



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

March 2009

President's Notes

The Cabin Fever Reliever weekend is upon us. Let us hope that the weather is decent as Ernie MacDonald and committee members have put a lot of effort into making Cabin Fever Reliever a worthy event. I hope to see club members and friends visiting the event on Feb 28 and March 1st.

The fly tying classes will have completed eight weeks by the time the newsletter is out. Those Thursday evenings have flown by quickly. Diane Corey's cookies have been an enjoyable treat for all involved. Speaking of the Coreys, congratulations to Don and Diane on the birth of their granddaughter, Natalie Jean Haulk.

Carter Richardson of "Grayghost productions" will be the guest speaker at the March 4th meeting. He will be showing a fly fishing film made in Maine. The film is one hour and ten minutes in length and copies will be available for purchase.

A number of ideas for club outings were discussed at the February meeting. The use of personal shore front property (Bud Farwell's) on Green Lake was offered for a spring outing. Member Richard Jagels has dock space on the Penobscot in Winterport as a meeting point to fish for stripers in late summer. A bass fishing outing/tournament on the Penobscot River at the south Lincoln boat launch and picnic area was discussed.

Food for thought with all the snow on the ground and looking forward to budding trees and flowers and open water.

Alan Gray, President

February 2009 Secretary Report Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at the Weathervane Restaurant in Brewer. In attendance were Alan Gray, Dan Hodgins, Alex Kavanko, Ernie MacDonald, Bob Blatz, Rob Dunnett, Hank Metcalf, Ron Carr, Malcolm Coulter and member Zach Dunnett.

President Alan Gray called the meeting to order at 6:10

Secretary's Report Presented and accepted,

Treasurer's Report

Ernie MacDonald presented report and it was accepted.

Account Balances

Savings: 6856.15
Checking: 1316.14
CD1: 1013.30
CD2: 1009.92
CD3: 1006.53

Cabin Fever Reliever Update

Chair Ernie MacDonald gave a report. We will have 50 Exhibitors. There are 36 ads for the program and a wide range of prizes for attendees and exhibitors.

Bylaws and Policy Committee

The process of reviewing the bylaws was started with the board discussing proposed changes. The committee will meet to discuss and review the results. More to follow.

Charleston Correctional Facility

Board discussed a request to teach fly casting and tying to youth at the correctional facility. A motion was made to go ahead with the program based on club membership participation and interest.

Greenland Point and Camp Natarswi

Hank Metcalf reported that we have 5 dates for the Girl Scouts camp and 4 dates at Greenland point. Hank will be looking for volunteers

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Beginners Fly Tying

February 26 marked the last class of the 8 week beginners fly tying course at the Bangor Parks and Rec. The course went very well and thanks go out to all the volunteers that make it such a great success.

Intermediate Fly Tying

There will be an intermediate fly tying class beginning on Thursday, March 5 and running for 4 weeks. The class will begin at 6 pm and end between 8 and 8:30 pm. There will be a \$5 charge per student for each week attended. All materials and equipment will be provided. A couple of club members, "Cubbie" McCubbin and Zach Dunnett will be tying the first evening and Featherside Flies owner/master fly tyer, Ron McKusick will be teaching the last 3 weeks. This promises to be a great 4 weeks.

The class will look something like this:

March 5

Grizzly King, Zach Dunnett
Crayfish, Cubbie McCubbin

March 12

John Keneally's Hex Emerger, Ron McKusick
Moosehead Smelt, Ron McKusick

March 19

Nancy's Prayer, Ron McKusick
Eddie's WB Caddis dry/emergent, Ron

McKusick

March 26

Mike Holt Bead Head Minnow, Ron McKusick
Joe's Smelt Tandem, Ron McKusick

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.

Advanced Saltwater Fly Tying Class

The Penobscot Fly Fishers are proud to announce that they will be offering a Saltwater Fly Tying Class on Sunday, March 29 at the world famous Brewer Auditorium. The instructor for the day will be none other than Joe Calcavechiaa from south of the border (New Hampshire). Joe is an accomplished fly tyer/instructor who teaches at Eldredge Brothers Fly Shop in Cape Neddick among other locations. He recently tied at The Fly Fishing Show in Somerset New Jersey and has tied for many years at The Fly Fishing Show in Marlborough, MA.

Joe writes "We will start off with some simple patterns, such as a clouser, and then go over and tie the basics of a deceiver. We should get into some mackerel flies, bunker flies, then we'll get into some striper dragons and squid flies. I would also like to go over some small epoxy flies". Sounds like a full day of fun to me!

The fee for the course will be \$35 and will cover all materials, hooks, epoxy and any special thread. Students will be expected to bring their tying vise, tools, their favorite 6/0 thread (black and white) and a light if needed. Class size will be limited.

For more information contact Don Corey at don@annikarodandfly.com or at 843-5634.