



# Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

January 2008

## President's Notes

The 2008 year ended with an enjoyable meeting with members and guests at the Coach House Restaurant. Over 30 folks sat wide eyed as club member Terry Haines narrated his presentation of a fishing trip to Crook Lake in Labrador, Canada. Large Brook Trout and Pike took turns filling the pro- jector screen as most of us wished we could have been trolling Crook Lake and wading the nearby outlets. Joe and Ellie Bertolaccini filled the trunk of their car with the generous donations of food items and toys by PFF members. The donations will have made a difference for a number of families' holiday season.

As we start 2009 making New Years resolutions that we know we will break, much is on the horizon in the area of conservation and education. FFF is hoping that fly fishing chapters will be striving to bring new members on board and get more people to cast a line.

At our January 2009 meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> we hope to have a guest at the tying vice prior to our meeting (starting around 5:15 pm). Our guest speaker will be Richard Dill, biologist for IF&W. He has been studying the Northern Pike at Pushaw Pond since they were illegally stocked. His research will make for an interesting presentation. There has been great concern about these large fish entering the Penobscot watershed.

The PFF club welcomes Rob Dunnett and Ron Carr as new members of the Board of Directors. Our past President Don Corey is doing very well and will be conducting the fly tying class again this year. Stop by the home pool at the Coach House Restaurant and enjoy a libation with friends on Wed, January 7th.

*Alan Gray, President*

## Secretary's Report from December 17 Directors' Meeting

President Alan Gray called the meeting to order at 6:08 on December 17,2008. In attendance were Alan Gray, Bob Blatz, Dan Hodgins, Joe Boulrier, Ernie MacDonald, Rob Dunnett,Ron Carr, Hank Metcalf, Don Corey, Malcolm Coulter, Bob Blatz, Mike Curtis and club member Zach Dunnett.

### Treasurers Report

Merrill Bank Account balances as of Nov. 30,2008  
Savings---\$4,240.06  
Checking--\$1,956.23  
CD #1----\$1003.35  
CD #2----\$1004.95

### Secretary's Report

Discussed & accepted as published in Dec. newsletter

### Cabin Fever Show

Chairman Ernie MacDonald gave the following report. As of this meeting there are 42 exhibitors (33 paid,8 committed,7 likley).

There are many new exhibitors and advertisers so far for this years show. Ernie is presently looking for donations for door prizes. He would welcome any help.

### Policy Committee

Hank has compiled the information from the last meeting will be scheduling a meeting with the other committee members in the future.

### Sportsman Show

The Sportsman show is coming up on March 13,14 & 15. We will as a club be participating in the casting demo and the kids fly tying. We will be looking for volunteers later on.

### Fly Tying Class

Don gave a report on the upcoming tying class. The 1<sup>st</sup> class is Jan 8 at 6pm. We have 11 signed up right now. Board approved the spending of up to 500.00 for materials . Needs to be approved at Jan meeting.

### Name Tags

Bob Blatz has been looking into new name tags for club members more info to follow.

### Atlantic Salmon Tank

Dan Hodgins is taking our Salmon Tank to his school. The board approved up to 25.00 for maintenance.

### Charleston Correctional Institute

There is some interest in doing some tyng instruction at the facility. Malcolm Coulter is going to look into.

### FFF Donation

Board approved donating 50.00 to the Federation Of Fly Fishers.

*Submitted by Michael Curtis, Secretary*

## Beginners Fly Tying 2009

The club's annual beginners fly tying course will begin on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at the Bangor Parks and Rec building on lower Main St. in Bangor beginning at 6 pm. Anyone interested in helping with this course please contact Don Corey at [don@annikarodandfly.com](mailto:don@annikarodandfly.com).

The cost for the course is \$30 and all materials and equipment are provided. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Don.

## Secretary's Notes

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

## Cabin Fever Reliever Show Program

As a little sales incentive for this year's CFR show program, someone will win a new rod. Annika Rod and Fly (Don Corey) is donating the components ( blank, reel seat, grip, guides, thread, etc) to build a TFO (Temple Fork Outfitters) Professional Series 4 piece rod and the really cool, triangular rod tube.

For each ad that someone sells they will have their name put in the "hat" for a chance to win the rod. Sell 3 ads, your name goes in 3 times. Buy an ad yourself, your name goes in.

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## FFF Enters National Anglers' Legacy Partnership

FFF has entered an exciting national partnership with the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) – launching a national Anglers' Legacy pledge drive. Anglers' Legacy encourages avid anglers to share their passion for both fishing and our cherished aquatic resources, by taking the Anglers' Legacy "Pledge" and becoming Anglers' Legacy ambassadors.

**Becoming an Anglers' Legacy ambassador is very easy** – it is free, and takes less than a minute. In "taking the pledge" – and becoming an Anglers' Legacy ambassador -- we promise to introduce at least one new person to the sport of fishing each year:

<http://www.takemefishing.org/community/anglers-legacy/take-the-pledge/promo/FEDFLY08>

In this simple commitment to pass on and mentor someone new to fishing, we can do much for our sport, our home waters and conservation efforts as well as for FFF and our local clubs. We should all take time to pass on the legacy...after all, someone did that for us during our lives...***It's time for us to share our sport with another person.***

FFF has set a goal of having 8,000 members and fellow anglers "take the pledge" to introduce someone new to fly fishing. **To achieve this, we need local fly fishing clubs to step up and help with this campaign to pass along our beloved sport to the next generation of anglers.**

Please consider taking time to communicate this campaign -- and our Angler Legacy discount (\$15) membership incentive -- to your club members, and encourage them to "take the Pledge." The attached news story (below) can be readily used by fly-fishing clubs in their member communications -- and it outlines, in detail, the FFF membership incentive that can help those clubs earn additional free fly rods.

If you need any additional information or materials, please feel free to contact Josset Gauley at the FFF office [josset@fedflyfishers.org](mailto:josset@fedflyfishers.org) , or Jeff Sedor at RBFF [jsedor@rbff.org](mailto:jsedor@rbff.org) .

Many thanks for your support.

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## Federation of Fly Fishers Launches National Anglers' Legacy Pledge Drive

*FFF Sets Goal of 8,000 Members to Take Pledge; Member and Club Incentives Included In the Pledge Drive*

The Federation of Fly Fishers has teamed with the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) in a national campaign to introduce newcomers to fly fishing. Anglers' Legacy encourages avid anglers to share their passion for fishing and "[Take the Pledge](#)" ---a promise to take at least one new person fishing during the coming year. FFF has set a goal of having 8,000 members and fellow anglers take the Anglers' Legacy Pledge

between now and March 2009, and has developed an incentive program to reward members and the newcomers they introduce to fly fishing.

"The Anglers' Legacy Pledge aligns perfectly with FFF's mission of education through the sport of fly fishing," said FFF President and CEO R.P. "Pete" VanGytenbeek. "It's fitting that we're the first national fly fishing organization to participate in this important endeavor that promotes fishing, specifically fly fishing, to future generations."

According to a 2008 [survey](#) of Ambassadors, most take more than four people a year fishing and also purchase 3.2 fishing licenses. To date, the Anglers' Legacy program has signed on more than 75,000 Ambassadors nationwide.

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### Special Incentive Program Rewards Ambassadors and Newcomers

To help boost the pledge drive, FFF is offering an incentive that is beneficial to current and potential members, newcomers and local clubs. Once FFF members pledge to become an ambassador, they can offer a \$15 discounted FFF membership to those friends and family they introduce to the sport. FFF will also extend the \$15 discount membership to all new Ambassadors (who are not currently FFF members) and the newcomers they take fishing.

"Becoming an Ambassador can also help increase membership in our local fly fishing clubs because FFF-member Ambassadors can use the opportunity to recruit their newcomers to join their local clubs" said VanGytenbeek. "This also increases their club's ability to earn additional free fly rods through the existing incentive program to have more FFF members represented in local fly clubs.

In order track FFF's progress towards the 8,000 ambassador goal:

Members are encouraged to access the Anglers' Legacy Pledge site directly through the FFF Web site. Visit [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org) and click on the Anglers' Legacy logo -- located on the home page -- which takes you directly to the Anglers' Legacy Web site.

To obtain the half-price membership, members must do the following:

Once you take the Pledge, print the "thank you" message (which appears onscreen after the pledge has been submitted online) and retain it so your newcomer can receive the \$15 membership. Then visit <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4971> and print out the membership form & attach the printed "thank-you" page to the newcomer's FFF membership form and a \$15 check and mail it to FFF.

***If a newcomer decides to join your local club, be sure to record your club's name on the membership form in order to receive credit towards free fly rods.***

Remember -- when taking the Pledge directly from the AnglersLegacy.org Web site, one must enter this promo code: **FEDFLY08**. This way, FFF gets "credit" toward its goal.

"Becoming an Ambassador is very easy, and at the same time, can do so much for our sport, our home waters and conservation efforts as well as for FFF and our local clubs," said Van Gytenbeek. "We should all take the Pledge to pass on the legacy...after all, someone did that for us during our lives. It's time for us share our sport with another person."