



# Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

## Wind Knots January 2007



*Ed Bruno  
Past President*

The calendar says January, but as I look out the window at the blue sky, green grass, and the thermometer, it seems to be more like the middle of April. I guess it's open water fishing season again. Actually, we do have several rivers, here in the state, where one can legally cast a line twelve months a year. I just find it difficult to convince myself that casting a fly rod in January, in Maine, is going to be fun. This is fly tying season!

Thinking of fly tying, in talking with Don Corey, I understand that several slots remain unfilled for our annual beginning fly tying course. For those interested, advanced registration and payment of the \$30.00 tuition and materials charge must be made prior to the course beginning Thursday, January 4, 2007. If you are interested in taking this course, please contact Don Corey at 843-5634 or email him at [don@annikarodandfly.com](mailto:don@annikarodandfly.com).

Brownie was asked recently to assume the duties of procurer of meeting speakers. The following is a list of speakers and their topics, through April. Wednesday, January 3, 2007: Bryant & Pam Wells speaking about the Sunkaze Meadows Wildlife Area, Wednesday, February 7, 2007 Mike Shimmer, a DIF&W biologist, who will discuss Maine waterfowl habitat & waterfowl harvests. Wednesday, March 7, 2007 On Wednesday, April 4, 2007, Gayle Zydlewski, a research assistant & professor at UMO will discuss sturgeon in the Penobscot river. Brownie deserves our appreciation for arranging a varied and interesting list of speakers. Please come join us for those meetings. As I hope you are aware, Club meetings begin at 6:00 P.M. the first Wednesday of each month in the meeting room at the Coach House

Restaurant, 457 Wilson Street, Brewer. Board of Director's meetings begin at the same time on the third Wednesday of each month, and Club members are cordially invited to attend and participate.

Wishing everybody tight lines.

### **January Dinner Meeting Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

The next monthly dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at the Coach House Restaurant in Brewer. Folks normally start arriving around 6 pm, order off the menu from 6:30 pm – 6:45 pm. We have a brief business meeting and the speakers following dinner. January's speakers are Bryant & Pam Wells speaking about the Sunkaze Meadows Wildlife Area.

### **February Dinner Meeting Wednesday, February 7, 2007**

The February monthly dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at the Coach House Restaurant in Brewer beginning at 6 pm. The speaker for this meeting will be Mike Shimmer, a DIF&W biologist, who will discuss Maine waterfowl habitat & waterfowl harvests.

### **March Dinner Meeting Wednesday, March 7, 2007**

The March monthly dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at the Coach House Restaurant in Brewer beginning at 6 pm. The speaker will be Joe Zydlewski, an assistant leader for wildlife of the Maine cooperative fish & wildlife research unit at the University of Maine will discuss Atlantic salmon and the Penobscot River. This topic is especially timely, as the possibility of a spring catch & release season for Penobscot Atlantic salmon is being considered at this time.

## Fly Swap 2007

John Lent is working on finalizing the number of tyers in this always popular club activity. This year's category is Streamers. The way this works is if there are 24 people in the swap, everyone ties 25 of the same streamer fly. All the flies are sent/given to John and he will take one fly from each tier and give it to all the other tyers. When he is done, each of the 24 tyers will have 24 different flies.

He will take the fly left over from everyone's submission and he will make up a fly box to be raffled off at one of the upcoming club meetings. This year tiers have the option of buying a medium fly box for \$5 to get their flies back in. John has sent out an email to all tyers asking whether they want to buy a fly box or not. Please let him know asap. Tyers have until Wednesday, January 3, 2007 to tell John they want to join the swap. All flies must be tied and given to John by Wednesday, February 7, 2007.

## Beginners Fly Tying 2007

There are still a few spots open in the beginners fly tying course that the Penobscot Fly Fishers teaches at Bangor Parks and Rec beginning on Thursday, January 4, 2007 at 6 pm. Cost is \$30. All materials and equipment are provided for the students. For more information contact Don Corey at [don@annikarodandfly.com](mailto:don@annikarodandfly.com) or call him at 843-5634.

We are still looking for volunteers to help work with the students. We like to have no more than 2 students per instructor. You don't need to be an expert tyer to help with the course, just willing to help. You don't have to be at all the classes, any time that you can spare will be greatly appreciated.

Don't forget, we have refreshments at each and every class!