

Newsletter January 2018

## President's Letter

It is bittersweet for me writing this month's President's letter. As some of you know I have decided not to run for President again. I feel it is time for some new blood to run the club. I will still be acting as an adviser and will be assisting the new president. January is an important meeting since elections are planned. Please plan on attending the meeting to vote. This is also our annual meeting, Armand started Crossroads Anglers 24 year ago. I want to thank everyone on the board who have assisted me in the past 5 years.

For **January** our speaker is Tiffany Vidal from the state of Massachusetts. Tiffany will be speaking on Managing fish populations which requires an understanding of population dynamics and complex interactions with their environment. Briefly, for those would-be scientists, this will be interesting.

**February's** meeting is also planned and we have Joe Cordeiro tying flat wing flies.

**March's** meeting is planned for Wayne Freiden of Reel Dream Charters talking fishing in Boston Harbor.

**April** has Gerry Crow of New Hampshire river guide service talking fishing of where else but New Hampshire.

Club trips are being planned- Watch your email InBox for more info on this. Last year's trips were a blast when we went. I hope everyone will plan on attending.

As you can see we are in good hands for this year.

At the meetings voice your opinions. This is your club.

Tight lines hope to see you on the water!

*Joel*



**NEXT MEETING:**  
Tuesday January 23, 2018  
South Foxboro Community Center  
382 South St. Foxboro, MA 02035  
Time: 630pm to 9pm

**January Speaker**  
**Tiffany Vidal**  
**Mass Division of**  
**Marine Fisheries**  
**On Managing Fish**  
**Populations**

## The Bulletin Board

### January Meeting Club Position Elections

As Joel is retiring as President,  
this Club Officer Position  
is open.

So far, Ed Rosenbloom has put his hat in the ring/pond.

**But nominations are wide-open. Consider  
nominating/volunteering yourself.**

This is a Great Club!  
It is Your Club!  
Get involved! Join the Board!  
Make Crossroads Greater Still!!

### Upcoming Shows

Marlboro FlyFishing Show---January 19-21

New Jersey FlyFishing Show---January 26-28

Bears Den FlyFishing Show---February 17

New England Salt Water Fishing Show---March 9-11

Longfellow Inn Flytying & Bamboo Rod Building Show---March 18

SEE CROSSROADS ANGLERS WEBSITE  
FOR LINKS & DETAILS  
ON EACH SHOW

[www.crossroadsanglers.com](http://www.crossroadsanglers.com)

# Winter Gear Storage Tips

by Philip Monahan

(Courtesy of Mid-Current.com)

**Question:** Looks like I'm done fishing for the year. Any tips on the best way to store my gear?

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One of the most important things you can do before storing any reel — and especially those that use compressible drag materials like cork — is to back off the drag. Photo by Marshall Cutchin.

**Answer:** For the most part, fly-fishing gear is maintenance free, but you can prolong the useful life of all of your angling stuff by storing it properly for the long winter. C. Boyd Pfeiffer has written extensively on this subject, and he remains my guru for all tackle-care information. Here are a few tips I've learned from him:

1. **Rods:** Wash them thoroughly with the hose, or even take them into the shower with you. You can use an old toothbrush to lightly scrub the hardware, making sure all the grit is out of the reel-seat threads and anywhere else in the seat. Scrubbing the cork will remove a lot of the nasty color you've added over the year. Completely dry the rod, and then put it in its sock and tube. Lay the tubes horizontally, and if you don't fear mice or other vermin, leave the end caps off the tubes to allow the rods to "breathe" and to ensure heat or moisture doesn't build up inside somehow.
2. **Reels:** Wash them thoroughly, taking them apart to ensure you've gotten any dirt, salt, or other schmutz taken care of. Use soapy water and a toothbrush. Rinse and then dry thoroughly, making sure you turn the reel parts several times during drying

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to make sure all the water gets out. Store the reel in its bag, but before you do so, back the drag off completely to take pressure off the drag materials.

3. **Lines:** Take them off the reel, clean with the manufacturer's recommended solution, and then wipe them clean with a rag. Check for damage to the line and make any necessary repairs.
4. **Waders and boots:** Air them out completely and make sure they are perfectly dry. Check for leaks and make any repairs. Hang for the winter. Boot-foot waders should be hung upside down by the boots.
5. **Flies:** Open all your fly boxes and let everything inside dry completely before storage.

The important thing, as you've probably figured out, is to put everything away DRY.

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**HISTORIC LONGFELLOW'S WAYSIDE INN WILL HOST**

**ELEVENTH FLY TYING DEMONSTRATION AND BAMBOO ROD BUILDING**

On March 18, Sunday, 2018, from 10 am to 4 pm

The event is free, fifteen of the best fly tyers from New England will show the live art of Fly Tying. Fred Kretchman will show the art of Making bamboo fly rods

The event is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor historic ballroom, located at 72 Wayside Inn Road, Sudbury, MA 01776

For more information call Armand Courchaine 508-982-1931 or email [ajflyfish@yahoo.com](mailto:ajflyfish@yahoo.com)  
event is held rain, snow or shine

children must be accompanied by an adult

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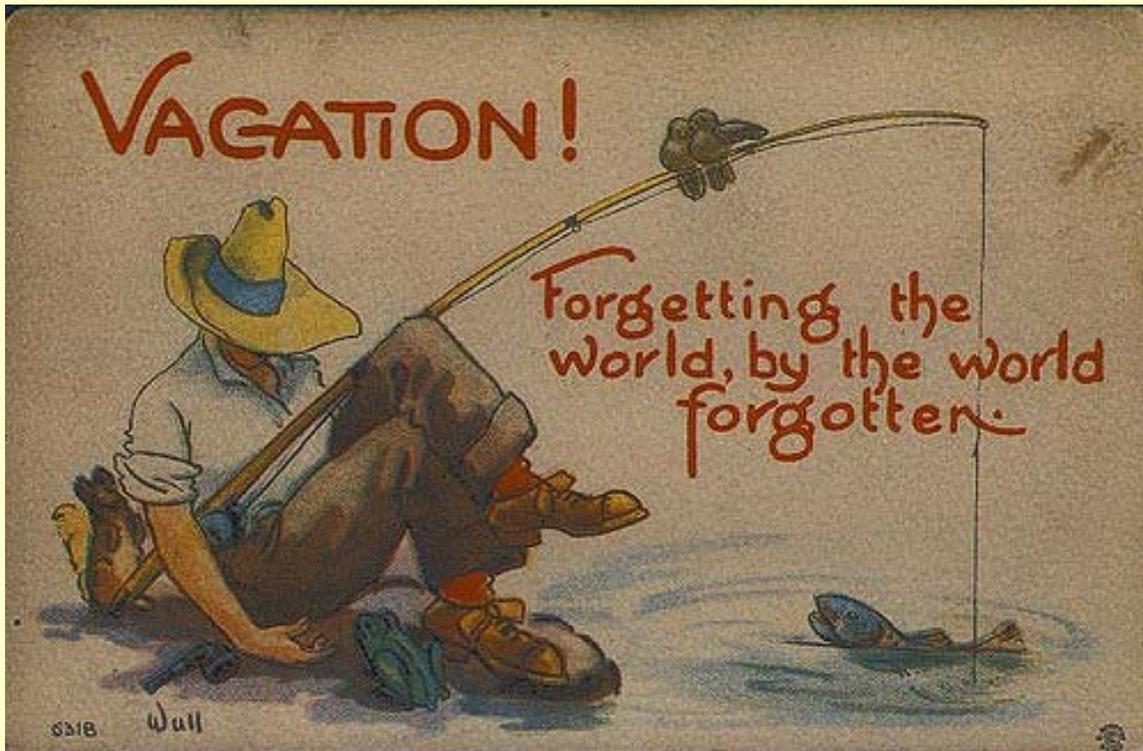
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**CLUB DUES ARE DUE AT THE  
January meeting!!!**

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**PLEASE BRING YOUR WALLET!!!**



## "Fine Lines"

### *Current and quotable:*

"Ours is the grandest sport. It is an intriguing battle of wits between an angler and a trout; and in addition to appreciating the tradition and grace of the game, we play it in the magnificent out-of-doors." – Ernest G. Schwiebert, Jr.

"I have many loves and Fly-Fishing is one of them; it brings peace and harmony to my being, which I can then pass on to others."- Sue Kreutzer

"Why does a salmon rise? Why does a small boy cross the street just to kick a tin can?." – Lee Wulff, *The Atlantic Salmon*

This is our monthly newsletter for the 2017-2018 season. Hope Everyone has a Great Winter (waiting) for what we like to do best: Flyfish! Stay Warm! See you at the Meetings. *Editor*