



# Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

## Wind Knots

February 2007



*Ed Bruno*  
*Past President*

Winter certainly has arrived. Thoughts of casting a fly on some of the legal bodies of open water have dropped, along with the temperature. Club members have been busy with monthly meetings, and our annual Thursday evening fly tying course. This year, again under leadership of Don Corey, enrollment in the course is the largest we have ever experienced. All twenty four Club fly tying outfits being used by students, and some individuals have also brought their own equipment to tie with. This year our fly tying course in addition to teaching a wide variety of flies and tying techniques, will also incorporate information on equipment, safety, knots, plus hands on casting instruction. Thanks to the usual participation by Club members, we have a ratio of close to one instructor for three students.

Our monthly meeting for February will be held on **Wednesday, February 7, 2007**, at The Coach House Restaurant, 457 Wilson Street, Brewer. Socializing and social adjustment hour begin at 6:00 P.M., followed by a brief business meeting, dinner and our speaker, Mike Shimmer. Mike is a DIF&W biologist, his topic for the evening will be Maine water fowl habitat and harvest.

At the February meeting Alan Gray and Ron Landry will be circulating a sign up sheet for volunteers to staff our booth at the Penobscot County Conservation Club Sportsman's Show Friday, March 16, 2007, through Sunday, March 18, 2007. Ron Landry and Bob Blatz will also be seeking volunteers to teach at the children's fly tying table. We will be teaching the kids the Maple Syrup Fly. Bob and Ron would appreciate some volunteer teachers.

## Help Wanted Newsletter Editor

We are in need of a couple of club members to help prepare the newsletter each month. Ed Bruno is kind enough to photocopy the newsletter, label and mail them. We need one or two people to share the load of collecting articles (not many) for the newsletter and laying them out in preparation for mailing. It would also be nice to help Ed (Nikki) from time to time.

The way things normally work are as follows. After the Directors meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of each month), the President writes a column for the newsletter. A paragraph is written about each monthly dinner meeting giving the date and speaker. The newsletter is currently laid out in Microsoft Word. Any other articles submitted are cut and pasted into the newsletter. The letter is converted to an Adobe pdf file for the web. Whoever is photocopying the newsletter (currently Ed) photocopies roughly 50 copies. Mailing labels are provided by Secretary John Lent. The newsletters are folded, labeled, stamps applied and mailed.

A couple of extra sets of hands would be greatly appreciated as I (Don) am taking a break from "putting together" the newsletter after this edition. Please contact me if you are able to help. Thanks in advance.

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## February Dinner Meeting Wednesday, February 7, 2007

The February monthly dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at the Coach House Restaurant in Brewer beginning at 6 pm. The speaker for this meeting will be Mike Shimmer, a DIF&W biologist, who will discuss Maine waterfowl habitat & waterfowl harvests.

## **March Dinner Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 7, 2007**

The March monthly dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at the Coach House Restaurant in Brewer beginning at 6 pm. The speaker will be Joe Zydlewski, an assistant leader for wildlife of the Maine cooperative fish & wildlife research unit at the University of Maine will discuss Atlantic salmon and the Penobscot River. This topic is especially timely, as the possibility of a spring catch & release season for Penobscot Atlantic salmon is being considered at this time.

## **April Dinner Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 4, 2007**

The April monthly dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at the Coach House Restaurant in Brewer. Folks normally start arriving around 6 pm, order off the menu from 6:30 pm – 6:45 pm. We have a brief business meeting and the speakers following dinner. April's speaker is Gayle Zydlewski Research Asst. Professor-University of Maine, Ms. Zydlewski's talk is titled "Sturgeon and the Penobscot".

## **Electronic Newsletter**

Did you know that if you have access to the internet you can read the club's newsletter at our website. Secretary John Lent will notify you via email when the newsletter has been posted to the website. The newsletter is in .pdf format and you probably already have Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer so you will be able to read it. If you do not have AAR then you can download it for free at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com) by clicking on the Get Adobe Reader button. By reading the newsletter on the internet the club can save the cost of copying and mailing the newsletter to you. If you currently get the newsletter by mail and you would like to read it on the web, please email John Lent at [pbunyan@verizon.net](mailto:pbunyan@verizon.net) ,

## **Federation of Fly Fishers members**

If you are a card carrying member of the Federation of Fly Fishers please contact John Lent with your membership status. We send \$2.00 from everyone's dues to the FFF. If you are a member of the Penobscot Fly Fishers and the FFF the club does not have to pay the \$2.00.