



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

Wind Knots

March 2007

Don Corey
President



We have nearly turned the corner on winter. The sun is climbing higher in the sky with each passing day. We have finally gotten above freezing at least for a few days each week. The last week of fly tying is Thursday, March 8, 6 - 8:30 pm. This class will be an open night of tying so bring your "stuff" and come on over to the Bangor Parks and Rec building on lower Main St. in Bangor. We will probably be tying a variety of flies depending on what people would like to see. The coffee will be on and there will be snacks (just like kindergarten). It is a great opportunity to get out of the house and get some voids in your fly boxes filled.

The Sportsmen Show is coming up on March 16 - 18. The club will be doing a casting demonstration on Saturday and Sunday. There will be a tying table set up for people to sit down and tie a fly under the watchful eye of some talented teachers. We will also have our usual club booth. Ron Landry and Alan Gray are coordinating the staffing of the club booth and Bob Blatz is coordinating the tying booth. If you are interested in helping, please contact them.

I also have some exciting news of an upcoming event. You will want to mark Sunday, April 15 on your fly tying calendar. Not as a reminder for your income taxes but for a fabulous advanced fly tying class. The Penobscot Fly Fishers are pleased to announce that we are organizing an advanced fly tying class. This will be a day long event at the world famous Brewer Auditorium. Dave Klausmeyer, Editor of Fly Tyer magazine will be tying some neat trout flies in the morning and Selene Dumaine will be doing a classic New England streamer class in the afternoon. This is a day you will not want to miss. The cost for the day is \$20. All materials will be

provided. The check should be made payable to the Penobscot Fly Fishers.

Mail your check to:

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36 Kingsbury Rd.
Holden, ME 04429

We are going to try to limit the class to 20 students. Enrollment will be on a first come first serve basis with your paid fee. Attendees should plan to bring their own tying equipment, light and cord if needed. This is not a beginner's class; you should have some previous tying experience. More information including beginning and ending times will be available on the club's website, www.penobscotflyfishers.com in the next couple of weeks.

Fallen Friends

John Warren Duncan, 58
Saint John, NB

Legendary fly tyer John Warren Duncan died of a heart attack on Saturday, February 10, 2007 in Saint John NB at the age of 58. Dunc was found dead at his tying bench finishing a large Atlantic Salmon fly order for LL Bean of Freeport, Maine.

Dunc tied flies for Presidents to Princes. He was friends with Red Sox great, Ted Williams. He tied for rock stars Alice Cooper and Roger Daltrey. He is best known in salmon pools for popularizing an Atlantic Salmon fly known as the Undertaker.

The province of New Brunswick commissioned him to create the Picture Province Fly which incorporates the provincial colors and is one of New Brunswick's official symbols.

Warren is survived by his wife Anne, son John and daughters Catherine and Christine.

Bruce Morrill, 60
Orrington, ME

Bruce E. Morrill, 60, died Feb. 16, 2007. Bruce attended our fly tying class. We enjoyed his friendly, outgoing personality and patience with tying. His pride and joy was his little buddy, Cole. Bruce is survived by his mother of Orrington; his loving wife, Candice (Little) Morrill of Orrington; two daughters,

Lisa Morrill and Joanne Davis; one son, Christopher Morrill.

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 is an assistant leader for wildlife with the Maine cooperative fish & wildlife research unit at the University of Maine. He 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

Wed. April 4th: Gayle Zydlewski, Research Asst. Professor-Univ. of Maine, Sturgeon and the Penobscot.

May Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

Wed. May 2nd: Steve Wilson, DIF&W Superintendent of Hatcheries, Maine's Fish Hatchery and Stocking Program.

CLUB GARMENTS

One way to show "pride in membership" and to advertise our club is to wear shirts, jackets and hats with our logo on it at meetings and special events. There are many items available. These are the most popular.

Denim Shirts priced according to size - \$16-\$30.
Knitted Sport Shirts in blue, gray and green - \$20.
Vests in blue and green - \$17
Hats - \$10
Hooded Pullover Sweatshirts - \$16 - \$20.

Keep in mind that our supplier has a minimum order requirement of 6 items. Don't be shy, get on the list. I have on hand two dark blue denim shirts, size XL and size XXXL for the bargain price of \$16. To place an order either call me, Bob Blatz, at 525 4410 or email me at bblatz@acadia.net.

FLY OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Ron Landry

The patterns are coming from a book written by Bob Church called "The International Guide to Trout

Flies". The book was published in Great Britain in 1987. Some of the materials may sound a little different then what you are used to tying with. The first set of eight flies are by Stuart Billam. Here is a little background on Mr. Billam by Bob Church.



Stuart is landlord of the Chequers inn at Stapleford, Nottingham. He is one of the best amateur fly-dressers I know, and some of his original patterns really take some beating. A fine angler, his catches from reservoirs are well known from his articles in Trout Fisherman. What isn't so widely known is that he has taken sea trout of 10 lbs while drifting loch-style in Scotland and many salmon to more than 20 lbs

SCORPION This is a hook arrangement rather than a fly, and is a cross between a tube-fly and a tandem lure. It employs a single hook and a treble. The easiest way to dress the body is to place the single hook in the vice, tie in the tinsel and oval treble, at the bend, wind it back towards treble, and then reverse the direction and continue forwards to the front of the single, the advantage of this type of rig is best seen when trout are nipping the fly from behind.

DRESSING

Rear Hook: Size 14 to 10 treble

Front Hook: Size 8 or 6 Partridge SEB 2-Strong Lure

Tying Silk: Black

Wing: Insect-green goat's fur with black goat's fur over

Hackles: Beard hackle of green goat's fur extending to bend of hook. Sparse black cock hackle over.

Cheeks: Jungle cock or substitute.

Head: Black varnish.