



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

March 2010

President's Notes

I was very saddened to here of Mike Coburn's passing, He will be missed by all the area clubs and their members.

I don't know about you guys, but the Cabin Fever Reliever Show put me in the mood! To fish, train and work with Diesel (my German Shorthaired Pointer for those who don't know him) and just get outside and enjoy Maine. What a great show, Thanks to Ernie MacDonald and all the committee members who did a fantastic job again. Thanks also to the volunteers who worked the show and to all the exhibitors.

Once again there are many activities coming up for the month. Starting with an auction at this month's meeting. Prints, rods, reels, books and other items. Bid often bid high. There is a Board of Directors meeting on the March 17, all members welcome, The Sportmans Show at the University of Maine in Orono on March 12 - 14.

So come out and participate, Remember IT'S YOUR CLUB

Mike Curtis, President

March 3 Auction Items

At the March 3 monthly dinner meeting there will be a auction of surplus club items. The list includes but is not limited to:

L.L. Bean "LL" fly rod, 9' 6 wt 2 piece
Garcia 280 spinning reel, 4.2:1, 15+ lb. test
South Bend Triaxx spinning reel, 5.3:1
Eagle Claw XG630 spinning reel w/extra spool, NIB
Orvis 50-A spinning reel
L.L. Bean "Match the Minnow" box w/5 of 8 flies
Paddleboy Watercraft Carrier
Assorted spinning lures
Reel seat, guides and thread for fly rod
Fenwick Eagle, 8'-6" 6 wt. fly rod
Assorted fly reels
Jack Dennis tied Humpy with letter of authenticity

Mike Corburn, Kineo Flies

Greenville - On a sad note, Mike Coburn of Kineo Flies passed away Sunday, February 28. Mike was a PFF member and he and Anne participated in many club activities. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Anne and the Coburn family.

Intermediate/Advanced Fly Tying

The club will again be offering advanced fly tying classes for club members over the next few weeks. Classes will be held in our regular space at the Bangor Parks and Recreation facility. The first class will take place on Thursday, March 4th at 6 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and attendees are required to bring their own equipment. The club will be supplying all required materials.

Week 1 March 4

Joe Bertolaccini of Wicked Good Flies will be tying a tandem Governor Aiken and a Matuka Streamer.

Week 2 March 11

Don Corey of Annika Rod and Fly will be tying a Muddler Minnow and another deer hair fly

Week 3 March 18

2 saltwater/bass flies

Please contact me if you are interested so that I can get an idea of the materials we will need. If anyone has a request for specific patterns or additional classes please let me know.

Joe Beaulieu

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Beginners Fly Tying Class

The Beginners Fly Tying Class at Bangor Parks and Rec. finished on Thursday, February 25. Joe wishes to thank all the club members that came to help with the course. The folks help make this course the success that it is.

Cabin Fever Reliever Results

It appears that we had another successful show. On the financial end all the final totals are not yet in but on the income end of it we exceeded projections in all but the canoe raffle, but even that was above last year's level. In addition we picked up 5 new members and one former member returned to the fold. Much of the expense items are still out and when we receive those we will give a full report. The concession appeared to be a great success thanks to Diane Corey's super duper American Chop Suey, Ron Landry's awesome Fish Chowder, Mike Curtis's super delicious Chili and of course the world famous Maine red hotdogs. I have not had a chance to review the comments from the exhibitors or the attendees but I can tell you I was accosted by both attendees and exhibitors telling me what a great show it was. I also hope to post all of the winners and a number of items to the Cabin Fever Reliever website so keep an eye on that for updates. I want to thank everyone that helped and participated in the show and I will expand on that in my future report.

Directors Meeting February 17, 2010

Present:

Directors: Mike Curtis, Bob Blatz, Hank Metcalf, Ed Delide, Ernie MacDonald, Ron Carr, Alan Gray, Rob Dunnett, Dan Hodgins, Alex Kovenko, Joe Beaulieu
Guests: Kelly Curtis, Zack Dunnett

Meeting Called to Order: 6:06 pm

1. January 2010 Secretary's Report, m/s accept as presented. Pass unanimous.
2. January 2010 Treasurer's Report, m/s accept as presented. Discussion, FFF dues are now \$3/member. Pass unanimous.
3. Cabin Fever Reliever Report, Chairman MacDonald reports all going well. Members can contact Joe Bertolaccini to work the show.
4. The policy Committee will be meeting soon to consider several issues.
5. Surplus Equipment will be auctioned at the March General Meeting. A partial list will be published in the March newsletter.
6. Discussion was held on the possibility of working at an adult fly fishing school at Greenland Point. This project is still in the

formative stages. The Board took a straw poll to gauge interest in our participation. The vote was unanimous to continue in our discussions with Greenland Point.

7. Joe Beaulieu announced there will be advanced tying classes for club members at the completion of the beginning classes. Fee will be \$5/class.
8. The issue of Lifetime Memberships was referred to the Policy Committee for further discussion.
9. Mr. Corey has volunteered to head a committee to plan club outings/activities. See him to help or with ideas for future events.
10. A legacy fly collection was discussed. Joe Beaulieu will design and construct a display case to house the collection.
11. The Board referred to the Policy Committee the development of a policy dealing with recognizing sick or deceased club members with cards, flowers,...
12. A motion was made and seconded to approve up to \$200 for Third Shift Designs to create/redesign the PFF website. Discussion was held. Pass unanimous.
13. All four seasons of "The New Fly-Fisher" have been purchased and added to the club library.
14. Mr. Carr will assume management of the club library. The Policy Committee will review/formulate library use rules.
15. A possible change of BOD meetings to Thursday nights to coincide with PCCA BOD meeting night was discussed. To be discussed further at another time. No action other taken.
16. Dr. Kovanko is still investigating Project Healing Waters. He has e-mailed them and is waiting their reply.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Hodgins
Secretary Penobscot Fly Fishers

Treasurers Report

February 17, 2010

Penobscot Fly Fishers
 Profit & Loss Standard
 Cash Basis January 2010

Income	
Cabin Fever Income	
Cabin fever advertising	700.00
Cabin fever booth rent	135.00
Total Cabin Fever Income	835.00
Clothing sales	
Fly Tying Class	16.00
Meeting Meals	300.00
Membership Dues	275.00
Individual Membership	30.00
Total Membership Dues	30.00
Raffle Income	
Savings account interest	88.00
	3.78
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>1,547.78</u>
Expense	
Bad check expense	
Cabin Fever Expenses	5.00
Administrative cost	25.97
Total Cabin Fever Expenses	25.97
FFF Affiliation Dues	
Fly Tying Class Expense	277.00
beginner class	37.12
Total Fly Tying Class Expense	37.12
Meeting Meal expense	
Newsletter	250.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies	54.61
Reference Library	0.00
Speaker Meals	395.86
	10.00
<u>Total Expense</u>	<u>1,055.56</u>
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>492.22</u>

January 2010	
Camden National CD	\$ 7,045.05
Merrill savings account	\$ 5,684.98
Merrill Bank checking	\$ 2,175.42
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$14,905.45</u>

<u>2/16/10</u>	
Camden National CD	\$ 7,045.05
Merrill savings account	\$ 5,684.98
Merrill Bank checking	\$ 2,282.46

<u>Total</u>	<u>\$15,012.49</u>
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Book Review Submitted by Hank Metcalf

Where Cool Waters Flow

By Randy Spenser

Near the end of last year on the advice of John Holyoke of BDN fame I drove to Van Raymond Outfitters on a Saturday morning to purchase the book, *Where Cool Waters Flow* and meet the author, Randy Spenser, Master Maine Guide. With his broad brimmed hat, gray beard and tan complexion he fits my image of a typical guide. He had the knack of engaging in listening to my accounts of mundane fishing experiences Down East. His book reflects his acute art of listening. Randy's book (after meeting him and reading his book, first name seems appropriate) is divided into five sections: the four seasons and the first 50 pages about his connection to Grand Lake Stream, its history and profiles of locals. His collection of short stories will keep the reader spellbound. Randy writes about a series of interviews he had in the early nineties with Lola Sockabasin, a famous guide and member of the Passamaquoddy people and incidentally the grandfather of the husband of my fitness class instructor, Andrea Sockabasin. This is one of several coincidences I relate to in the book. Randy's wife is a nurse and so is my wife. During the author's first trip to West Grand Lake in 1973 he met a man at the town dock who was in an orange Duratek. I have made many excursions to both East and West Grand in my light blue Duratek. He writes about Ebin Everett Elsemore, a legendary GLS guide. Ebin's youngest son, Vern, worked at UMaine during part of the time I worked there. Randy lauds the cooking by Nancy Norris at The Pines Lodge on Dobsy. I know firsthand, Nancy is one of the finest cooks in Eastern Maine.

I didn't notice any explicit disclaimers that descriptions of people might be fictitious. The fun is reading stories that have been, no doubt, embellished by the author – expected from a guide at the evening campfire or during a slow fishing spell. The book covers an interesting cast of characters. One such character, Drummond Dumchuck, lives as a hermit in Township Unknown. Randy visits his isolated cabin several times throughout the book. While the elderly Drummond mostly lives off the land, Randy brings him basic provisions as well as supplies to supplement Drum's hobby of creating stick models. The author leads the reader to develop a strong admiration and affection for the old man. The book is chock full of fascinating short stories about the author's contact not only with clients, but also numerous GLS folks. I kept my Delorme close while following Randy's fishing and hunting tales. There are numerous places where Randy kicks up his prose. For example, "No remnants of the day's strong winds penetrated those depths of Fifth Lake Stream's meanderings. Its path now was that of a retreating glacier scribbling with a geologic crayon 10,000 years earlier". Or, "His head appears bedecked with coarse hackle rather than hair, not combed, but to all appearances, whipped-finished. His refulgent, broad-cheeked smile is all bright jungle-eye and flashabou. His jocund demeanor presents a tinselled, blood-red attractant to which no true sporting soul is immune". In short, Randy Spenser is an outstanding story teller and, I'm sure, the "finest kind" fishing and hunting guide. His book is a great adventure for anyone who likes outdoor life.