



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

April 2010

President's Notes

Hopefully everyone has had time to get out and enjoy this crazy weather, either fishing or some other outdoor activity. I know some club members have tested the waters of Brewer Lake. There will be some club fishing activities coming up soon. There is a board meeting on the 21st at the Weathervane all members are welcome.

The club library has had the addition of the DVD series The New Fly Fisher, series 1-4, to it. They will be available at the meeting. There are 3-4 episodes on each disc. This is a really nice show if you haven't seen it check out the disc. The club library is available to any current member, and is limited to 1 book and 1 video or disk at a time. Please return the items at the next meeting so others can participate. Ron Carr will be handling the library duties, so see him at the meeting.

If there are any ideas you guys have or suggestions for the board, Please let one of the board members or officers know. Remember IT'S YOUR CLUB, help make it what you want it to be.

Snow will be here before you know it, so get out and FLY-FISH and TAKE A KID along with you. They are the future of the sport.

Mike Curtis, President

Monthly Dinner Meeting

April 7, 2010

The next monthly dinner meeting will be held at the Penobscot County Conservation Association clubhouse on Wednesday, April 7, 2010. Festivities will begin between 5:30 and 6 pm. Cost for the dinner is \$11 including dessert.

The speaker for the evening will be Matt Laroche. Matt will be talking about how to prepare for an Allagash Wilderness Waterways canoe trip.

Cabin Fever Reliever – Success!

I need to start this report with a thank you to all my committee members that made the show a success. I especially want to note the exceptional efforts of Alan Gray who spearheaded the collection of items to be give away at the show. Thank you to Rob Dunnett who was responsible for the advertisers in the program including getting the graphics. Thanks to Joe Bertolaccini for the staffing of the show and Harold Brown who helped with the exhibitors and speakers. A Special thanks to Mr. Don Corey who organized our advertising effort and printed and oversaw the compilation of our program brochure. His efforts created cost savings this year which was substantial.

Of course I would be remiss if I did not thank the staff and management at the "World Famous Brewer Auditorium. As usual our exhibitors did a great job and our speakers were outstanding. In that area I have to extend special thanks to Rod McGarry who spoke for PFF and promoted our sport of Fly Fishing.

Those of you who missed the show missed a wide variety of exhibitors and good buys on items. Even more you missed the free information that the exhibitors were constantly doling out. Although the show's focus is not financial it was a resounding success in that area. When all the final numbers are tallied we will have netted about \$3,000 dollars. These dollars allow us to support youth scholarships, fly tying classes, and a variety of other activities and needs that we identify. We hope that this show will continue to be a success and that it will allow us to grow the fly fishing and conservation community. If the comments made by the attendees and the exhibitors are any indication this show should be around for a long period of time. Our exhibitors are some of our biggest fans and supporters. We continue to have interest expressed from organizations that swing by the show and ask how they can participate next year. If you as a member didn't come to the show or participate in some way you really missed a great time. Ask our perennial favorites like Ron Landy and Hank Metcalf who work the door selling raffle tickets and getting people excited about the show. Check with Ron Carr, Ed Dalide, John Weinmann, Joe Beaulieu, Malcolm Coulter, Cubby McCubbin or Alex and Nick Kovanko just to mention a few. We even get a few wives of members like Diane Corey and Ellie Bertolaccini to help out in the kitchen. The visit would be worthwhile even if you only had Diane's American Chop Suey, Ron Landry's Fish Chowder or your President's Chili.

Don't miss it next year sign up early and come often,

Ernie MacDonald
Chair