



Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 • 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Join us for dinner at 5:30! We can send out for pizza and get an early start on tying.

From the President

I want to start this first letter by thanking David Ferretti for all the hard work he has done for the Club in the past two years as president. I also want to thank the Club members for voting me in as president.

In looking at the Club I see a lot that's positive. Where else can someone learn to tie flies and how to fly fish in salt or fresh water. We, in this part of the country, have that wonderful advantage.

We have had some wonderful guest speakers in the past and I plan on continuing that tradition. The Fly-fishing Speaker Series will host a speaker a month who will talk about fishing and tying flies in different locales – after all that is what this Club is all about. There are trips planned in the spring to places noted by world-class fisherman: Cape Cod, Swift River, and the Western New York tributaries.

Spring is almost here and I for one cannot wait to start throwing a line to fish both fresh and salt. There are some excellent casters in the Club and for those of you who are new to the sport of fly fishing ask a fellow member to give you some casting tips.

Our Web site (www.crossroadsanglers.com) offers calendar events and speakers. Our member message board alerts members to the "HOT Spots." Members – make sure you sign in – it is password protected.

This is our Club and I invite all members to contact me with ideas or questions related to our meetings or trips. I pledge that this year will be of great enjoyment to all members and I hope that as members you contribute and join us. 🐟

Joel Kessler

Fly-Fishing Speaker: Ken Simmons,
Chief of Hatcheries for the
Mass Department of Fish and Wildlife

Trout Stream Insects in Relation to Fly Fishing, Stream Ecology, and Trout Production

Come hear "The Bug Man" Ken Simmons's presentation on fly fishing as part of our Fly-Fishing Speaker Series.

He will offer insights into trout stream insects and how they affect fly fishing, stream ecology, and trout production at our Tuesday, February 28th meeting. 🐟

It's That Time of Year Again!

We all need to purchase a recreational saltwater fishing permit.

All recreational fisherman ages 16 to 59 must purchase an individual permit and those fisherman age 60 or over must obtain a free permit.

For more information online:

www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/recreationalfishing/rec_permits.htm

or by phone:

Boston: 617-626-1520

**New Bedford: 508-990-2860,
ext. 150**



January Presentation

Finding and Fishing for Wild Native Trout

Paul Pezza was kind enough to give Crossroads Anglers a very informative and beautiful slide presentation on finding and fishing for wild native



trout in our area. He uses the Picket Pin steamer fly as his main search fly (shown above). Below are instructions on tying the Picket Pin. *Please note Paul does not use hackle and the herl head on his flies.*

Material's needed:

- peacock herl
- gold wire
- brown wet fly hackle
- gray squirrel tail (trapped, shot or purchased)
- black thread
- size 10 or 12 streamer hook (or nymph hook for more gap)

Crush or remove barb to aid release of these wild fish. Tie in gold wire at bend of hook, wrap up 1/16" and tie in five strands of peacock herl and the tip of the brown hackle. Wrap thread down the hook shank to 3/16" of the eye of the hook, add head cement to the thread body and twist herl, wrap herl onto wet head cement thread – to strengthen body – and tie off at end of thread. Wrap the hackle palmered style over the herl and tie off. Wrap the gold wire to make a gold tag and then spiral down the body to lock in the herl and hackle. Add a bunch of squirrel tail as a wing and use head cement locking it down (this is important as squirrel tail does not compress well and is prone to pull out). Add four strands of peacock herl, twist and make the head, finish head and add cement.

A few winds of fine thread over herl head will add strength. To add weight, add a strip of wire under the shank of hook to keep the body slim. 🐟

CACALENDAR

Somerset Fly Fishing

Saturday-Sunday, February 4-5, 2012

Crossroads Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

The Bear's Den Annual Show

Saturday, February 25, 2012

Once again we are asking for Club members who would be willing to volunteer to work the table at the show in shifts. We'll tie flies...and talk to prospective Club members along with other board members from the Club. The more the merrier! Please note that this show is a nice opportunity to sign up new Club members to join Crossroads Anglers.

At each regular Club meeting we will be offering a **free door prize**.

Crossroads Meeting

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

www.crossroadsanglers.com

Fly-Fishing Speakers Series

This will give all of us the opportunity to listen and learn more about one of our favorite past-times. The speakers scheduled are:

February

Ken Simmons

Chief of Hatcheries
for the Massachusetts
Department of
Fish and Wildlife

March

Sheila Hassan

FFF Master Certified Casting Instructor



Remember: Dues due! The goal is to have everyone paid up by the March 2012 meeting.

About Crossroads Anglers

Crossroads Anglers meets every fourth Tuesday from September to May at 7:00 p.m. at the South Foxboro Community Center for fly tying and good conversation about fishing.

At our meetings, people sit in groups tying or learning to tie a useful fly – others are welcome to join them or just watch. There is normally a beginners' table. And one of us, or a guest tyer, demonstrates tying a fly for those who are interested.

Several times a year we have a guest speakers. Past speakers have been Lefty Kreh, Bob Clouser, Bob Popovics, Paul Jacobs, Jack Smola, Ed Lombardo, Paul Pezza, Dr. David Ross, and Ray Stachelek.

In good weather we have a casting clinic before the meeting. And we sponsor fresh and salt water fishing trips in the spring and fall.

New tiers are always welcome!

Directions From Route 95 at Mansfield, exit at Route 140 south. Drive 3/4 mile to Route 106 west for 1.5 miles. Take a right onto North Grove Street and follow for 1/2 mile to intersection of South Street. The South Foxboro Community Center is on the right.

Special *Savings* for Crossroads Members

Discounts will be offered to members of the Crossroads Anglers who show their Club membership card to the following businesses when they reserve their date out on the water:

Captain David Porecca, River & Riptide Anglers

Fly & Light Tackle Charter and Guide Service

Fly fish the Wood & Farmington River or chase Striped Bass, Bluefish, & False Albacore

10 percent discount for Crossroads Anglers Members

401-392-1919, www.riverandriptide.com

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15 percent discount for Crossroads Anglers Members

781-408-1215

Captain Vern (Rob) Robinson & Son, Rock N Reel 24

85 Seymour Street, Berkley, MA 02779, 508-822-6756

Captain Gary Swanson, Striper-Charters

13 Harbour Hill Run, South Yarmouth, MA 02664

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Some recent Club catches!