



# Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

November 2009

## President's Notes

The last days of the fall foliage are fading away but good salmon fishing has been reported in the Grand Lake Stream area. The water temperature has dropped to very favorable conditions for the spawning trout and salmon. Of course the regulations are catch and release. Late fall fishing can be very productive with less fishermen to compete with. Club committees have been working diligently to update the bylaws and have nominations for Officers and Board replacements ready for the November meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the November meeting. Voting will be conducted at the December meeting.

Remember, your dues must be paid up in order for you to vote in December. November 22nd (Sunday) is the date for the Fly Fishing Symposium. The meetings at the Penobscot County Conservation Association clubhouse are going well. The acoustics are fine, people all eat at the same time and are able to see and hear the conduction of the meeting and guest speaker. Our guest speaker for the November 4th meeting will be V. Paul Reynolds, editor of the Northwoods Sporting Journal. Paul has recently written a book entitled "A Maine Deer Hunter's Logbook." Paul and his wife Diane have fished and hunted from Maine to Alaska and Canada. The meal for November will be pot roast, veg, salad, gravy, gingerbread and strawberry shortcake.

Bob Blatz is to be thanked for taking part in an educational day at the Penobscot Salmon Club. Around 70 students from the Holbrook school in Holden visited the salmon club on a cool Friday in October. The Penobscot River Keepers took them out on canoe excursions on the river in 28 foot canoes. A biologist was on hand to talk about the Sturgeon present in the river system. Charles Colburn gave talks about the Maine woods and artifacts used years ago and Bob Blatz talked about and demonstrated fly tying. The kids were happy to get inside the clubhouse cabin where a wood stove gave them relief from the chilly windy day.

Alan Gray, President

## Fly Tying Symposium/Expo Sunday, November 22, 2009

The 2009 edition of the PFF Fly Tying Symposium/Expo will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2009 at the world famous Brewer Auditorium. We are expecting this year's event to be bigger and better than ever. Email invitations have gone out and the following have responded affirmatively:

- Joseph Bertolaccini
- Joseph Beaulieu
- Robert Blatz
- Gary Boulier
- Anne Coburn
- Michael Coburn
- Don Corey
- Michael Curtis
- Moe Decoteau
- Zack Dunnett
- Tom Gagnon
- Daniel Hodgins
- Hugh Kelly
- David Klausmeyer
- Pat Lunt
- Charles Mann
- Don McCubbin
- Jax McKay
- Kevin McKay
- Tait McKay
- Ron McKusick
- Ed Muzeroll

There are a few snail mail invitations that went out this week. If you are interested in tying and haven't received an email, please contact me as I may have missed you. Don Corey at [don@annikarodandfly.com](mailto:don@annikarodandfly.com) or 843-5634.

As always, this event will be open to the public. There is no cost to get in or for the tyers tables. We will have a raffle at the event to help defray the cost. If you are able to donate a fly or two it would be greatly appreciated.

We are asking club members for pie donations for dessert. Please contact Don if you can help.

# Guest Column

## Articles from our PFF members

*We would like to add a guest column beginning with the November Newsletter. The column will be open to any club member. The column can include anything that might be relevant to the club. We want fishing stories, or informative reports (especially your private honey holes!). You could write about a book that you have read or a video that you have watched. All we ask is that is fishing or conservation related. If you have something that you think the other members would be interested in, send it along! Submissions will appear as space in the newsletter permits. Please email your submissions to newsletter@penobscotflyfishers.com. The club reserves the right to edit all submissions.*

I am often asked what is or who Penobscot Fly Fishers are. And it is a good question. Are we a social club, a fly fishing club, conservation club or an educational club? Personally, I have come to the conclusion that we are all of the above and more. We are a club of many interest and attitudes.

We have social events including general meeting and family outings. We certainly spend time talking about and fly fishing, some talk more talk and fish less, but that doesn't stop us from fishing in other ways. Certainly we are conservation minded and education is a mainstay of our clubs activities. Let's make a quick list of what we do. Fly tying classes for the general public, Advance tying for members and the public, rod building, fly tying expositions, Cabin Fever Reliever show, Fishing outings for member, Fly tying and casting instruction at camps for kids a fishing tournament and of course the varied speakers at meetings. We as members should be proud of what we do and all those that we help in these efforts.

But it is the who of are club that is most interesting. The member that makes fish chowder or beans for our Cabin Fever show and also corral's all the attendees for at least one raffle ticket. It's a member that says that the speaker mesmerized him with a simple presentation that didn't include fancy PowerPoint demonstrations. It's the member that runs the fly tying classes while his long suffering wife provides us goodies of the night. It's the member that opens a camp for a fishing outing down at Green Lake or the member that teaches kids to tie flies all day at the sportsman show. Certainly it's the guy that paddles the canoe around in the pool at the Sportsmen show without dunking the casting instructor, even though the devil in him would like to just once get him a little wet. We are members that in a fly tying class with someone who has challenging coordination skills focuses all their energy to ensure that they get to tie a fly and have a good time. We are members that give their time to teach kid's young and old how to tie, cast and enjoy the simple pleasures of fly fishing.

We are the regular guy or gal who comes to meetings to learn a little more and laugh a little louder with new friends and old friends and the hope of friends we have yet to meet. We sure enjoy espousing our own opinions but we respect others. Were not always right in what we do but we always try to do what is right and what is best. Best of all we are members who gather together in the hope that while we are enjoying ourselves that we might bring some pleasure,

knowledge and maybe just maybe a smile or two on someone's face.

Not everyone can come to every meeting or participate in all activities. But if you haven't been in a while or participated in these activities, you're really missing the boat. Most of all you're depriving yourself of a great time. So come on join the party the waters fine and the lines are always tight.

Ernie MacDonald

## Bylaws

Recommended Bylaw revisions from the Bylaws and Policy Committee, 10/8/09 Underlined text to be deleted and replaced by italic text. Note: Article IV, Sections C and F are not replaced.

### **Penobscot Fly Fishers By LawsBylaws**

#### **General**

*The Penobscot Fly fishers is established as a nonprofit Club chartered by the State of Maine and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as it may be amended.*

#### **Statement of Purpose**

The Penobscot Fly Fishers is established to support as a non-profit membership Club, said purpose being *The purpose is to promote fly fishing and conservation through education, volunteer services and personal conduct.*

#### **Article I Membership**

All members shall agree to support the purpose and objectives of the Penobscot Fly Fishers. The Board of Directors may, by unanimous two-thirds affirmative vote of all members of the Board, suspend or expel a member for due reason.

#### **Article II Dues**

The Board of Directors shall designate various categories of membership: individual, family, life, junior (age 18 and under) and complementary. *Dues will be payable by June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and may be prorated for members who join at other times of the year. Dues will be established by a majority vote by the Board of Directors, and may be changed by a majority an affirmative vote of at least seven members of the Board of Directors. Members who have not paid their dues by the October general body meeting General Meeting will be dropped from the membership list. Dues for new members joining after January 1 will extend to May 31 of the following year.*

#### **Article III Meetings**

Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, except as specified by these By Laws *Bylaws.*

#### **Section A: General Meetings**

General meetings will *typically* be held on the first Wednesday of each month with the time and place published

in the monthly newsletter. A quorum will consist of the members present.

### **Section B: Board of Directors Meetings**

Board of Directors meetings will *typically* be held on the third Wednesday of each month with the time and place to be decided at the previous Board meeting. A quorum will consist of at least 6 7 members of the Board present. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or the Secretary upon request of any three Board members.

### **Article IV Officers**

Officers of the Penobscot Fly Fishers will be elected for a 2 year terms. *Officers may be elected to the same position for a maximum of two successive terms.*

#### **Section A: President**

The president will preside at all regularly scheduled and special meetings and has overall responsibility for Club affairs, as directed by the Board. The President will be authorized to sign Club checks and make transactions in the Club savings accounts.

#### **Section B: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President will be chair of the Membership Committee and/or other duties as assigned by the President, and will assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.

#### **Section C: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President will be in charge of programs at general meetings and/or other duties as assigned by the President and will assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

#### **Section D: Secretary**

The Secretary keeps Club records and minutes of meetings, maintains a current membership list, and collects membership dues, normally handles all Club correspondence, and archives Club records. The Secretary is a member of the Membership Committee.

#### **Section E: Treasurer**

The Treasurer is responsible for all Club finances; *The Treasurer prepares annual budgets for approval review by the Board of Directors followed by approval at a General Meeting each May, and prepares monthly financial status reports for Board Meetings. The Treasurer will be authorized to sign Club checks and make transactions in the Club savings accounts. The Treasurer shall maintain Club financial records for at least six consecutive past years.*

#### **Section F: Assistant Treasurer**

The Assistant Treasurer will work closely with the Treasurer and be able to perform all Treasurer responsibilities in the Treasurer's absence. The Assistant Treasurer will be a member of the Membership Committee. The Assistant Treasurer will be authorized to sign Club checks and make transactions in the Club savings Accounts.

### **Article V Board of Directors**

#### **Section A: Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall control the business and affairs of the Club and will be permitted to expend up to \$150.00 \$200.00 in unbudgeted funds for the Club purchases without approval by the general membership. The Board shall consist of five four elected officers, the immediate past President and six elected members. The six elected members shall have terms of three years each, with two

members to be elected each year. A vacancy on the Board, other than the President, will be filled by nomination by the President with the approval of the Board for the unexpired portion of the term.

#### **Section B: Vacancies**

*A Vacancy on the Board other than the President, will be filled by nomination by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term. In the event the President leaves office, the Vice President will assume the Presidency for the unexpired portion of the term. In the event the President and the Vice President are unable to execute the office of the President, the Secretary will assume the Presidency for the unexpired portion of the term. In the event the immediate Past President leaves that office, it shall remain unfilled. Any member of the Board may be removed from office for malfeasance, failure to execute Club policies, nonmember status, and/or negligence of duties including fiduciary responsibility by at least two-thirds vote of all members of the Board of Directors.*

### **Article VI Elections**

The Nominating Committee will present select from the membership list a slate of candidates for all Officers and Directors whose terms will expire, at the November General body Meeting. At that time, further nominations will be accepted from the floor. All nominations will be published in the Club Newsletter and the election will be held at the December General Body Meeting. All elected Officers and Directors will assume their duties at the January General Meeting.

### **Article VII Committees**

#### **Section A: Nominating Committee**

A three person committee will be appointed by the President by the June General Meeting to serve for a two-year term. Duties of the committee will be to select nominees for Officers, and Directors, and special awards. *Any member of the Nominating Committee shall not be eligible to be a candidate for Officer or Director.*

#### **Section B: Membership Committee**

*The Committee will consist of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, the Secretary and any other members of the Penobscot Fly Fishers as appointed by the President.*

#### **Section C: Other committees**

*Other committees may be established with members appointed by the President at any time to better serve the functions and needs of the Club.*

### **Article VIII Distribution of Assets Upon Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the Penobscot Fly Fishers, assets shall be distributed by the Board of Directors to one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any tax code subject to any order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

### **Article IX Amendments to the By Laws Bylaws**

These By Laws Bylaws may be amended at any General Meeting of the Club. The affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present will be required for the adoption of any amendment. Notice of the proposed amendment will be published in a Club Newsletter at least 30 days prior to the General Meeting at which the vote will be taken.

# Secretary's Report

## Board Of Directors Meeting

October 31,2009

Weatherwane Restaurant

**Present:** Hank Metcalf,Ernie MacDonald,Alan Gray,Ron Carr,Rob Dunnett,Bob Blatz,Don Corey,Mike Curtis,Joe Boulier. And members Zach Dunnett, Joe Bertolacinni.

**Secretary's Report**—Accepted as published

**Treasurer's Report**—See Attached

**Nomination Committee**—Has a partial slate of proposed officers and Directors. Looking for any other members who may be interested in serving our club.

**By-Laws and Policy Committee**—Included in this newsletter are proposed changes to the bylaws.

**Cabin Fever**—Plans are going nicely, If you would like to help see Ernie MacDonald

**Fly Tying Symposium(Expo)**—Don Corey has several tyer's from around the state coming to tie with us

**Fly Tying at Bangor Parks and Rec**—Joe Beaulieu will be heading up the class this year (2010).

**Older Rods & Reels**—Some of the old rods that we no longer need, the board has decided to d0nate some of them to Greenland Point

**Dinner Meetings** – A budget line needs to be added for the income and expense for our Dinner meetings. To be addressed at the November meeting.