



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

February 2010

Flies have to be turned in by the March meeting and will be distributed at the April meeting.

President's Notes

Hey guys, By the time you read this January will be in the books. It won't be long and we will be fishing. I must apologize for not being able to make the February meeting, But I will be away on business in the broiling heat of the Southwest. Club activities are going well, Fly tying has a real good turnout of students and instructors. Cabin Fever Reliever is coming into the home stretch, You may be contacted or asked to help at the event, please consider helping if you can. Other activities and events are in the planning mode. The board would welcome any suggestions that you guys may have. Remember IT'S YOUR CLUB. Many thanks to all who have helped with the past events.

Mike Curtis, President

Beginners Fly Tying Class

The Beginners Fly Tying Class at Bangor Parks and Rec is in full swing. Four weeks have been completed as of January 28th. Joe Beaulieu and his capable assistants have been mentoring the eager students. If you find your Thursday night open, drop by for a cup of coffee and some delicious cookies.

Zack's Fly Swap

Zack Dunnett is going to be running a fly swap again this year. This year's theme will be Tyer's Choice, people are encouraged to tie their favorite or maybe their most productive fly. Those interested in participating must sign up by the meeting on February 3rd, you can sign up by email zackflyfisher@gmail.com or at club meetings. He will need to know what fly you are tying and contact information (email or phone), so he can let you know how many flies you will need to tie.

Guest Column

By Ernie MacDonald

Spring is almost here! Yes, I know winter just began a few weeks ago and the temperature has been near zero but the harbingers of spring have already arrived. Ever year at this time the flower catalogues would arrive and my Dear Sainted Irish Catholic Mother-in Law would espouse the wonders of spring being in the air. Although I might roll my eyes a little, it did get my mind to wandering about spring and more specifically opening day. You see like her I look forward to the catalogues arriving, including the gardening ones, but this year it was the new LL Bean Fly Fishing catalogue which came the other day and boasted of 40 of new items in its pages.

Like all good fly fisherman the thought of new gadgets always excites me. However, we might all want to turn our efforts to checking out our current rods, reels and lines and other gear to see what we need to fix and or buy. Remember open season will creep up on you faster than that first strike you missed last season.

You should also be checking your fly boxes for the fly's you need to tie. If you haven't started tying this year can't do without fly, then its time. While pondering all of this, club members might want to stop by and help out some of the newest tiers at the fly tying classes at Bangor Parks and Recreation. Stop in and appreciate the efforts of two local young tiers Eliot and Gabby and their first flies. We hope that this will be the beginning of many years of tying pleasure. Maybe you want to visit with or help Chad from Island Falls or the Dalton boys from Veazie. I assure you that you will thoroughly enjoy the visit and it might just get you warmed to do some tying of your own.