



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

Wind Knots

December 2007

Don Corey, President



As I pen (actually keyboard) my final Wind Knots column as President, I reflect back on the 10 years that our club has been in existence. We have grown from a small group of enthusiastic fly fishers into a much larger vibrant group while still maintaining our core values of education and conservation.

In this my second shift as President, I have been extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with a such a strong support network of Board members, officers and member. The men and women of the PFF are folks that I am proud to call friends.

I have been involved with numerous clubs over my first 50 years and the Penobscot Fly Fishers is truly a gem. The extraordinary level of volunteerism is a feather in the cap for this club. No matter what the task, it only takes is a phone call or email and club members are more than willing to help with our club activities. This enables us to provide top notch activities for our members and the public.

Thanks for your support over the past two years and let's work together as we chart the course for our club's future. Tight lines and Merry Christmas,
Don

December 5 Dinner Meeting

The regularly scheduled dinner meeting on Wednesday, December 5 will be held at the Coach House Restaurant. This is our annual election of officers and Christmas Party. As has been tradition, you are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items and/or a gift for a child. There will be no gift swap for members this year.

January 2 Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, January 2 is the date at the Coach House Restaurant for our first meeting of the New Year. The

evenings speaker will be announced in the January newsletter .

A note from the Secretary

John reports the FFF national is running a limited time special introductory membership for \$15.00, there are requirements to be eligible. John, or substitute, will have details and forms at the December meeting.

Fly Tier of the Month

Bob Blatz tied the Mickey Finn wooly bugger at the November meeting. Don Corey, will be tying the Klinkhammer at the December meeting. The Klinkhammer is a dry fly emerger that sits very low in the surface film. For the recipe on the Klinkhammer, refer to the November newsletter.

Fly of the Month: Mickey Finn Wooly Bugger

This fly is fished as a streamer at varying depths. It proved itself under tough fishing conditions in the clubs' bass tournament. Word is, try it, you'll like it. Here is a copy of Bob Blatz's instructions.

Thread: Black 6/0

Hook: Streamer 4x1 to 6x1, sizes 8-12

Tail: Yellow marabou topped by red marabou

Body: Yellow chenille

Back: Red chenille

Rib: Yellow hackle

Head: Black thread

1. Cover hook to bend with thread
2. Attach yellow marabou (shank length long) then red marabou. Run thread to bend.
3. Attach long yellow hackle to bend.
4. Attach a doubled piece of red chenille.
5. Attach a yellow piece of chenille to bend. Run thread to eye.
6. Wrap yellow chenille to eye allowing room for the head. Tie off.
7. Pull red chenille over top and tie off at the same spot.

8. Palmer hackle to the eye and tie off.
9. Build up head, whip finish, cut thread and add cement.

Note: Bob sometimes adds metallic red bead chain for eyes. The chain is known to be available at Van Raymonds.

Fly Tying Winter Classes

Once again, the Penobscot Fly Fishers and Bangor Parks and Rec have joined in sponsoring Beginners Fly Tying. The start is 6:30 pm Thursday January 3, 2008 at the Parks and Rec building on lower Main Street. There is a fee of \$30 which covers all materials. There are tools available for use in class. Class size is limited so sign up early. To sign up or for more information contact Don Corey evenings at 843-5634, Don@annikarodandfly.com or check the website. Volunteers are also need to help with the classes, you don't need to be an expert! Contact Don to sign up.

Rumors, etc.

Years ago the club members and guests had outings all over the state. Many good times and campfires were had. But, when people did not participate in the outings, the outings were dropped. In recent years, people have said we should do more. As a club, we won't be doing outings, we never did. However, as individuals, we can arrange outings. As people volunteer to organize an outing, we will provide contact information and post information on the website. From time to time, the club may hold educational evenings. Hopefully, this will provide members and others with great memories, new friends and new knowledge and skills.

Review Corner

A new addition to the newsletter, this section will review equipment, tying material, books and videos. I will try to at least comment on videos and books in the library. This month I will bring your attention to Fishing the Midge by Gary Borger. Catching trout on larva, emergers and adults is seen and explained. You learn casts, leader rigging, and the types of flies to use on moving and still waters. If you have ever wondered about fishing midges, this is for you. This video is in perfect condition in the PFF library. Midges are available to fish year round, even here.

Dues, Dues, Dues

If you are unsure of your current dues status, Ed Bruno is being provided a status list. He or a substitute will have the list at the December Meeting. Dues are the most important source of funds for the club to provide all the educational programs we offer, and dues are about 90% qualified as a charitable deduction this year. All donations to the PFF qualify as charitable deductions.

Summary 2007

Thanks to enormous effort by club members and friends of the club, the Penobscot Fly Fishers has completed a terrific year. The Fly Tying Symposium has been resurrected. Fly tying classes at Bangor Adult Education and the Bangor Rec were again held. We taught fly casting, equipment and fly tying at both the Greenland Point Center – Conservation Camp and Camp Natarawi – Girl Scout Camp. We also taught at the Brewer Middle School and the River Keepers Day at the Penobscot Salmon Club. At the Sportsmans Show we provided an excellent fly fishing demonstration and the ever popular kids fly tying. In addition we held a special one day advanced fly tying class at the Brewer Auditorium. We were also able to provide assistance to tying classes held in Orrington. We held our 2nd Annual Bass Tournament. The last two items I recall were the outing for the Alton Elementary School Salmon release and a day of instruction at The Big Eddy. The members can be proud of the Penobscot Fly Fishers accomplishments in 2007.

Voting for officers and board members

At the November regular meeting the following individuals were nominated:

President – Alan Gray

1st VP – Joe Beaulieu

2nd VP - Ron Landry

Secretary – John Lent

Treasurer – Marcus Hale

Assistant Treasurer – Ernie MacDonald

For two board member slots – Bob Blatz, Ed Bruno, Tiffany Lawlor and Hank Metcalf.

Voting takes place at the regular December meeting, Mike Curtis and Joe Bertolaccini officiating. Thanks to Joe and Mike for their work on the nominating committee.

Fly Swap

Swap meister John Lent is planning on another fly swap after the first of the year. John has done a great job in the past with the swaps and hopes to find at least a dozen interested club members for this years events. To sign up contact John at 945-3809 or see him at the club meeting.

Thank you, Don Corey

President Don Corey has lead the Penobscot Fly Fishers the past two years. The PFF has not only maintained, but expanded our educational efforts during his presidency. See the 2007 Summary above. Don was in charge of reviving the Fly Tying Symposium this year. Don continues to lead the fly tying classes. On behalf of the PFF, thank you, Don.

Happy Holidays to Everyone!