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Meeting Date: October 28th, 2008, 7 PM

From the President

We will be taking nominations for President, Treasurer, and Board officers for the coming year during the October meeting. The election for officers will be held during the November meeting. The board meets once a month, usually on the first Tuesday of the month. If you are interested in serving, please let me know. You, the members, are the club, and we can only get out of the club what we are willing to put back in. We are still looking to build up our membership, which has fallen off in the last few years. If you have a fishing buddy or know someone who has an interest in fly tying, let them know about the club.

I was fortunate to go on a fishing trip to northern Maine this fall, three hundred miles but a world away. A six-hour drive will put you deep into the woods fishing for native brook trout and salmon, looking at moose, eagles, and loons, and gazing up at a sky with more stars than can be imagined.

I hope that everyone had the chance to go someplace special with someone that you can call a friend.

David Ferretti

Agenda

7 PM: Brief business meeting to nominate next year's officers

Fly Tying

8:15 PM: Raffle

New Members

Welcome Dan Medeiros, John Medige, and Keith Wells. Welcome back Bob Teden

Fishing Report

From Dave Ferretti: I went to Sandwich Saturday morning like a fool. The tide was perfect, but the cold and wind made it miserable. I fished for about an hour, from 5:30 til 6:30, and caught two fish both in the 22 to 24 inch range. The fish are still around, and I am sure that the weather will improve. I am flying out to St Louis tomorrow so no fishing for me till next weekend.

From Chuck McGovern: I'm done for the season. Got the snowboarding gear ready to go, and started building another 8 wt. for a friend. It's winter inside my head.

Hopefully, I'll be boat shopping before the Cotuit run starts next spring.

From Joel Kessler: Listening to the news this morning, I see lake-effect snow for Buffalo NY. Well, on the 16th of Nov. I'll be up fishing for steelhead. Anyone interested in joining me? Should be my last fishing outing for the season.

A week ago I fished Wrentham Anglers Club. They had just stocked it, and I got 6 nice sized rainbows, missed another 4 or 5. Out of town this week to North Carolina (no fishing at all, business all the way). But I would like to be out fishing on the 26th, when I come home, if the weather is good. Anyone up for it?

From Armand Courchaine: Just back from the Margaree River, Cape Breton. Fished hard with two friends from October 10 to October 17th. Water levels fine, fish in the river. I got a parr, a friend got grilse. Big fish over thirty pounds not taking. Some lady got a twenty-five pound salmon in Lubbus Pool. People from around the world fish here.

Some observations: I believe the water temps were too low, and the fish were not rising to take a fly. October 1st restriction barbless hooks, some plans are in the wind to eliminate fishing with sinking lines. I may try to fish in July next year. Some people seem to have better results then, and the fish take bombers and dries. Would I go back? In a heart beat.

A week before Thanksgiving Day, Bob Popovics and Steve Farrah will be hosting a striper get together in New Jersey. I was thinking of going down if I could car pool with some guys. After the Margaree Trip, I think that car renting and car pooling is the way to go. Plan to leave Friday morning and staying over Friday and Saturday night. If anyone is interested please email me at ajflyfish@yahoo.com

From Dick Empie: The ponds have turned over. And the fish are in the top ten feet, ten to fifteen feet from shore. The best flies are Zug Bugs (size 10-12), Flashback Hare's Ear (12-14), Blassingame (10-14), Pheasant-Tail Nymph (12-14), and Wooley Buggers in Olive and Black.

From Dick Pearce: I fished the Wood River in Rhode Island last week, without catching anything. Everyone agreed that the fishing is tough this time of year, and not because of the pine needles and leaves. The regulars who catch fish said that, besides Wooley Buggers, Picket Pins and Egg patterns were working (white with a touch of orange). The browns are spawning, and the rainbows are eating their eggs.

Tips & Tricks

Rob Lurie

Now that we are getting back to fresh water and tying. Fall flies, how can we identify whether a fly is weighted or not? On bead head fly, the bead can be gold, silver, olive, etc., and does not seem to bother the fish. But what if the fly has weight tied under the body? One method that some tyers use is to tie the fly using the usual color thread, then finish the head in a different color, such as red or black.

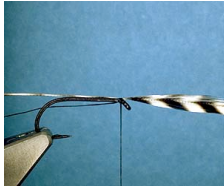
How do you fish around floating leaves without hooking one once in a while? YOU CAN'T!!!!

Take a friend and a camera fishing. The Fall colors are great background for a possible fish of a lifetime. It is much easier to get a picture of both you and your fish when someone else holds the camera!

Rob

A Better Way to Hackle a Dry Fly

In the traditional method of hackling a dry fly, “the stem and hackle fibers have to be tied down at the eye, making for a bulky, larger than necessary head. Moreover, if the stem breaks under the rigors of fishing, the whole hackle unravels. Hans Weilenmann suggests a better way to hackle flies which eliminates these problems.”



“Tie in the hackle directly behind the eye of the hook, shiny side up and the tip extending over the eye. (It will be secured as thread is wound toward the bend.)



“Complete the tail and body of the fly, leaving one-third of the hook shank open for the hackle.



“Wrap the hackle toward the "shoulder" of the body and trap the tip with a turn of thread. Trim the excess.



“Wrap the thread though the hackle, being careful not to bind down any fibers. Use a three-turn whip-finish to produce a small, clean head.”

(For Hans Weilenmann’s full article see <http://www.flyfisherman.com/ftb/hwhackle/index.html>)

Missing

If anyone accidentally took the cord to the coffee urn, please return it.



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