



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

February 2012

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

February 25 & 26, 2012

It's almost time again for the Penobscot Fly Fishers Cabin Fever Reliever show. The show will be February 25th and 26th 2012 10am to 5 pm and 10am to 3 pm respectively. Where? at the "World Famous" Brewer Auditorium. As usual we will have lots and lots of exhibitors and lots to do. This year we will have some outdoor activities for people to share in.

As in the past the kids will be able to come and learn to tie a fly and maybe win a fly rod outfit. The Maine Bow Hunters Association will be on stage giving youngsters an opportunity to shoot a bow. This year we have added River City BassMasters that will also be on stage giving youngsters a chance to do some Bass Flippin. The show will again host many fly tiers, and educational organizations along with other outdoor related business demonstrating a wide variety of activities.

Yes, we still will have Speakers throughout both days talking on Dogs, Fly Rod building, GPS and more. Watch the website as we will be adding more details as to activities and exhibitors.

Ernie MacDonald

Cabin Fever Chair

Choosing a fly-fishing boat

Checkout Dick Jagels article on the PFF Web site.

Monthly Dinner Meeting

February 1, 2012 Wednesday

We are fortunate to have as our speakers in February Joe & Gail Zydlewski who study the Penobscot River fish species. Gail has her PHD from the University of Maine and studies sturgeon in the river. Joe has his PHD from University of Massachusetts 1997 and his study has involved the Salmon Fisheries in the Penobscot with an eye towards improving overall survival rate. With the upcoming removal of the dams in the river we expect they will be able to give some insight into how the fisheries may be affected. We are expecting this to be another of the speakers that you will not want to miss

Treasurer's Report

Income		
Cabin Fever		\$1,465.00
Clothing sales		26.00
Fly Tying Expo		561.55
Fly tying classes		385.00
Meeting meals		747.00
Membership dues		105.00
Raffle income		60.00
Savings interest		.59
Total Income		<u>\$3,350.14</u>
Expense		
Cabin Fever		\$84.11
Fly Tying Symposium		430.07
Meals		670.00
Rent		240.00
Misc.		328.18
Total Expense		<u>\$1,752.36</u>
Net Income		<u>\$1,597.78</u>

Penobscot Fly Fishers
Board of Directors Meeting
January 18, 2012

6:00 pm Call to order

Board Members Present:

Don Corey, Joe Beaulieu, Rob Dunnett, Dan Hodgins, Alan Gray, Alex Kovanko, Dick Jagels, Norman Plourde, Jim Bryant, and Ed Dailide.

Absent: Mike Curtis

Guests: Hank Metcalf and Joe Bertolaccini

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's November Board report was unanimously approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

The November through December 2011 profit and loss report showed a net income of \$1597.78. The Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted as presented.

Committee Updates:

Events Committee:

Fly-A-Thon: A member suggested that the club hold a Fly –A-Thon where club members get together to tie flies to donate to Reel Recovery and the Casting for Recovery programs. Reel Recovery and Casting for Recovery were created to help men and women in the cancer recovery process by introducing them to the healing powers of the sport of fly-fishing, while providing a safe, supportive environment to explore their personal experiences of cancer with others who share their stories. Everybody would bring their own stuff to tie their favorite fly (six, 10, or whatever can be managed). After a brief discussion, a motion to hold a Fly-A-Thon was approved. The event is tentatively planned for the weekend of March 17/18. More details to follow.

Fly Tying with Don Bastian

A one day classic wet fly tying class with Don Bastian has been scheduled for March 25th. The class will be held at the PCCA and will be limited to 12 students. The class fee will be \$40 per student. More details to follow.

Cabin Fever Reliever 2012

Planning for Cabin Fever Reliever 2012 continues. There are 37 signed and paid exhibitors, 5 committed and one possible. Last year's numbers were 46 and we had 43 show. At this point, advertising revenues are below last year's record breaking numbers. There will be a concerted effort to sign up volunteers to help with the show as we get closer to the event.

Fly Tying Class Update

The beginner's class started on January 5, 2012 and is proceeding well. There are 24 students and great support from club members in assisting the instructor.

Old Business:

Newsletter Transition

John Weinmann, the new editor was at the meeting to discuss the newsletter with the Board. The goal is to have the newsletter published the Friday before the the monthly club meeting. To facilitate that, inputs to the newsletter need to be submitted to John at least 10 days before the meeting. The newsletter will be posted on the web and email notification of the posting will be sent to members. Hard copies of the newsletter with Board meeting minutes will continued to be mailed to members without internet access.

PCCA Sportman Show Participation

Participation this year will be limited to the PFF fly tying table. Hank Metcalf and Alan Gray are coordinating that effort. It was decided to pass this year with the on-the-water casting demonstration.

New Business:

Disposal of excess property

Over the years the club has acquired various items many of which were donated items by generous donors. It was planned to use the April meeting to auction off property that is excess to the club. Upon further consideration, it was decided to dispose of the items through a series of raffles/mini-auctions at the regular monthly meetings. More significant items would be posted in the newsletter preceding the meeting at which they would be disposed of to inform members.

7:30 pm Meeting adjourned

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At upcoming meetings various items which have been donated over time will be raffled and/or auctioned off. Significant items will be posted in the newsletter preceding the meeting at which they will be disposed. Save your money and watch the newsletters.