



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

January 2012

President's Notes



Hi Gang, It's been a while since you have heard from me. I appreciate all the thoughts and prayers while I was sick. I'm doing great now. Hope everyone has had a great fall, now it's time to get ready for spring.

Speaking of getting ready, our annual fly tying class will start the first Thursday evening in January. If you know someone or you are interested this is a great class and a lot of flies are taught. Joe does a great job. We will need help so if you can tie at all, show up and help. I promise you will learn a lot too.

The events committee is working hard to come up with winter activities and plans for next year's fishing. If you have any ideas get them to Don, Ernie, Rob or Me.

Cabin Fever Reliever is coming the last weekend in Feb. %EAH BUDDY+This is a good time. It's a lot of hard work by McDonald and crew but it's worth it. If you know anyone who would fit into this show let Ernie know. We are looking to make this show better every year. Also, lots of help is needed so volunteer.

Check your email before club meetings on stormy days. I will try to send out an email as soon as possible canceling if needed.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Mike

Board Meeting

There are no board minutes for December as the meeting was cancelled due to weather.

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

February 25 & 26, 2012

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER TIME

It is that time of year when we look for the help of the PFF members for the Cabin Fever Reliever show. Right now we could use help in all areas. We are looking for more exhibitors, ads for the show and donations for the door prize give aways. We actually will have a number of new things going on this year including some outside activities but some of our past exhibitors and supporters are unable to participate so any help you can give us in this area will be most appreciated.

At the meeting in January Joe Bertolaccini will be asking for people to sign up to work at the show and I hope all of you will sign up for at least some participation. Please contact me at 825-3788 or macflyfish@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the show.

Ernie MacDonald
Cabin Fever Chair

Monthly Dinner Meeting

January 4, 2012 Wednesday

January's featured speaker will be Steve Brooke who was the project coordinator for the removal of the Edwards Dam. He is also a fisherman and a lover of the river. And speaking about the Edwards Dam removal we hope to get some insight as to some of the effects that we may see with the removal of the dams on the Penobscot

Annual Fly Tying Class



The Penobscot Fly Fishers, in partnership with Bangor Parks & Recreation, are pleased to be offering their annual fly tying class. The eight week course will be held Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. at the Bangor Recreation center, 647 Main St. starting on January 5th, 2012.

The course is designed to expose students to a variety of tying tools, techniques and materials in order to give them a solid foundation in this sport. The evenings will start with a discussion of the pattern that we will be tying and the materials used, followed by a demonstration of the pattern by one of our instructors. The students will then head to their vises to practice the pattern under the tutelage of our staff. There should be ample time for each student to complete a number of flies each night. As time allows we will also show variations of the patterns tied in class, different types of fly tying vises and sneak in a little information on the life cycle of the life forms that we are trying to imitate.

The course fee is \$35 and includes all the necessary materials and the use of fly tying tools during class time. Those students that already have tying equipment are more than welcome to bring it. Class is limited to 24 students on a first come first serve basis. All students under 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone participating will be required to sign a [waiver form](#).

Please make checks payable to:

Penobscot Fly Fishers
PO Box 651
Brewer, Maine 04412

Lucky PFF Member

At the December meeting, Bruce Weymouth was the lucky winner of this fall's raffle of a custom-made quilt featuring fly fishing motifs. The quilt was made and donated by Ramune Dailide, proprietor of Surface Matters Longarm Quilting. There were many disappointed members in the audience as they hoped that they had the winning ticket, however everyone was a winner through the \$395 of donations that were raised by the raffle.



Dick needs some help

I have been asked by Ernie to help relieve the burden on Rob and him for manning the ticket table at the monthly PFF meetings. He has "kindly" put me in charge of organizing this task. I am looking for volunteers who can come to the clubhouse by 5 pm on meeting nights. If we can get enough volunteers we can spread the load. I am looking for at least one volunteer for the January meeting and for those who could help at subsequent meetings. Please contact me at 223-5043 or richard.jagels@maine.edu. Thanks.

Dick Jagels