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Meeting Date: March 25th, 2008, at 6:30 PM

From the President

I would like to thank everyone for their participation in the anniversary meeting. Rich Murphy had a wealth of information and is one of the most innovative tiers around. I am sorry that the meeting ran longer than usual, and I am sure that Rich's speaking skills will improve with time.

I would like to welcome four new members into the club: Bob Mills, John Kelly, Dennis Dugan, and Robert Jones. Please make them feel welcome and pass on the knowledge that the members of our club hold.

George Forte will be bringing a group of Boy Scouts to the March meeting, and I am looking for several people who would be willing to show the boys how to tie some basic trout flies. If you have a second vise sitting at home, please try to remember to bring it to the meeting so that one of the scouts can use it.

We will be trying something new this month, and will be holding a fly swap. Bring in a couple of flies that you have tied and pass them on to someone new. Let's hope that it turns into a way to meet someone new and learn a new pattern or two.

Let us also hope that we can all get back on the water this month and feel the tug of a fish on

the line. In New England March does come in like a lion and hopefully leaves like a lamb.

David Ferretti

Anniversary Meeting Agenda

March 25th

Doors open 6:30 PM

Fly Swap and Boy Scout Tying

UFTRI member Dave Boisvert will be selling fly tying materials from Angelo Mangili's fly fishing store at half-price.

7: 30 Announcements

Raffle

New Members

Welcome Bob Mills, John Kelly, Dennis Dugan, and Robert Jones.

March Fly Swap

Here's your chance to reach out: tie with some new people (including our new members) and learn about some new flies.

To join the fly swap, simply bring a couple of flies to the meeting and sign up for a numbered table when you arrive, hook your flies to the board, and go to your table.

If you don't want to demonstrate but want to learn a fly, find the fly you want to tie at the sign-up table, where the tyer's table number will be listed. Or once you've demonstrated a fly, find a table where you can learn a new one.

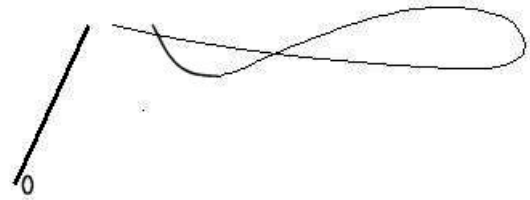
Some board members have volunteered to be starters and hope others will join them. If you have a question, write or call Dave Ferretti at DRAEF@msn.com, 781/344-1719.

Boy Scout Tying

George Forte will be bringing a group of Boy Scouts—and potential club members—to learn how to tie flies and knots. He needs volunteer teachers. And he reminds us that: *"Teaching a child to fish, to cast and to tie will make new fishermen! Bonus: a Scout is conservation-minded."* Volunteers please call or write George at 508-695-2478, gfortejr@comcast.net

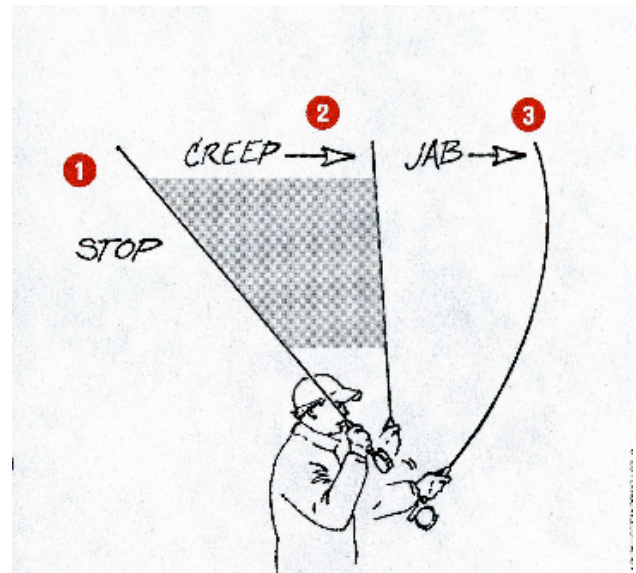
Creep and Jab Fix Your Tailing Loop

Now's the time to start brushing up on your casting—or fixing your problems. In the March 2008 of *Fly Fisherman*, Jim McClellan identifies a common problem and shows us how to solve it. Most everyone develops a tailing loop at one time or another, especially when we see a fish. It occurs when the top part of the casting loop drops below the bottom part—and causes a tangle or a "wind" knot.



The tailing loop is caused by what McClellan calls the "creep and jab." Here's how it works: "After the backcast, there is supposed to be a pause while the line straightens out behind the caster. During this pause the rod hand should not move forward. However, many casters begin to slowly creep the rod hand ahead while waiting for the back cast to straighten. When the line becomes straight, there isn't enough space left between the start and stop positions to make a proper forward cast."

Sensing that there is only a short space left, the caster compensates by beginning the forward cast too quickly and turning it into a jab.



How to Fix It

First, find out if you're creeping. Ask a friend to watch you cast, or make a video.

Then eliminate the muscle memory that causes it. Find an open space on land to practice. Don't practice on the water—it's hard to practice when there may be a fish around. First

make a series of backcasts. After you cast, let the line lay on the ground behind you. Then turn, face the opposite direction, and make another backcast. When you're convinced that you've eliminated the creep, make a few false casts—and watch your casting hand. Then make some delivery casts. The final step is to have your friend watch you again, or make a video.

More Casting Help from Lefty

Lefty Kreh, now well into his 80s, offers more casting help that not only improves the cast but saves the shoulder and rotator cuff, which is especially useful for older salt water casters. He advises us to use the body and swivel.

The elbow begins the cast in the resting position and should not be raised. Think of it on an imaginary shelf.

Start the backcast with the thumb behind the rod handle from the target. A side backcast is necessary for the rod to be brought well to the rear. The forearm must lean away from the body to between 40° and 90°. By pivoting to the right (if you are right-handed), little or no arm movement is necessary to make the backcast. The strong body movement will handle most of the rod's acceleration.

Once the backcast is complete, pivot in the other direction and return to the starting

position with a long acceleration, culminating with a quick stop.



For more information, see the March/April issue of *Fly Fishing in Salt Water*.

See our website for the video. <http://www.crossroadsanglers.com>

Half Price Tying Materials

David Boisvert, from the United Fly Tyers of Rhode Island, will be selling fly tying materials at the March meeting from the fly fishing store of Angelo Mangili, who died last year,

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