



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER



Wind Knots December 2005 by Ed Bruno, President

Please come and join us for an evening of socializing, story swapping, and good hearted fun Wednesday, December 7, 2006, at our holiday party, beginning at 6:00 P.M., at the Coach House Restaurant in Brewer. During the meeting we will have a brief business meeting to elect the new officers and Board members. I will also be asking the membership to authorize our treasurer to issue a check to the Federation of Fly Fishers for our new dues billing. The Federation, like all of us, has faced increased expenses, and based upon the size of our Club and the Federation's dues increase, authorization from the Club for this expense is now necessary. At the November Board of Director's meeting, a unanimous recommendation to maintain our affiliation with the Federation was affirmed.

In years gone by, at the December holiday party, we exchanged gifts among ourselves. Keeping the new tradition, which was suggested by Jim Snow, we will instead collect gifts for children. Please bring an unwrapped child's gift to the December meeting. We will also be collecting non-perishable food for the Club's donation to local food pantries.

Beginning Thursday, January 5, 2006, Penobscot Fly Fishers will commence its winter introduction to fly tying course. Don Corey, will again organize the fly tying course. He is seeking volunteer instructors. If you don't tie and would like to learn, please sign up as soon as possible. Class size is limited.

Speaking of signing up, we will have a sign up sheet at the December meeting for the Cabin Fever Reliever Symposium being held January 28th & 29th at the Old Town Y. We will need Club members' help setting up Friday afternoon, during the Symposium Saturday and Sunday and also at the conclusion of the program.

For those looking to do some holiday shopping, Bob and Nancy Blatz will be taking orders for Club logo embroidered clothing, and several raffle items will be available at the meeting.

I am now concluding my second term as president of Penobscot Fly Fishers. In looking back over the past two years, I am pleased to report that the Club has grown in membership and most importantly, fulfilling the mission statement we were founded upon. We have promoted education, conservation and the sport of fly fishing, very successfully. Our success is solely because of the members of our Club who selflessly volunteer their time and efforts. It has been my distinct honor serving as your president. I appreciate the opportunity you have extended to me. In closing, I wish you a holiday season filled with health and happiness.
Tight Lines,
Ed

Fly Tying 2006

The fly tying season is upon us and we are gearing for another Beginners Fly Tying class with Bangor Parks and Rec. beginning on Thursday, Jan 5, 2006. The course will be 7 or 8 weeks. This class is always a success because of the instructors' generous donation of time to help with the class. If you can help for all or some of the classes please contact Don Corey to sign up. The size of the class will determined by the number of instructors. We try to maintain a 3 to 1 student to instructor ratio. Thanks in advance for your help. Don can be reached at don@annikarodandfly.com or 843-5634.

T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CADDIS

BY RICHARD FRANK

Twas the night before Christmas when down by the stream

The full moon looked out on a chill winter scene.
A lone trout was sipping a midge in his brook,
Untroubled by worries of fishers with hooks.

Then from above a small sleigh did appear
Pulled by a brace of eight tiny reindeer.
It swerved of a sudden and down it did glide,
Settling its runners along the streamside.

The fat, jolly driver dove into his sled
And emerged with his three weight held high over head.

"Thank you my elves for this wand smooth as silk.
This break will be better than cookies and milk."

So saying, he jumped from his sleigh with a chuckle,
Hiked up his boots and cinched up his belt buckle.
Santa meant business that cold winter's eve.
A fish he would catch - that you'd better believe.

Looking upstream and down, he spotted that trout,
Then he open his flybox and took something out -
"Size 32 midges are only for faddists
I'll go with my favorite tan reindeer caddis."

So he cast out his line with a magical ease
And his fly floated down just as light as you please.
And it drifted drag free down the trout's feeding lane,
But the fish merely wiggled a fin of disdain.

"Oh Adams, oh Cahill, oh Sulphur, oh Pupa,
Oh Hopper, oh Coachman, oh Olive Matuka!
I've seen every fly in the book and the box.
I'm old and I'm wary and sly as a fox.

To catch me you'll need an unusual gift,
For a present this common no fin will I lift."
Old Nick scratched his head for his time it grew short
The reindeer behind him did shuffle and snort.

He looked once again in his box for a fly

When a pattern compelling attracted his eye.
"The Rudolph!" he muttered and grinned ear to ear
"Far better to give than receive, so I hear."

So he cast once again and his magic was true,
And the trout it looked up and knew not what to do.
"This fly has a body of bells don't you know,
And if that's not enough there's a shining red nose!

I know it's fraud and I know it's a fake,
But I can't help myself. It's I gift I must take!"
So he rose in swirl and captured that thing,
Flew off down the stream. Santa's reel it did sing.

"Ho!" shouted Santa, "You're making my day.
If the heavens were water, you'd be pulling my sleigh."
So, Santa prevailed and released his great rival
First taking great care to ensure its survival.

He then mounted his sled and he flew out of sight
Shouting, "Merry Caddis to trout and to all a good night!"

Calendar

- Dec 7 Wednesday, monthly dinner meeting
Holiday Party
Coach House Restaurant, 6 pm
- Dec 21 Wednesday, monthly Directors meeting
Coach House Restaurant, 6 pm
- Jan 4 Wednesday, monthly dinner meeting
Coach House Restaurant, 6 pm
- Jan 5 Thursday, Beginners Fly Tying
Bangor Community Center, 6 – 8:30 pm

- Jan 12 Thursday, Beginners Fly Tying
Bangor Community Center, 6 – 8:30 pm
- Jan 18 Wednesday, monthly Directors meeting
Coach House Restaurant, 6 pm
- Jan 19 Thursday, Beginners Fly Tying
Bangor Community Center, 6 – 8:30 pm
- Jan 26 Thursday, Beginners Fly Tying
Bangor Community Center, 6 – 8:30 pm