covering that on April 1. Michael Earle of Eddington gave the club an assortment of bass flies at the Sportsman's Show. He has done this the past couple of years. We thanked Mr Earle and invited him to our meetings.

Seeing the bare ground is encouraging. The dust is getting heavy on the local streets and makes you build up a good thirst for the April 1 meeting.

Zack Dunnett will be passing out the flies from the "fly swap" so I hope to see you there.

Alan Gray, President

Secretary's Notes

Mike would like anyone with a changed or new e-mail account to send him the address at secretary@penobscotflyfishers.com.

Reading the newsletter on the web reduces our newsletter costs and aids communication. Thank you for your help. This will allow a direct e-mail of the newsletter and an e-mail reminder of the meetings.

Fly Tying Thanks

Special thanks to all the club members that helped make this year's beginners fly tying another successful PFF event. Without our members volunteering their time this type of quality event would not be possible. Also special thanks to Diane Corey for the wonderful cookies each week.

Don Corey

March 2009 Secretaries' Report Board of Directors Meeting

March 18, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6 pm.

Board members attending: Ernie MacDonald, Joe Beaulieu, Rob Dunnett, Bob Blatz, Alan Gray, Don Corey, Ron Carr, Hank Metcalf, Malcolm Coulter,

Alex Kovanko, Mike Curtis, **Members attending:**
Zach Dunnett and Joe Bertolacini.

Secretary's Report: Accepted as Published.

Treasurer's Report : February profit and loss presented and accepted.

Cabin Fever Reliever Final Report:

Income from advertising, booth rent, concession, raffle: \$5,432.08

Expenses- Administration, Advertising, Concession expense, Hall Rental: \$2,912.20

Net Income: \$2,519.88

Sportsman Show: PFF received award for Best Active Booth at show. Many thanks to all who participated.

The board voted to establish an annual Greenland Point scholarship in honor of Marcus Hale and his many years of service to the camp and the PFF. The board will pick a child to go each year. If you know of a deserving child who otherwise would not be able to attend, please let a board member know.

The board voted to have the May BOD meeting at the Penobscot Conservation Club if they can accommodate us on that date

The board voted to donate 200.00 to the Bangor Parks and Rec for the use of the facility for fly tying. Also a PFF shirt and hat will be given to Dan at the Rec Department. Dan does all the set up and take down of tables each week and has the coffee ready. These items will have to be approved by the membership at the next general meeting.

Many donations have been received in honor of Brooks Mills who passed away in Feb. The amount received so far is \$345.00

The board began to review the fiscal 2009-2010 budget as presented by Ernie MacDonald. Joe Beaulieu is going to investigate the possibility of a booth at the American Folk Festival.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm