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Meeting Date: November 25th, 2008, 7 PM

From the President

With the upcoming elections for officers of the club, I thought the membership might be interested in knowing what happened at the monthly board meeting. This month the board concentrated on long--range planning. We discussed club fishing trips for next spring, and several suggestion were made: a club trip to the North or Palmer River for shad, an early season trip to the Narrows and the Oregon beach in Cotuit, trips to Rhode Island for the worm hatch in Ninigret, and fishing on the Narrow River. We also discussed speakers for this year and considered the possibility of pooling our resources with UFTRI and RI Anglers for a major speaker. And we are in the process of trying to make agreements with local fishing stores and guides to offer a discount when you show your club membership card. And, finally, in an effort to get more people to use the message board, I started a thread on what fish have you caught on a fly rod—so far without much success.

Election for officers will be held at the November meeting along with a motion to increase the club dues starting January 2009.

David Ferretti

Agenda

7 PM: Brief business meeting: next year's officers, announcements

Fly Tying

8:15 PM: Raffle

New Member

Welcome Ed Tatro

Tips & Tricks

Rob Lurie

Dave Gale and I fished on Sunday, October 19. We can't tell you exactly where; suffice to say it was in cold water and windy weather. We found a wind-blown "leaf line" and fished the edge, much like fishing the ice edge.

After letting our full sink lines get down almost to the bottom, we used a short, jerky retrieve and stripped line like crazy. The water was cold, so the fish were aggressive. They seem to enjoy the chase. The secret appears to be letting the sinking line SINK! We would cast out and watch the fly and line sink rate. It was sinking about 3 seconds per foot, so to get the fly down to 8 feet required the patience to cast

and WAIT about 20 seconds, then begin the retrieve.

We also found it pays big dividends to slowly lift the line into a roll cast instead of ripping it from the depths to make your next cast. Fish would chase the fly from the depths and take it just below the surface. Attached is a picture of the fish of the day; a rainbow 20-plus inches and about four pounds, taken on a 3 inch long yellow BUFF.

Dress warm. Bring a friend. Keep an eye on each other and avoid hypothermia. Bring back pictures of the big one you released to fight another day.

Rob



BUFF (Big Ugly Freak'n Fly)

Hook: Streamer hook, size 2-12.

Thread: Any color to complement wing.

Wing and Tail: Marabou in preferred color. Most effective in yellow, black, cerise, olive, and orange or mixed.

Bead Eye: Optional.

Collar: Optional soft hackle collar: pheasant or other soft feather, such as marabou. with or without the eyes.

Rob will be happy to demonstrate tying his go-to fly.

The 2008 International Fly Tying Symposium

November 22nd & 23rd,
Somerset, NJ

Winter Storage

Great Bay Rod Company, Lee's Fishing Page

We're coming upon the end of the season for many saltwater fly rodders, and many freshwater anglers as well. So what do you do with your rod now that the season is over.

- Prior to putting the rods away for the winter, give them a good cleaning with warm soap and water.
- Dry thoroughly and inspect all guide wraps for cracks, etc.
- Inspect all guides for rough spots, corrosion, etc. by drawing a piece of cotton through them and see if the cotton catches on anything.
- If there are any rough areas or cracks in the guide wrap coatings, you should have a competent repair person redo the wraps, and polish out any rough spots if possible, or replace the guide itself. You don't want to lose that trophy fish of a lifetime next spring because you forgot about that rough spot on the stripping guide.
- If you're satisfied that the rod is in good shape, we recommend that our clients go find the Pledge furniture wax (try to find it when your significant other is out of the house or

you may end up dusting!) and give the rod a good waxing. This helps protect the finish and maintain some modicum of protection.

- Check the fit of your ferrules. DO NOT put any sort of wax or oil on the ferrule. We cringe when we hear clients doing this. We recommend the use of U-40 ferrule lube. Ferrule Lube is designed to eliminate the frustration of sticking ferrules, or worn and wobbly ferrules that have become loose because of excessive wear. Some rod manufacturers have been known to recommend paraffin for lubricating ferrules; nothing could be worse. Paraffin collects dirt and grit, which damages the ferrule. It also has a considerable surface buildup which destroys the intended tolerance of close fitting parts resulting in loose ferrules.

- Inspect the cork grip. The cork grip is an area that has the most tendency to collect fish slime, dirt, etc. This can be cleaned by using soapy warm water to get the major stuff off, and then through the use of a fine steel wool or Scotch Brite pad. The steel wool or Scotch Brite pad will help remove the grime that has a tendency to accumulate in the little pits of cork. Once you've cleaned the cork we recommend you seal it. At Great Bay Rod Company all of our rods are sealed with Tru-

Oil gun oil. It leaves a great patina on the cork and helps to seal the cork from damage. Many manufacturers use U-40 Cork Seal.

- Finally, find an area where the rod can be stored safely. If you've done your job correctly, the rod tube is a great place to put the rod. Unfortunately many clients think the back of the closet is a good place to store the rod, and we've had a few returned for repair because the kids decided to play hide and seek and the parent's rod was stepped on in the back of the closet (thank goodness for warranties). Now that the rod is in a safe place, the final piece of advice is as follows: Halfway through fishing season—do this all over again.



Suggestions welcome for Newsletter.

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