



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

Wind Knots

December 2006

Ed Bruno, Past-President

It's a boy, and we've named him Mike Curtis! Several months ago President Don Corey asked for a volunteer to review our Club bi-laws and make recommendations for possible changes. Dan Hodgins stepped up to the plate, and at the November 15, 2006 Board of Directors' meeting, made several excellent recommendations to clarify some of our bi-law provisions. During a discussion of the bi-laws, we realized that the Board of Directors was actually one director short. According to our bi-laws, the past president is a voting member of the Board of Directors following the completion of their presidential term. Last year, when my last term as Club president ended, I was also elected for a three-year term to the Board. The end result being that I was, in essence, filling two positions on the Board. Realizing this at the Board of Directors' meeting, I resigned my elected Board seat and will remain on the Board as the immediate past president. Under the terms of the bi-laws, Don Corey nominated a Club member to the Board filling the elected position I vacated. Mike Curtis was nominated, and the Board of Director's agreed with the nomination. I hope this is clear to everybody.

Our December meeting, **Wednesday December 6, 2006** will also be our holiday party. As usual, festivities will begin at 6:00 P.M., at The Coach House Restaurant. This will be predominately a social event. I hope that members will bring their families to join us. A short business meeting will be held. The three-year Board of Directors terms for Ron Landry and Joe Bertolaccini are up. Ron Landry is running for re-election, and Jim Snow is seeking to become elected to the Board for the other three year term. Also at the Christmas party we will be collecting non-perishable food for local food cupboards, and be collecting unwrapped toys for needy children. Bringing back an old tradition, for those who wish, we will be exchanging wrapped gifts of a value of \$10.00 or less among ourselves. To ensure those who wish to exchange gifts will have one to choose from, it is asked that a male

bring a gift for a male, female for female, and child for a child. As is our tradition, this year a presentation of the Gray Ghost award will be made at the December meeting to a member who has exemplified participation and activity to the Club.

This fall Club members have been far from being idle. Ron Landry and a group of volunteers taught fly tying at the Bangor High School Adult Education fall semester. Club members recently participated at the Craig Brook "Spawning Spectacular" with fly tying demonstrations. Beginning Thursday, January 5, 2007, our **winter fly tying program** will begin at the Bangor Parks and Recreation Facility. The course will run through at least February 23, 2007, and may extend beyond that date with additional bonus instruction on fly tying knots, equipment and safety instruction, plus fly casting. Registration for the course is required. Please contact Don Corey at 843-5634 or at Don@annikarodandfly.com. The cost of the course, which includes instruction, handouts, materials, and use of our Club vises is \$30.00. This course has limited enrollment, and fills up fast.

I'm sure are aware, unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, our successful and popular Cabin Fever Reliever will not be held this winter. Co-chairs Ernie MacDonald and John Lent, Jr. are still exploring options for the winter, 2008. If you might be interested in making a financial donation to the Club to help offset the costs associated with the symposium, or know of any individual or business that would like to sponsor the show, please contact either Ernie or John.

The PCCA Sportsman's Show will be held in March at the University. As always we will have a table at the show and Ron Landry and Alan Gray will be looking for volunteers to help staff our popular table. Bob Blatz has volunteered to staff the children's fly tying table, and would appreciate volunteer fly tying teachers.

Wishing all a happy and healthy holiday season.

Fly Tying Classes 2007

The annual beginners fly tying class at Bangor Parks and Rec on Lower Main St. in Bangor will begin on Thursday, January 4, 2007. There will be a couple of minor changes to the course this year. We have added some new flies.

We will be tying a tandem feather-wing streamer and a hair-wing Atlantic Salmon fly. We will also have a night during the course where we will talk about equipment (rods, reels, lines, waders, leaders, etc.) and we will also try to have a night of casting near the end of class.

The cost for the course is \$30. All materials and equipment are provided by the club.

Anyone interested in the class should contact Don Corey (don@annikarodandfly.com or 843-5634) for more information. Class size will be limited. Seats in the class are on a first come, first serve basis. We already have 5 paid students. Don't wait!!! To register send your check, made payable to the Penobscot Fly Fishers, to:

Donald Corey
36 Kingsbury Rd.
Holden, ME 04429

January Dinner Meeting Wednesday, January 3, 2007

The monthly dinner meeting for January will be held on Wednesday, January 3 at the Coach House Restaurant in Brewer beginning at 6 pm.

Speaker to be announced.

December Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

The monthly dinner meeting for December will be held on Wednesday, December 6 at the Coach House Restaurant in Brewer beginning at 6 pm.

There will be no speaker for this meeting. Don Corey will have a brief discussion about equipment maintenance and there will be a short business meeting. For those wishing to participate, there will a gift swap. If you bring a gift you will get a gift. This will NOT be a Yankee Swap. Also, for those wishing to bring non-perishable foods and/or an UNWRAPPED children's gift, we will be collecting these items and will deliver them to the proper organizations for distribution.

Fly Swap 2007

I am again doing a fly swap. This year we will be tying streamers. What ever pattern you want. Sign up will run until the January 3 meeting. I do not need to know right now what you will be tying but that would be great. Flies will be due at the February meeting. I will need to have a recipe with the fly. I will again take pictures of each fly and make a CD for everyone Let me know if you want to get in on the swap. The number of flies will depend upon how many sign up. The meeting we had about 15-20 people raise their hands, This could be a big swap with a lot of great flies coming back to everyone. Contact me either at the meeting or e-mail me at pbunyan@verizon.net .