

# CROSSROADS ANGLERS

FLY FISHING CLUB

Founded 1994 by Armand Courchaine  
<http://www.crossroadsanglers.com>

Meeting Date: February 26th, 2008, at 6:30 PM  
14th Anniversary Issue  
**In Memory of Russ Keane**

## From the President

I hope that most of you had a chance to enjoy the Bear's Den show. It's always a good time to meet friends and past fishing buddies. We have a wonderful local resource in the Bear's Den that needs your support.

For those of you who might not have heard, Russ Keane passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. The club made a donation to Vista Hospice in his name.

The upcoming February meeting celebrates our club's anniversary with Rich Murphy as the guest speaker. Dave Gilmore of Gilmore Reels generously donated a twelve-weight reel, which will be raffled off at the meeting. We also have three bamboo rods to raffle off, two are in need of some tender loving care, and one is in good condition.

Please remember to tie up some flies and bring them to the March meeting. We will be trying something new: a fly swap. Let's make it a success.

Days are getting longer, and before you know it we will be in March.

To thoughts of spring and open water,

David Ferretti

## Anniversary Meeting Agenda

February 26th

Doors open 6:30 PM

Fly Tying: Rich Murphy

7: 30 Announcements

Raffle: 12 weight Gilmore Reel



Presentation by Rich Murphy

## Russ Keane

Crossroads Anglers has lost a good one. Russ Keane was an expert fisherman, woodworker, collector, and a good friend. Russ died on January 30, 2008 after his battle with cancer.

Russ was born in Dedham on April 17, 1931. He proudly served his country in the United States Army 82nd Airborne during the Korean

War. Russ worked for the Foxboro Company Security for over 25 years, retiring in 1985. Besides Crossroads Anglers, he was a member of many clubs, including the Standish Sportsmen Club and was active in their fishing derbies for children and their sportsman's show. Russ resided in Foxboro with his wife Grace.



Many members know of Russ's fishing accomplishments: 11 stripers over 50 pounds and 2 more over 60, and too many others to list here. He received many fishing awards during the Schaefer contest years. In addition, Russ was a magnificent wood carver and an avid collector. He loved the history of fishing and the old lures and equipment. Russ enjoyed designing and making his own striper lures and bottom fishing rigs and sold them through retailers under his company name "Old Time." In addition to his wife Grace, he is survived by his son Christopher, daughter-in-law Ruth, and two granddaughters, Emily and Lexie.

On a personal note – Russ, thank you for taking the time to share with me your love of lure making, collecting, and fishing. I truly enjoyed our time together pouring lead, building lures, looking at old tackle, and the fish stories. We had fun. You will be missed.

Mike Cree



## Rich Murphy

Rich Murphy began fly fishing for striped bass in the 1970s, and is obsessed with catching striped bass on flies. He's made an art of it.

"I got my first fly rod on my eighth birthday and my first fly tying kit a month later at Christmas. I taught myself to cast the next spring, throwing matchsticks, trying to hit various backyard fixtures. It was pathetic. But I persisted with joyous determined fury.

"Unlike fly casting, I could clearly see how truly, dismally pathetic my first fly tying efforts were. My kit had an accompanying book with the pretentious title, *How to Tie Flies*. For a long time, I wouldn't show anyone my work, embarrassed that it didn't look anything like the pictures in that book. I kept on, though, with practice, practice, practice, relentless trial and error. I caught my first trout in the spring of my eighth year on a mayfly spinner pattern I saw in *Field and Stream*. In that nanosecond, I was hooked for life. What a sucker.

"I first fished in salt water with live bait. Over the years learning to set up a station of two or three monster spin or bait casting rods and then wait for something to happen. I always brought

along a fly rod, casting and catching fish near shore to fill in the time. As the seasons passed, I discovered that I was having so much fun fly fishing that I began to leave the bait poles at home. An evolution not unlike taking the training wheels off that first two wheeler. A little shaky at first, but then what freedom.”

Rich Murphy’s flies are in the Umpqua catalog.

## Fly-Tying Videos Online



Thanks to improvement in technology and to Utube, a wide range of videos have become available.

The Crossroads Anglers website now includes links to freshwater videos on Utube (Partridge and Yellow, Spent Caddis, and more) and

saltwater patterns from *Fly Fishing in Salt Water* (including Buggy Bunny, Mumichug Clouser, and Bahama Mama).

More will appear. Suggestions are welcome.

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Dick Pearce

## Board Meeting Minutes

The Board received a request from a member wanting to contact other members of the club about fishing or fly tying. The board agreed that phone numbers and addresses should be available to members for this purpose, but was concerned about privacy issues. It decided to poll the membership. Of course listing would not be required for members who do not want their phone numbers or addresses made public.

The board also voted to fund a door prize for the Boy Scouts coming to the March meeting.

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