

CROSSROADS ANGLERS

FLY FISHING CLUB

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Meeting Date: September 23rd, 2008, at 6 PM for Casting Practice & Clinic,
7 PM Meeting

From the President

Summer is drawing to a close, the days are getting shorter, and if you chase after most any saltwater species, we will soon be entering into the peak fishing season of the year. This may be the chance to land that one trophy fish we all dream about.

We had a very wet summer, which kept the water levels up and the temperature down in most rivers. This should lead to an extended trout season through the fall.

I am still looking for pictures from any fishing trips that you went out on I would like to try to have a slide show this winter. So take along a camera on your next trip and email me the pictures.

Last year we saw a major drop in membership and as a result had less money coming in. Crossroad Anglers is a great club and offers many resources to its members. We need to decide the direction that the club should take this year.

The best of the fishing season is under way. I hope that you all have the time to get out on the water and enjoy it.

David Ferretti

Agenda

6 PM: Casting Practice in the parking lot

7 PM: Fly Tying

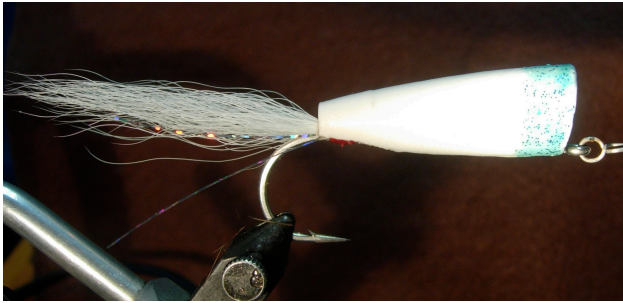
Dick Empie will show how to make a
Bluefish and Striper popper.

The Bear's Den has donated some Bird Fur
for tiers to try out.

8:15 PM: Raffle



Bird Fur looks like fur, but it's really a feather. The bird fur is a new product in the Whiting's Spey line. It has the texture of marabou, though the fibers are finer and longer. And it can be palmered or hi-tied and mixed with flash, soft hackles, or other materials. Try it out.



Dick Empie's Bluefish and Striper Popper

Fishing Report

Mike Mathias

We returned from our western trip on July 16th, where I found the fishing in parts of the Rockies less than stellar, due to the high water in most of the rivers. It was mostly from snow pack that was still on the mountain tops on June 15th. I did manage to fish the Green River in northern Utah, below the Flaming Gorge Dam; however the water was running 3 times normal volume for this time of the year. I did get several hits, but was unable to hook up. My next fishing attempt was at Yellowstone, where again the water levels were very high. I fished the Firehole for a few hours with no success what so ever. The Yellowstone River was actually closed to fishing due to the late spawning of the famous Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout there; besides, the river was un-wadable.

After returning home, I quickly got back into the salt. My first venture led me to Sandwich Creek on a dark and foggy morning. The mouth of the creek has changed dramatically, since the outlet channel for the creek has shifted to the east and is no longer near the breakwater. As a matter of fact, at the lowest stage of the tide, no water exits near the breakwater at all. I carefully ventured to the edge of the fast flowing rip casting with no success until daybreak, when I finally managed to pick up a few fish, the largest about 26". I have been back there twice, with skunks on both occasions.

Since then I have since been concentrating my fishing at Buttermilk Bay, fishing the last two hours of the outgoing tide (between 2 and 6 AM). Using a black clouser pattern, which I tie for night fishing, I have been very successful catching heavy, well-fed stripers ranging from 20" to 26," and losing several fish which may have been larger. This location is just teeming with silversides. I had good luck there till September 5th, when the tropical storm came through. Recent checks at Sagamore Beach have revealed very little in the way of fish movement, with no working birds up and down the shoreline. After the storm went thru, I fished my favorite spots in Dartmouth, again with no success.

Howie and I fished the outgoing at Buttermilk Bay, on September 12th, from 9 to 1:00 in the morning (dead slack) with good success. We each caught 4 fish, sizes running from 18" to just under 28". Once again all were nice fat fish, fly of choice still being that Black Clouser that I tie.

I will be heading up to Pittsburgh, N.H. the last week in September, word is the river flows should be just right for good fishing.

Tight Lines, Mike

Tips & Tricks

Rob Lurie

FALL FISHING

The weather and water are beginning to cool, the fantastic saltwater fishing is slowing, and the trout fishing is beginning to pick up again. As we switch back to the sweet water, we need to reset our minds again to fishing with lighter tippets so we don't break off or "rip the lips" off the fish as we set the hook. With these old eyes it is easier for me to tie on big flies and use heavier tippet. I can land the fish quickly and release them without much handling because

they don't usually get the chance to inhale a big fly. I may not catch as many as the person using a midge, but with the bigger flies, bigger fish tend to eat them. Try a large, bright color fly and see what happens.

Fishing is a great chance to meet people and share techniques and ideas. Watch the people that are catching fish and learn from them. Maybe it is the placement of their flies on the water or their retrieve that is catching fish. Are they waiting longer for their line and fly to sink before retrieving? Are they stripping slow, fast, or erratic? Vary your method until you find what works for you.

This will be the first meeting of our new season. Bring a friend and introduce them to our sport. You may end up with a new fishing partner.

Good fishing.

Rob

Summer Catch



David Gale



and his son, Evan.

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