



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

September 2009

President's Notes

September has to be a favorite month for most Mainers. The beginning of a change to a beautiful season full of color and late season fishing. Our monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd will be at the Penobscot County Conservation Clubhouse in Brewer. The guest speaker will be Steve Campbell of "Thomas Rods."

The summer of 2009 was busy for PFF members who participated in fly fishing instruction at the Natarswi Girl Scout Camp at the southern entrance to Baxter Park (July 7, 14, 21, 28 & August 4th and at Greenland Point Center Conservation Camp in Princeton (July 9, 23 & August 6). Hank Metcalf is to be commended for chairing the committee and getting volunteers. Many thanks to club participants Bob Blatz, Hank Metcalf, Kip Bristol, Pete Brooks, Dick Crawford, Alan Gray, Dick Jagels, Ron Landry, Dick Smith, Paul Uttormark, John Weinmann and non-member Bob Upham from Grand Lake Stream. Many young boys and girls got to experience fly tying and fly casting.

Don Corey is organizing the Fly Tying Symposium scheduled for Sunday, November 22nd. The Cabin Fever Reliever committee has already had a meeting. Club members interested in assisting can notify Ernie MacDonald. The event is scheduled for the weekend of February 27 & 28.

Alan Gray, President

PFF Change of Venue

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

After many good years at the Coachhouse Restaurant in Brewer, there will be a change in the meeting location beginning with the Wednesday, September 2 meeting. The meeting will be held at the Penobscot County Conservation Association facility on N. Main St. in Brewer the first Wednesday of each month.

Several things have lead up to the decision to try the new location. The Coachhouse Restaurant has been a great location for our meetings over the past several years, to that we are very grateful. However, we have had a couple of meetings that nearly filled the room. This is a good and bad problem to have. Good to see all the members but not good to be near capacity. At times it is difficult to get in and out of seat (if you are near the walls). If folks feel cramped or uncomfortable, they may not attend future meetings. Last spring, the folks at the Conservation club indicated that they were interested in hosting our meetings. We have talked about other (larger) locations but most all require a room rental fee and higher meal fees. The Directors decided to

have the June Directors' meeting there to try it out. They had a wonderful meal and everyone like the facility. After much discussion, the location seemed like a very good fit for our club. The Directors voted to start having the regular monthly dinner meetings at the PCCA clubhouse starting in September.

If you have never been to the building, it is a great location, full of outdoor tradition, plenty of parking, AND a pond for perfecting your casting. They have been cooking the meal for their own monthly meetings and other groups at that location for a while, and they do a really good job. They have round tables that are definitely conducive to conversation and can seat up to 100 using the whole building.

The Directors felt that this would be a great venue for us to try. So, beginning with our September 2, 2009 meeting we will be at the PCCA clubhouse. Doors are open at 5:30 pm (possibly earlier), dinner will be around 6 pm as we currently do. We will post in the newsletter each month what the meal will be for the following month. For September, the meal will be baked ham, mashed potato, salad, peas, rolls and pie. Coffee/water will be available as well as soda from the machine. They cannot serve alcohol, but folks can bring their own alcoholic beverage of choice. The cost for the meal each month will be \$11.00, no tip required. It is a pretty good deal. Hopefully this will allow members to include their families if they so desire. If anyone has special dietary concerns please let one of the Directors know and the PCCA staff indicated that they should be able to address that. Comment cards will be available at the meetings for members to share their thoughts about the new location.

We look forward to seeing folks at the September 2 meeting.

Fly Tying Symposium

Sunday, November 22, 2009

The 2009 edition of the PFF Fly Tying Symposium 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. Invitations to tie will be going out mid-September. If you know someone that might be interested in tying or if you are, please contact Don Corey at 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.

The event is all about tying. Tyers can sell fly tying materials/equipment or flies at their booth but we ask that are tying at the same time.