



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

May 2008

President's Notes

What a difference a year makes. Last year at this time we were still shoveling. The snow is gone and a number of lakes and ponds are free of ice. By the May meeting some of our members will have caught some salmon and brook trout. We should be seeing the snow birds coming back from Florida (Paul Uttormark, Dave Ferris). The Penobscot Fly Fishers was asked to tie flies at the Mary Snow School on Thursday 17 April. John Weinmann, Kip Bristol, Hank Metcalf and myself taught 18 boys and girls from Mrs McKenna's fourth grade class. All involved had a good time prior to the kids going on a weeks vacation.

The GPS class conducted by Randy McEwen at the Bangor Daily News on Sunday 20 April was attended by eight (8) people. A very informative day of map and compass reading and the use of the GPS instrument. Mr. McEwen is in every way a professional in the field of navigation. Thanks to Don Corey for getting the Bangor Daily News facility for the class.

Alan Gray, President

May 7 Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, May 7 is the date of our next dinner meeting at the Coach House Restaurant. The speaker for the meeting will be Forrrest Bonney discussing brook trout in Maine.

Rumors, etc.

There will be a hearty salmon fisherman's breakfast at the Penobscot Salmon Club, Brewer on May 3 from 6 am to 10 am.

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. 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.

Wanted – Someone to “do” the newsletter

The club is in need of someone to “do” the newsletter each month. John Weinmann photocopies and mails the newsletter so we just need someone to “gather” the submissions (Board of Directors minutes, President's Notes, upcoming events/speakers, etc.) and cut and paste them into a Microsoft Word document. It requires approximately 1 hour per month. Currently the newsletter is composed in Microsoft Word, a pdf version is created for the web and then it is emailed to John for printing/mailing. If you are willing to help, please contact Don Corey or Alan Gray if you have any questions or if you are interested.

Board of Directors' Minutes

Penobscot Fly Fishers
Secretary's report April 16, 2008
East Orrington Congregational Church

Present: Ron Landry, Ernie MacDonald, Alan Gray, Hank Metcalf, John Weinmann, Malcolm Coulter Jr., Joe Beaulieu, Bob Blatz, Dan Hodgins, and Don Corey

Secretary's Report: none

Treasurer's Report:

Checking \$1536.08 Savings \$4277.15, \$1000 CD (3 month)
Accepted by all

Cabin Fever Reliever Final Report

Expenses

Canoe	\$314.95
Program	\$85.01
Advertising	\$857.30
Rental (hall/concession)	\$530.00
Staff cost	\$246.00
Door prizes	\$225.00
Food	\$594.73
Postage/Administrative	\$72.37
Other purchases	\$127.83
Total expenses	\$3,053.19

Income

Exhibitor	\$1,000.00
Ads	\$1,305.00
Raffle	\$849.00

Concession	\$769.04
Flies	\$30.00
Donations	\$225.00
Total income	\$4,178.04

Net show income **\$1,124.85**

New Board Member

Malcolm Coulter Jr.

Fishing Trip

April 29 – Brewer Lake, Orrington boat launch 5 pm.
Dress warm. This will be a trolling trip. Contact Ernie MacDonald for more information.

Conservation Camp (Greenland Point on Big Lake)

Contact Committee Chair Hank Metcalf (866-4302) if you are able to help. Dates are all Thursday from 10 am – 2 pm. (July 24, August 7 and August 14)

Girl Scouts

There has been a change in leadership at the Girl Scouts and nothing is scheduled at the present time.

Audubon (Fields Pond)

They are having a summer camp for children in grades 3 & 4, 4 & 5, and 5 & 6 (20 kids maximum). The camp will be held the weeks of July 14, 21 and 28.

Travel expenses to Conservation Camp

To be discussed at a later date.

Alton Elementary School – Atlantic Salmon release

The fry are to be released in May. Soda left over from the Cabin Fever Reliever will be used. Don Corey made a motion to spend up to \$100 to buy hotdogs, chips, dessert, etc. Second by Malcolm Coulter. Board voted in favor.

Cabin Fever Reliever 2009

Ernie stated that between \$3,000 and \$3,500 seed money will be needed. Dan Hodgins made a motion that the Cabin Fever Reliever be held in 2009. Second by Malcolm Coulter. It was discussed as to whether the Cabin Fever should be an ongoing program. It was thought that this needs to be judged from year to year as to its continuity and be voted on by the general membership with a recommendation by the Board of Directors. Board voted in favor.

Fly Tying Symposium 2008

General consensus was that this should be held again in 2008.

June Speaker

Debra Schmidt, wildlife/outdoor scenery photographer will be the June speaker. Malcolm will contact her.

Fly Tying at Mary Snow School

Alan Gray along with John Weinmann, Hank Metcalf and Kip Bristol conducted a fly tying class on April 17 at Mary Snow School. They tied flies with 18 fourth grade students from Mrs. McKenna's class. The children had a good time. Byron Hale from Bangor also assisted.

Club clothing/paraphernalia

Bob Blatz presented a bill and revenue to the treasurer for club clothing. Bob said that he can now submit small orders (less than 6 items). Bob also mentioned that some members have asked about club patches. He said that W.S. Emerson can create patches for \$3.90 each with a minimum of 100.

Ice Fishing Confab

PFF club member, Mike Coburn of Kineo Flies in Greenville asked if the PFF would run the concession kitchen at the Brewer Auditorium in December for an ice fishing confab. The board decided not to get involved with this event. However it was agreed to put the event in the newsletter to see if there were any club members that would like to assist Mike.

Lobster Feed

There will be a lobster feed at the Roy's in August. This has been an annual event with charter member Mike Roy. It will be held the first Sunday in August and this replaces the August general meeting.

Newsletter mailing expense

In addition to mailing out the monthly newsletter John will have hard copies of the newsletter available at the club meeting. In order to try to reduce mail expense, John will ask all members receiving the newsletter by mail to verify their email address so that we can reduce the number of newsletters mailed.

Wear your club clothes

Bob Blatz brought up the idea of having a monthly raffle at the dinner meeting that would apply to those attendees who are wearing PFF clothing/hats.

Dues Reminder

There will be a dues reminder in the May newsletter.

Dues collection/accounting procedure

Ernie presented a procedure for the dues collection/accounting process. Seconded by Don Corey. Board voted in favor.

It was suggested that an up to date membership list with membership status be available at each Board of Directors meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.