



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

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Don Corey
President



January has proven to be an interesting weather month. From snow to rain and everything in between. We have had plenty of precipitation but very little snow. February is right around the corner and my guess is we will still get our fair share of the "white gold".

I had the good fortune of traveling to Marlborough to The Fly Fishing Show on the 21st of January with buddies Jim Snow and Dan Hodgins. It is always great to get away with friends and see what's new in the fly fishing arena. The weather was fantastic, 59 degrees.

The show seemed to have a few less booths than last year. There were still a couple of dozen world class tyers and exhibitor booths too numerous to mention. There were plenty of products and destinations to wet your appetite and get you thinking about open water and casting your first fly of the season.

Beginners Fly Tying

www.penobscotflyfishers.com/flytying.html

The beginners fly tying class is rapidly moving along with the 4th class being held on Thursday, January 26. The instructor turnout has been fantastic.

Thanks to many volunteers, the students are able to have nearly one on one attention.

By the end of this week we will have tied a Maple Syrup, Wooly Bugger, Hornberg, Joe's Smelt, Griffith's Gnat, Foam Frog and a Caddis Larva.

The remainder of the course will include an Elk Hair Caddis, Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear, Parachute Dry Fly, Blue Winged Olive and possibly a salmon fly.

If you have a free Thursday evening drop on over to the Bangor Parks and Rec building on lower Main St. Coffee and refreshments are available. We can always use an extra hand or two.

Cabin Fever Reliever

www.cabinfeverreliever.com

As this edition of the newsletter is being delivered the second annual Cabin Fever Reliever show will be in progress. The show is being held at the Old Town Y on Saturday, January 28 (10 am – 5 pm) and Sunday, January 29, 2006 (10 am – 3 pm). The combination outdoor show and Old Town Canoe sale was a tremendous success last year and this year promises to be even better. The speaker schedule is as follows:

Saturday

10:30 am	Spawning Study of Togue and Brook Trout in Moosehead Lake, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
11:30 am	Exploring the Penobscot River corridor, Bureau of Parks and Lands
12:30 pm	Turkey Calls and Calling, Tom Foolery, Turkey Calls
1:30 pm	Fly Fishing the Moosehead Lake area, Dan Legere
2:30 pm	GPS & Navigation, Central Main Navigation, Randy McEwen
3:30 pm	Maine Outdoor School with surprises, John & Tami Rogers

Sunday

10:30 am	Training a spaniel, Barbara & Cary Haupt, Maine Spaniel Field Trial Club
11:30 am	Maine Outdoor School with surprises, John & Tami Rogers
12:30 pm	Status of Atlantic Salmon in the US, Joan Trial, Atlantic Salmon Commission
1:30 pm	Exploring the Penobscot River corridor, Bureau of Parks and Lands

Rod McGarry, Dave Jacobsen and Brownie will be teaching fly casting, Saturday 10:30 am – 4:30 pm and Sunday 10:30 am – 2:30 pm.

Karen Francoeur of Castine Kayak will be doing a boating safety/kayak demonstration in the pool from 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm on Saturday and from 12 noon - 1 pm on Sunday.

Calendar

- Feb 1 Wednesday, monthly dinner meeting
Coach House Restaruant, 6 pm
Dave Klausmeyer, speaker
- Feb 2 Thursday, Beginners Fly Tying
Bangor Community Center, 6 – 8:30 pm
- Feb 9 Thursday, Beginners Fly Tying
Bangor Community Center, 6 – 8:30 pm
- Feb 15 Wednesday, monthly Directors meeting
Coach House Restaurant, 6 pm
- Feb 16 Thursday, Beginners Fly Tying
Bangor Community Center, 6 – 8:30 pm
- Feb 23 Thursday, Beginners Fly Tying
Bangor Community Center, 6 – 8:30 pm
- Mar 1 Wednesday, monthly dinner meeting
Coach House Restaruant, 6 pm
Randy McEwen, speaker
- Mar 15 Wednesday, monthly Directors meeting
Coach House Restaurant, 6 pm
- Mar 17, 18 and 19
PCCA Sportsmen's Show
UMO fieldhouse

February Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

The speaker for the February 1st meeting will be **Fly Tyer Magazine Editor/Photographer Dave Klausmeyer**. Take this opportunity to grab your fishing buddy or significant other; break the winter doldrums and come listen to Dave. You will find him very entertaining as he talks about his trip to Argentina. Folks start gathering at the Coach House restaurant in Brewer around 6 pm.

March Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

The speaker for the March 1st meeting will be **Randy McEwen of Central Maine Navigation**. Randy will be talking about GPS and their use. If you have ever had an interest in using a GPS or if you have one and haven't used it much, you won't want to miss this. Folks start gathering at the Coach House restaurant in Brewer around 6 pm.

PCCA Sportsmen Show

March 17, 18 & 19, 2006

Ron Landry and Alan Gray are again co-chairing the Sportsmen Show. Sign up sheets for volunteers to staff the booth will be available at the February dinner meeting. They are also looking for flies to "sell" at the booth. So as you are re-filling your fly boxes please consider throwing a few into a box to help raise money at the show.

The PCCA has also asked the club to do a couple of fly casting demonstrations in the pool area. We have also been asked to have a booth to tie flies with kids. We are still trying to workout the details. If we do the tying, we will certainly need a few more volunteers than usual. Please consider helping out for a couple of hours over the weekend. Thanks for your consideration.

PFF Fly Swap

John Lent

I will like to host a fly swap for the membership this year. The rules are simple. You will tie up one fly for each person involved in the swap plus an extra one to be used in a raffle at the June meeting. In other words, if 10 people sign up then you will be tying 11 flies. There is no specific type of fly.

Sign up will start at the February meeting and go until March 15th. I am not sure if there will be a set number of tiers. I would like to see all members involved in this swap. It will mean a lot of work on my part to sort and ID each fly. I would like to also have the pattern written for each fly. I provide a sheet for this. Dead line for the flies to be done will be May 1st Maybe with Don Corey's help I can get a page added to our web site to post a list of all the flies and patterns for all to see.

See me at the meeting to sign up or e-mail me at pbunyan@verizon.net or call me at 945-3809.

PFF Fly Swap

A few months ago Bob Blatz thought that if each member would tie up a couple of flies each month and bring them to the monthly meeting then we could raffle or auction them off to raise money for the club. So lets all tie up some extra flies and bring a couple to the meeting. Who knows you might go home with more than you brought. This will also give us all a reason to sit down at the vice and tie.

Penobscot Fly Fishers Secretary's Report Board of Directors Meeting, January 2006

Officers present: Don Corey, Alan Gray, Marcus Hale, John Lent

Board Members Present: Ed Bruno, Dan Hodgins, Ernie MacDonald

Secretary's & Treasurer's reports accepted as read.

Old Business:

Cabin Fever Reliever sign up going well. We have an issue with security. The YMCA will provide security and the club will pay up to \$300.00 towards it. We will not be giving them a donation this year. After some discussion all this was passed.

Fly tying: 20 people have signed up and paid. Don Corey said the turn out of instructors was great. We are able to give one on one instruction to each student.

Sportsman Show sign up went great at the meeting, Alan Gray got a call from PCCA they would like to have us teach Kids fly tying at the show and also do casting demos there. After some discussion it was decided that if we could get a table or booth space next to or close to our booth we could provide instruction to the kids easier than in the gym. We will do the casting demos. Alan will get back to PCCA with our thoughts.

New Business:

Don Corey would like to post the board meeting minutes on the web page. He stated that this way we could cut down on the business part of our monthly meetings, There would also be a few copies available at the meeting for those who do not have access to the web site.

Don would like an inventory of all donated items and items that have been purchased for the club so that we can post a list of items to be raffled or auctioned off at each meeting. We can also keep better track of things that we have and where they are located, If any one has any items please make a list and give it to Don Corey.

Membership cards will be given to all members again. Also we will be giving out a receipt after the dues have been paid. When paying dues please see the secretary John Lent. As a reminder memberships run from June 1 through May 31 each year.

We talked about the bonus that Old Town Canoe gives us each year for doing the show, Ernie Macdonald will be in charge of it again this year. This is for only those who work this show.

Fishing day this year at Maine Youth Fish and Game will be May 7th. More information to come later. Marcus Hale is heading up this program again.