

# Penobscot Fly Fishers

## Newsletter

### October 2008

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#### *President's Notes*

As the beautiful month of September escapes us I hope club members have had the opportunity to fish inlets and outlets of our lakes and ponds for salmon and trout. The Moosehead Lake region offers a number of good river outlets from the East outlet, Brassua Dam and the Roach River to name a few. If you can go mid-week you may enjoy some of the pools to yourself. With the frosty nights that we have had, the conditions should be ripe for the spawning run of the beautiful male brook trout and old silver sides that provides a good fight in the fast water. There are a number of bodies of water that remain open during October thru December 31st. Check the fishing regulation book for the counties that keep their lakes and ponds open. Catch and release from October thru December is the rule of course.

There looks to be an abundant crop of archons this year. If the beech nuts are plentiful too the birds and deer will be hanging around the hardwood ridges and areas where mast is on the ground. There should be more bear sightings also as archons are there favorite food and puts fat on them for the long sleep.

Jackson Beach, Hermon Pond Fishing Outing The fishing outing fizzled out as heavy rain was in the forecast. The outing scheduled at Jackson Beach on Hermon Pond had six members show up with only three going out on the Pond. Rob and Zak Durnett and Alan Gray fished before

the rain started. One nice large mouth bass was caught along with two crappie and two pickerel. Jackson Beach has a number of picnic tables with two under roofs and cookout grills located near-by. A good spot for a fishing and social gathering. A good boat launch area with plenty of parking space. Maybe next year.

Congratulations to Rob and Zak Durnett for passing their Maine Guide exams in August.

#### **Alan Gray**

**Fly Tying Symposium** The Penobscot Fly Fishers will hold their annual Fly Tying Symposium at the world famous Brewer Auditorium on Sunday, November 16 from 9 am to 4 pm. We hope to showcase a plethora of fly tyers all under one roof. Each tyer will have an 8' table and 2 chairs. There is no charge for the tyers. This event is open to the public and there is not charge for admission. There will be a lunch available to those attending for a nominal fee. If you are interested in participating as a tyer please contact Bob Blatz ([bjncyblatz@verizon.net](mailto:bjncyblatz@verizon.net)) or Don Corey 843-5634 ([don@annikarodandfly.com](mailto:don@annikarodandfly.com)).

**Cabin Fever Reliever** - Ernie MacDonald will need a number of volunteers to contact participants and sell raffle tickets, man the concession booth and just generally help out. Woody Higgins from the PCCA is procuring a 16'9" canoe, two paddles and two personal flotation jackets for our organization raffle.

## **A note from the Secretary**

John would like anyone with a changed or new e-mail account to send him the address at [pbunyan@verizon.net](mailto:pbunyan@verizon.net). This reduces our newsletter costs and aids communication. Thank you for your help. This will allow a direct e-mail of the newsletter and an e-mail reminder of the meetings.

## **Are you a member of FFF?**

### **Federation of Fly Fishers members**

If you are a card carrying member of the Federation of Fly Fishers please contact John Lent [pbunyan@verizon.net](mailto:pbunyan@verizon.net) with your membership status. We send \$2.00 from everyone's dues to the FFF. If you are a member of the Penobscot Fly Fishers and the FFF the club does not have to pay the \$2.00

## **Speaker October Meeting**

October 1 meeting: William B. Krohn, Ph. D., Maine Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at the University of Maine, will be speaking at our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 1st. The meeting, which starts at 6:00 p.m., will be held at the Coach House Restaurant in Brewer. Krohn's illustrated presentation will be entitled "Manly Hardy (1832-1910): Early Maine Naturalists and Wildlife Writer." Hardy, who spent most of his life in Brewer, was a successful businessman who assembled one of the largest collections of North American birds ever made by a private person. He traveled extensively in the wilds of Maine and New Brunswick. Hiram L. Leonard, the famous rod and gun maker, was one of Hardy's early travel companions. The two friends remained in contact until Hardy's death, and a two-shot rifled-pistol made by Leonard for Hardy is credited with killing one hundred moose. University of Maine, Orono.

Hardy left an extensive written legacy about his adventures and wildlife observations, with over 150 articles and letters published in newspapers as well as national fishing and hunting magazines. Krohn's presentation is based on a book about Hardy that was published in 2005 by the Maine Folklife Center, University of Maine, Orono.

## **Secretary's Report**

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT, BREWER

Present: Alan Gray, Dr. Alex Kovanko, Ernie MacDonald, Bob Blatz,

Dan Hodgins, Mike Curtis, Hank Metcalf, Don Corey

SECRETARY'S REPORT - None (absent)

Note: From the September 3, 2008 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to appropriate up to \$500.00 for the Fly Tying Symposium to be held at the Brewer Auditorium on Sunday November 16. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr Alex Kovanko was welcomed as a new member of the Board of Directors.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Ernie MacDonald

Income and Expenses June through August 2008:

INCOME: Auctions 85.00

Cabin Fever Ads 25.00

Booth Rent 60.00

Club Clothing sales 156.00

Family Memberships 210.00

Individual Memberships 290.00

Raffle Income 61.00

Savings acct interest 8.43

Total Income \$895.43

## EXPENSES

Admin expenses 10.52  
CabinFever Admin 22.48  
Club Clothing cost 143.14  
Insurance Policy 423.00  
New sletter 47.46  
Postage 16.80  
Conservation Camp  
Travel costs 305.34  
Salmon Release  
Grammar School 106.10  
Speaker Meals 42.20  
TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,117.24  
NET INCOME -221.81

Nominating Committee - Bob Blatz, Joe Bertolaccini, Mike Curtis are working on the committee.

A motion was made for the Board of Directors to move to Executive Session. Motion seconded at 7:00 p.m. Board moved out of Executive Session at 7:28.

Other Business:

A fish tank is available for use at a school. Don Corey has tank.

A discussion on the term limits for Board members and attendance commitment was conducted by members.

Adjournment: 8:04

Minutes submitted by Alan Gray

A motion was made and seconded to look at putting another \$1,000. into a CD account. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was seconded and unanimously approved.

Fly Tying Symposium - Don Corey and Bob Blatz are working on contacting tyers. The club will sell raffle tickets for the Canoe and Fly Rod at the Symposium. Sunday November 16, 2008, hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Brewer Auditorium.

CabinFever Reliever - The committee met on 15 September. Letters have been sent out. Committee members have assumed responsibilities of the many areas of the shows agenda. Club members will help with the setup and staffing the entrance booth. The committee will meet again in October.

Membership Committee - Dan Hodgins will work with the committee to contact members who have not paid dues to date.