

# CROSSROADS ANGLERS

FLY FISHING CLUB

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Meeting Date: May 27th, 2008, at 5:30 PM

## From the President

The club had its first trip of the season on Saturday, May 10 at Cotuit narrows, and, although the weather did not cooperate, the fish did. Russ Glen, Howie, and I each landed several fish—many of them in the high 20 inch range. I lasted about 4 hours before the cold got to me, but Howie hung in all 6 till the tide turned. Please make use of the message board if you are planning to wet a line.

What did you do last summer? Take along a camera on your next trip, and email the pictures to me or Dick over the summer. If I get enough pictures, I will put together a slide show for next fall.

We will be closing the season at the May meeting with a picnic and a casting clinic at Cocasset Park starting at 5:30. Bring fly tying materials in case of rain.

We will end the year with a special raffle prize: a discounted Temple Fork rod of your choice. Thanks to Jake Jakespeare and Temple Fork for the raffle prize.

The season is underway. I hope that you all have the time to get out on the water and enjoy it this summer.

David Ferretti

## Agenda

May 27th

Doors open 5:30 PM  
Casting Clinic and Cookout at  
Cocasset Town Park

Go across West Street from the club house, where S. Grove Street turns into Tremont Street. The park is a short way up on your right. Bring fly tying materials in case of rain.

**Door Prize: \$25 Bass Pro Gift Certificate.** Thanks to Thomas Keating, Marketing and Sales Manager of Foxboro Store and Dick Empie, who has initiated and obtained the door prize.

**Raffle: Discount on Temple Forks Fly Rod of Your Choice.**



Armand Courchaine catches a nice brown trout.

# Tips & Tricks

**Rob Lurie**

## TOP TEN REASONS FLY FISHING IS BETTER THAN GOLF

10. It is easier to make flies than golf balls.
9. You can make a rod less expensive than a set of clubs, too.
8. There is no score kept and, therefore, no “Mulligans.”
7. One fly rod is much lighter and easier to carry than a bag of clubs.
6. You will hardly ever throw a fly rod if you make a bad cast.
5. You can put a dozen flies in your pocket (provided they are in a fly box!) and still walk comfortably.
4. Stop on the side of the road, play one hole, and leave? NO way. Fish a spot for ten minutes? Sure!
3. Hit a ball as hard as you can, walk, or drive up to it, and hit it again vs. cast and retrieve without moving? Hmmm!
2. Hit a ball badly you still have to find it. Cast badly? Just retrieve and cast again.
1. And, the number one reason fly fishing is better than golf. . . . If you hit the water fly fishing, that's *good*.

Have a good summer. Wear suntan lotion. Catch a bunch of fish. Take pictures to share with us in the Fall.

Rob



### Loop-Wing Knotty Parachute Sulphur

**Hook:** TMC 531, sizes 12-20.

**Thread:** Yellow or orange 8/0.

**Wing:** Light dun Poly Yarn, looped and secured with a four-in-hand knot.

**Tails:** Light Ginger Micro Fibbets

**Abdomen:** Sulphur dubbing.

**Hackle:** Light ginger, maximum 4 wraps.

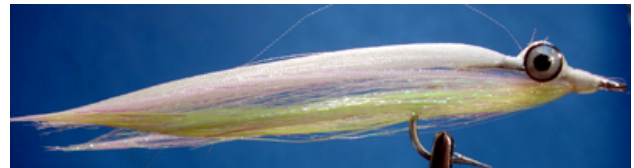
**Head:** 8/0 thread—yellow for female, orange for male.

Ted Fauceglia,  
*American Angler*, May 2008

## Clouser Minnow Variations

Stripers have arrived, and in this month's *American Angler*, Henry Cowan shows us five ways to vary Bob Clouser's famous Deep Minnow, which, tied with two colors of bucktail and dumbell eyes, rides hook up to avoid snags.

Howie DeBeck is disappointed when he catches fewer than thirty stripers on his *Tutti Frutti*



**Hook:** 1/0 Eagle Claw 254SS

**Thread:** White Danville A unwaxed

**Bucktail:** White, Pink, Chartreuse

**Flash:** Ice Blue Flashabou

**Eyes:** Stu Dickens #3 Krystal

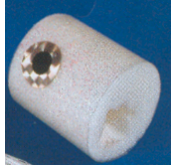
5 Minute Epoxy

Cowan's variations include the use of Polar Fibre for micro baits for his “Polar Fibre Clouser.”

For his “Rabbit Clouser,” he would replace the tail with a rabbit zonker strip to create a durable, slender baitfish—but, he warns us, be sure to make a 40 lb. mono loop or spike off the hook bend to prevent the zonker strip from fouling.

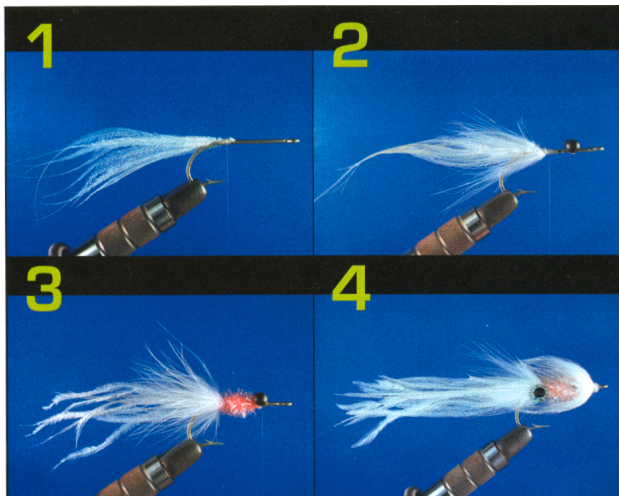
The “AlbaClouser,” for Albie feeding on narrow-profiled baitfish, replaces the bucktail with superhair.

And, if the fish suddenly starts to strike on the surface, he cuts his leader, slips the tippet through a foam head, re-ties the clouser, and slides the banger-head over the fly. “The weighted ‘Transformer’ will overcome the foam’s natural wind resistance and cast like a bullet. Be sure to hollow out a small area of the foam to receive the Clouser’s dumbbell eyes.”



*Foam Popper Head with Large Stick-on Eye*

Finally, he illustrates the *Squidward*:



**Hook:** Tiemco 811S or similar, size 1/0-4/0

**Tail:** White ostrich tail

**Cheeks:** White marabou

**Body:** Medium pink or orange Ice Chenille

**Head:** White crosscut rabbit

**Rear Eyes:** Prisma stick-on, size M or L

**Front Eyes:** Lead dumbbell, size M or L



Joel Kessler caught this rainbow on his annual trip to New York.

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