



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

April 2011 Edition

President's Notes



APRIL 1ST IS HERE (well almost). The day we have been looking for since last fall. Hope everyone has plans to get out and get wet. Should be plenty of water in your favorite fishing hole or maybe even to much. But fishing is fishing.

We, as a club, are near the end of teaching season and coming into fishing season. The events committee has several really good fishing activities planned and more on the way. I am also sure they would welcome any input or suggestions you may have. The committee members are Don Corey, Rob Dunnett, Ernie MacDonald and Dan Hodgins.

Big time Kudos to Joe Beaulieu, job well done on the fly tying and intermediate fly tying classes. We had a full class for most and they were enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all who participated and helped instruct the beginners. The intermediate classes were well attended and a great bonus to club members. I know we picked up several new members from these classes. Welcome new members.

Pay attention to the website and the newsletter to see upcoming events. Help is still needed for the Fly Fishing 101 Day, so if you can jump in. There are still a few open spots for the Streamer Class on April 9th, should be good stuff.

In closing, thanks to Don Corey for arranging Don Bastian to come up and tie for the day with us. Those who participated had a great time and learned a lot. See you on the Wednesday, April 6th

REMEMBER IT'S YOUR CLUB

Mike

Don Bastian Wet Fly Class

March 26, 2011 Saturday

The Penobscot Fly Fishers held another in the series of advanced fly tying classes on March 26. Pennsylvania native Don Bastian wowed the 10 eager students with 9

traditional wet fly patterns. He demonstrated numerous techniques while handling a variety of materials. Don is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to classic wet flies and tying them.

Special thanks to the Penobscot County Conversation Association for allowing us to use the wonderful facility and for providing a scrumptious chicken stew and biscuits for lunch AND a wonderful dessert.

To view pictures from the class visit:

https://picasaweb.google.com/108772219369350190442/Bastian2011?authkey=Gv1sRgCNOs5M65p_qnRg#

Trolling Streamers Fly Tying Class

April 9, 2011 Saturday

The Penobscot Fly Fishers is happy to announce the latest in a series of fly tying classes. There will be a trolling streamer fly tying class on April 9, 2011 at the Penobscot County Conversation Association club house in Brewer. Six patterns will be tied during the day long event beginning at 9 am. A lunch will be included in the \$20 class fee. All materials will be provided. Participants should bring 6/0 (140) or 8/0 (70) black and white thread (and a spool of red if you have it) and the normal tying equipment.

The tyers slated to tie are: Joe Bertolaccini of Wicked Good Flies in Orrington will be tying a Joe's Smelt (8X long) and a Nine Three (tandem), Rob Dunnett of Bucksport tying a Greenwood Special (beaded tandem) and Barnes Special (8X long) and Don Corey of Annika Rod and Fly in Holden will be tying a Black Ghost Marabou (8X long), Gray Ghost (traditional side mount wing, tandem) and a Governor Aiken (tandem).

This should be a fun day and a good way to put a few flies in your box for the upcoming trolling season. It won't be long 'til ice out!

For more information or to sign up, contact Don Corey at don@annikarodandfly.com or by phone 843-5634 or email Rob Dunnett at thedunnetts@gmail.com.

2011 CABIN FEVER SHOW

Ron Carr, Dick Jagels, Mike Curtis, Ron Landy, Hank Metcalf, John Wienmann, Charles Smith, Jim Bryant, Malcolm Coulter, Harold Brown, Diane Corey, Ellie Bertolaccini, Rob Dunnett, Bruce Weymouth, Larry Beauregard, Ed Dailide, Wayne Ashley, Norman Plourde, Bud Farwell, Mark Wells, Ryan Wells, Don McCubbin, Nick Kovanko, Alan Gray, Paul Hansen and Joe Beaulieu.

These are the members and their family that volunteered time for the show and they are a testament to the commitment of our members to further conservation and outdoor education. If you are not among that list you may want to start planning for next year so you too can also participate in what is a really great time. We had more and varied exhibitors and hope to expand it even more next year. As always we welcome your thoughts on the show and any knowledge as to exhibitors that can be added. Although we did not have quite as many visitors this year, in part due to the weather, all that did participate had a great time.

I need to thank all my committee members that made the show a success. A special note the exceptional efforts of Alan Gray who spearheaded the collection of donated items. Thanks to Rob Dunnett who increased the effort and increased the advertisers in the program. Thanks to Joe Bertolaccini for the staffing of the show and Harold Brown who helped with the exhibitors and speakers. A Special thanks to Mr. Don Corey who organized our advertising effort and saw to the printing and oversaw the compilation of our program brochure. I want to acknowledge the usual great meals prepared by Mike Curtis, Diane Corey and Ron Landry. As usual the Chili, Chop Suey and Fish Chowder were "MMM" good.

Of course I would be remiss if I did not thank the staff and management at the "World Famous Brewer Auditorium. As usual our exhibitors did a great job and our speakers were outstanding. In that area I have to extend special thanks to Rod McGarry who spoke for PFF and promoted our sport of Fly Fishing.

Those of you who missed the show missed a wide variety of exhibitors and good buys on items. Even more you missed the free information that the exhibitors were constantly doling out. Although the show's focus is not financial it was a resounding success in that area. When all the final numbers are tallied we will have netted about \$3,000 dollars. These dollars continue to allow us to support youth scholarships, fly tying classes, and a variety of other activities and needs that we identify. We hope that this show will continue to be a success and that it will allow us to grow the fly fishing and conservation community. If the comments made by the attendees and the exhibitors are any indication this show should be around for a long period of time. Our exhibitors are some of our biggest fans and supporters. We continue to have interest expressed from organizations that swing by the show and ask how they can participate next year just to mention a few.

Again thanks to all who gave of themselves to make this a great show.

Ernie MacDonald
Chair

PCCA Sportsmen Show



We had a great time at the PCCA Sportsman Show on March 11, 12 & 13. Our fly tying booth for kids was awarded a red ribbon for the most active exhibit! The following

members should receive a big thank you for helping: Bob Blatz, Joe Bertolaccini, Ron Carr, Alan Gray, Don McCubbin and Hank Metcalf. The following crew put on two successful fly casting demos at the Wallace Pool: Don Corey, M.C.; Rob Dunnett, paddler; and Joe Beaulieu, caster.

Cabin Fever Committee - Volunteers

The cabin fever committee volunteers work to present a show that make PFF members proud of being members. Maybe you would like to be more involved in that process. One of our volunteers suggested that we add some new blood to help continue the focus of excellence of the show. Since we will be having a wrap up meeting shortly I thought this might be a good time to invite any member that might have some interest to join us. The meeting would offer you the opportunity to get some insight into the show planning. Since we do not begin planning next years show until next fall you could learn a little and consider your level of involvement. If you have an interest in becoming part of a great group of members working on a fun show please contact me at 825-3788 or email me at treasurer@penobscotflyfishers.com

Ernie MacDonald
Chair Cabin Fever Reliever

Monthly Dinner Meeting April 6, 2011 Wednesday

The next montly dinner meeting will be held at the Penobscot County Conservation Association clubhouse on Wednesday, April 6, 2011. The program for the evening will be none other than Rod McGarry. Joe Bertolaccini will be the Featured Fly Tyer beginning at 5:15 pm. He will be tying a tandem Joe Smelt will a full mylar body. Cost for the dinner is \$11.00 including dessert.

Fly Fishing 101 – Class is Full!!

April 30, 2011

If you are new to fly fishing or would like to get stated, this event is just the thing for you. On April 30, the Penobscot Fly Fishers is holding a introductory, one day event entitled "Fly Fishing 101". It will be held at the Penobscot County Conservation Association clubhouse in Brewer from 9 am to 4 pm.

We will included sessions on Bug and Flies, Equipment and Knots, and a Casting Clinic. The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes lunch and use of equipment. Class size is limited to 24* seats. To sign up Contact Rob Dunnett to sign up thedunnetts@gmail.com or 907-9008.

*Participants under 18 will need parental/guardian approval and those under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Minimum and 12.

PFF Events Committee Update

The events committee is looking for volunteers to help teaching at the Fly Fishing 101 class on April 30th(8:30 to 4:00). We are especially looking for people to help with casting instruction. If you are interested in helping please contact Rob Dunnett 907-9008 thedunnetts@gmail.com or Ernie MacDonald 825-3788 macflyfish@yahoo.com .

Fly Fishing Only Closing

You probably know Fly Fishing Only in Fairfield is closing by the end of April (or if they sell everything sooner the gone).

The entire store is 25% off.

All reels, flies, fly tying supplies and etc is on sale. If they do not sell by April 30th then they will be selling on EBay (I asked) It does not sound like they plan to have further reductions but who knows!

For more info contact Mike Holt owner 453-6242

Malcolm Coulter

Don Bastian at Weatherby's Lodge

Weatherby's Camps in Grand Lake Stream, Maine, is planning a weekend event in May featuring a combination of classic fly tying and fishing for fresh-run Landlocked Salmon. The dates are May 12 - 15. This event includes three nights lodging and all meals for two full days, plus dinner on the arrival day of May 12 and full breakfast on the departure day of May 15.

The cost of three nights lodging and meals with two full days of tying and fishing with Don Bastian is \$746 per person. \$200 deposit required to reserve space. Cancellations within 7 days of event are non-refundable. This event will proceed even if the group size is only two or three people. This is a great opportunity to enjoy some wonderful early-season fishing and fly tying in Maine, at one of the premier traditional sporting camps in the state.

Don Bastian has fly fished for 47 years, including visits to Maine's Moosehead area since 1986. Don will also demonstrate on-stream fishing tactics and provide coaching and instructional tips. In addition to Don Bastian's tying and fishing instruction, participants will receive a complimentary Don Bastian DVD; your choice of one of his three classic wet fly or streamer titles; plus a signed, Maine classic streamer fly in traditional carded packaging, and a boxed set of two flies from his Collector's Edition Classic Wet Flies. (Approx. \$60 value).

For more information please check Weatherby's web site under the links here, or contact them via phone or e-mail.

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