



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER



Wind Knots

April 2005

by

Ed Bruno, President

Ah, Spring! The pot holes are blooming, the roads are being posted, the sap is running, can open water fishing be far behind? It's been a long, cold, snowy winter. However, Club members have been busy little beavers. We have completed another season of beginning fly tying courses, which as usual, was a sell out. As one of many volunteer Club instructors, I was impressed by the interest and dedication of our students, and thoroughly enjoyed our Thursday evening classes. Under the direction of Don Corey, all participants enjoyed a rewarding experience. Likewise, we also enjoyed a new program during the month of March. Occasionally Don comes up with a good idea, and his concept of the "Better Half" introduction to fly tying introduced many significant others to this hobby of turning tinsel, feathers, fur and wire into our little creations. Volunteer instructors turned out in droves, and we had at least one instructor for each student.

As long as we're praising Don, he had another good idea, and combined it with a generous donation. Don and Annika Rod and Fly have donated a fly rod for raffle. In the past it's always been a 9 foot, 6 weight fly rod. This year, Annika Rod and Fly generously offered to build a custom fly rod to the winner's specification. The raffle winner whose name will be drawn at the May 4, 2005, Club meeting, will specify the rod length, weight, and grip style. Tickets are still available at \$1.00 a piece, or 6 chances for \$5.00.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Kathy Scott will be unavailable for the April 6, 2005 Club meeting, 6:00 P.M., at the Coach House Restaurant, Brewer. Kathy will join us for the May 4, 2005 meeting, and will be doing a presentation on the construction of bamboo fly rods. The speaker for April's meeting will be Steve Wilson, Superintendent of Hatcheries.

Congratulations to Phil Harvey of Bucksport! At the "Cabin Fever Reliever" Symposium, Brian Theriault (you remember him, he and his Dad were building snow

shoes), generously donated the use of one of their camps on Eagle Lake, and a free raffle was held at the P.C.C.A. Sportsman's Show. Congratulations Phil, we expect to see pictures from your free fishing weekend. Club members again generously donated time to staff our Club booth, and promote Penobscot Fly Fishers. As a result of the Sportsman's Show, not only were we able to publicize all of the educational and conservation activities we are involved in, we also increased our Club treasury with monies from the fly rod raffle, the sale of flies tied by Club members, and generously donated to the Club, the sale of Club logo adorned hats, and from new membership dues.

Speaking of membership, due to all of our activities and publicity, I am happy to report an ever growing membership list. At the April 6, 2005, meeting we will be holding an auction for a one day guided bass fishing trip with John Rogers. The trip includes a full day of bass fishing on the Penobscot River, for the lucky high bidder, and whomever they designate as their chosen fishing companion.

Ron Landry has been asked to teach an introductory fly tying course this fall, through the Bangor Adult Education Program. He would appreciate volunteers to help him instruct students. If you would like to donate time to help Ron, please contact him at 825-3089. Also the Club is looking for a better format to display flies for sale at future Sportsman's Shows. The old Styrofoam cone is missing in action. If anyone purchases a lamp shade, they are often shipped with a Styrofoam cone inside the shade for protection. If you have such an item, or a suggestion for an alternative fly display, please contact me.

In closing, please join us Wednesday, April 6, 2005, for the next Club meeting, and make plans to bid on the bass fishing trip. We all need more fly rods, so buy some raffle tickets! For those who would like clothing with the Club logo, as always, Bob Blatz will be glad to take your order, and we still have lapel pins with the Club logo available.

Last, but not least, if you have any questions, please call me at my office 942-3988.

Tight Lines, Ed

Fly Tying for the Better Half

Well, folks, the secret fly tying society on Thursday evenings has been exposed. The free Beginners Fly Tying course for the wives, girlfriends, or significant others of current club members concluded on Thursday, March 24. The course had 13 students enrolled and attendance dwindled as the weeks passed. Most everyone enjoyed the course and were very proud of their flies, as well they should!

Thanks for all the volunteers that helped at classes and thanks to my bride, Diane for attending the class AND baking the cookies.

Rod Building Class

A rod building class for club members will be held on Friday evening, March 25 and Saturday, March 26, 2005. The cost for the class is \$25 payable to the Penobscot Fly Fishers. This will help cover the cost of the glues, epoxy and rod finish. Don Corey of Annika Rod and Fly will be teaching the course with the help of Dan Hodgins and John Lent.

The course will be held at Don's house in Holden. The rods should be able to be completed except for the finish on the thread wraps, which will need to be done at a later date.

For more information or to register, please contact Don Corey at 843-5634 or don@annikarodandfly.com

Calendar

Apr 6 Dinner meeting, Coach House Restaurant 6:00 pm, Speaker – Steve Wilson, Superintendent of Hatcheries

Apr 20 Directors meeting, Coach House 6 pm

May 4 Dinner meeting, Coach House, 6 pm
Speaker - Kathy Scott, "Braided leaders and Bamboo Rods"

May 18 Directors meeting, Coach House, 6 pm