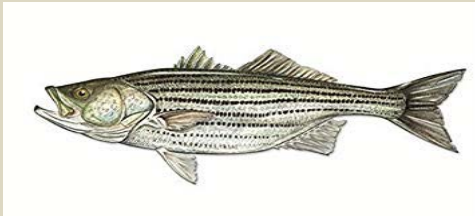




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NEXT MEETING
Tuesday April 23, 2019
South Foxboro Community Center
382 South St. Foxboro, MA 02035
Time: 630pm to 9pm



APRIL SPEAKER
Dean Clark
Stripers Forever
National Board Member
Massachusetts Co-Chair
A Presentation on Striped Bass & The State of the Fishery
(See details on page 5)

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The Most Amazing Ever 2019 Fishing Season is Now Upon Us!!

President's Message

Well it's April, the water is getting warmer, the ponds are being stocked and the stripers are slowly making it up here. Last week, some friends and I did some more Cape pond fishing and I am happy to say I got a "yumper" bow it jumped 5 times, it just didn't like that hook. Another time, I landed some larger beautiful browns. Thank you, Mass Wildlife Trout Stocking Program for all the great stocking that you have done. Most of us can't wait to get on the board with our first stripers for 2019. So, what is your guess for the migration to get here.

Several of us enjoyed an excellent presentation by Nick Santolucito from Coastbusters · Saltwater Fly Fishing. Nick had a lot of discussions of tactics and techniques going on while tying up some of his favorite patterns.

This month's speaker will be Dean Clark from Stripers Forever. Stripers Forever advocates for the conservation and responsible stewardship of wild striped bass along the Atlantic Coast. Dean will be talking about what is happening with our fishery and what we as fisherman need to do. This is a must hear for all those who fish our NE coastline. Invite fishing friends, non-fishing friends, and family. We should have a good turn out to hear this important message.

Do you suffer from way too much fly-tying material laying around, old gear, or unused items and other fishing odds and ends? Bring your stuff to this month's meeting to sell or swap.

Tickets for Capt. Ray's guided trip Raffle are now on sale ask any board member. They are \$15.00 a ticket or two for \$25. This is the best investment you can make to have a guided saltwater trip.

Here is the fishing trip schedule for the next several months:

May 22nd Ninigret Pond, RI Worm hatch

Details:

Where: Ninigret Pond, 7 Park Ln, Charlestown, Rhode Island

Time (tentative): Meeting 3:45 - 4:00 pm, leaving by 4:00ish to be there by 5:30 pm. It's a 1.5 hr trip from Mansfield.

Meeting Place: Mansfield Home Depot garden parking lot directly behind the Longhorn Steakhouse (390 West St, Mansfield, MA on RT 140) or the pond (address above).

Who: Members, family and friends are invited

RSVP or more info Contact: Ed Rosenbloom #339-237-0540 or email: erosenbloom@gmail.com

May - September Stripers Wednesday nights, spots, such as Scortons, Maritime Academy, Bell Rd, Wollaston Beach, Quincy at low tide. (We are also partnering with the Bears Den Wednesday Fly Tying and Fishing group)

October 5th Shad, Narrow River, RI

November 2nd Shad ,Narrow river RI

Let me know if you have any other suggestions.

We are always looking for ideas and new members. Invite someone you know, or don't know, who might be interested in fly fishing, to a meeting. At the meetings voice your opinions, we need your input. This is your club.

Tight lines. Looking forward to seeing you and meeting new members.

Ed

The Bulletin Board

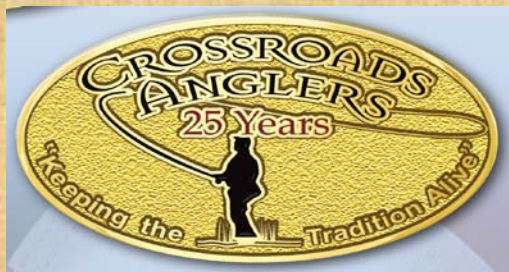
ALL MEMBERS

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GET YOUR SPARE GEAR TOGETHER

GEAR SWAP AT APRIL'S MEETING

SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 6



STILL AVAILABLE

25th Club Anniversary

Apparel
&
Photo Album

HOODIES and / or VESTS

With Crossroads's Logo

And

PHOTO ALBUM
With pics over-the years

Will be available for
purchase or to order at

April's Meeting

VISIT THE CLUB'S WEBSITE

WWW.CROSSROADSANGLERS.COM

We're looking for your opinions on what works and what doesn't work!

What changes and improvements would you like to see. Please see Steve Dewar or any Board Member.

BUT, IN ANY CASE, VISIT THE WEBSITE—THERE'S A LOT OF CLUB INFO AND MANY OTHER SUBJECTS, CHARTS, AND PICTURES TO REVIEW!

Crossroads Speaker & Event Series

April 23rd

Dean Clark---Stripers Forever

May 28th

Annual Barbecue (Weather -permitting date)

Fishing Trips Planned

- May 22nd Ninigret Pond / RI Worm Hatch
(See Ed's Message for time/meet up details)
- October 5th Shad, Narrow River, RI
- November 2nd Shad, Narrow River, RI

May to September—Wednesday nights-----→

Striper fishing. Planning on spots like Scortons, Maritime Academy, Bell Rd, Wollaston Beach, Quincy (at low tide). We are also partnering with the Bears Den Wednesday Fly Tying & Fishing Group!

See any Board Member for further suggestions!!



ABOUT DEAN CLARK / STRIPERS FOREVER

Dean Clark is a national board member and Massachusetts state co-chair of the conservation group Strippers Forever. He bird and waterfowl hunts, trains dogs, fishes both fresh and salt water and has always been involved in outdoor conservation. He is a past recipient of the "Conservationist of the Year" award from the New England Outdoor Writers of America. Dean commercially fished for striped bass in the 1950's. He is one of the founders of the Federal Youth Waterfowl Training Program and a former Marketing and Development Director for the Worcester Natural History Society and the Worcester Science Center. Dean wrote the first fly tying book that focused on skills instead of patterns and hosted a video series produced by the New England Fly Tiers based on his teaching manual. He is a former Chair of the Quabbin Watershed Advisory Board and through Trout Unlimited helped to direct the formation and implementation of conservation projects on both the Swift and Deerfield rivers. He received the prestigious "Silver Trout" award from T.U. for creating and running the first ever Fly Fishing Camp/School. Dean was the founder and former president of The Duck Boat Co., designer and manufacturer of the modern-day boat-blind and the LL Bean TDB Duck Boat Co.

ABOUT THE PRESENTATION

Dean will present a talk centering around our striped bass. He will share some history about them, explain how they are managed, what the state of the fishery is in right now and what we can expect going forward. He is going to discuss the various fishing techniques used to catch (and hopefully release) strippers with a focus on fly fishing. He caught his first striper in 1946 (yea, he is an old fart..... like Armand!). He caught it on a fly and once "hooked" he never quit. He has fished both in Belize and Florida and claims that our striper fishing is more consistent and predictable, more accessible to everyone, is as challenging as you want it to be. It can demand just as much knowledge and finesse as the most finicky trout feeding on tricos. Dean has promised to leave plenty of time for questions after his talk. There will be no slides or videos but the opportunity to share an evening with Dean and his fun sense of humor combined with over 70 years of chasing striped bass - which Dean claims is only a few more than he has been chasing skirts - will be well worth coming to the meeting. This is going to be a fun night where we are going laugh, learn and want to grab that nine weight and head down to the shore.



Gear Swap and maintenance:

Do you have fishing gear (rods, reels, and accessories, even tying equipment or tools) that you have too much of, never used, old, used in good shape, bring it with you to our April 23rd meeting.

Sell, Barter or Trade for an item. You put a price on the item and whoever wants it can pay the price or negotiate the price or maybe trade for something else.

Or, if you're in a giving stuff-away-kind-of way, donate it to the Club so we can use for a future raffle!!

Any reels that you have that need some attention for the coming season, Howie DeBeck will be there to help in that department.

The Stolen Fish – A True Funny Fishing Story

By Dub Paetz / Courtesy of troutster.com



This story took place on the lower South Fork of the Snake a couple years ago. It was late September and my love for being a river guide was slowly diminishing after months of being on the water nearly every day.

Early in the morning, all of the guides show up at the lodge and wash their cars, fill their coolers with ice and generally just get stuff ready for the day. We normally depart the lodge with clients at 9am, but once in a while clients get really antsy and start bugging the guides to get moving a little faster. (We freaking hate that by the way). On this morning there was a large group of clients, about 6 or 9. They all wanted to float the same section of river, eat lunch together etc. This was no problem for me. It's always nice to be in close proximity to other guides. This way we can share what flies are working best and whatnot, not to mention it just makes it more fun.

I was just pulling in to the lodge, was half sleeping and I saw 2 dudes with rather large piles of gear laying on the ground next to them. They were watching me drive by them similar to the way a dog would watch a piece of bacon waving in front of their face. I could tell by the large cooler they had sitting near them that they had at least 30 beers on ice (not to mention the 2 they had in their hands). If I recall, I think the words that came out of my mouth at that moment were “Mother F% @^(*”, followed by several more

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profanities. Carefully watching in my rear view mirror, sure enough—they had me in their sights. I popped out of the car with a lot nicer attitude than I had the previous moments inside of my vehicle. They turned out to be really nice guys and the day was going good.

Everyone was catching fish, being happy and drinking a ton of beer (that's sometimes not a good thing on the river BTW). This group of guys had decided to “make things a little more interesting” and place bets on who could catch the most fish. Personally I hate when people do this, because it takes a lot of the fun out of the day (if they are overly serious about winning especially). Either way, these guys all put \$100 into a pot and the most and largest fish won a percentage.

At about 4pm, realizing that we still had a ton of river left to fish, I started moving downstream much faster than normal. We came across another boat full of my client's friends in one of the other guide boats. They were sitting on a pretty good riffle and once my dudes spotted them they started yelling profanities and making fun of each other. I rolled in a little closer so I could talk to the other guide. Normally I keep my distance, and tell clients not to cast anywhere near where other people are fishing. These guys were all friends, so I didn't think too much about it.

Before I knew it one of the guys in the other boat hooked a fish, a pretty big fish. The client in the front of my boat casts right over the top of his line. I start telling him to get out of there, but by this point, the hand of fate had been set in motion. My guy lifts his rod to pull his flies out of the area, but he already had hooked his friend's line. The fish was pulling hard and going downstream, all the while, my client's flies were sliding down the line inching closer to the other dude's fish. We were heading downstream, the fish was heading downstream and my client's flies had now slid all the way down the line and hooked the fish in the face.

My drunk client—seemed like he knew what he was doing—he decided to set the hook. Perhaps it was instinct after feeling a couple head shakes from the 20" brown, or perhaps he was just trying to sabotage his friend's fishing. Either way, he had successfully broke the fish off of his friend's line and had “taken over the fight”. I wasn't sure whether to be upset or not, because all I could do is laugh. I laughed for several minutes during the remainder of the fight. We did land that fish!

ONE MORE CHANCE!!!!!!!

Captain Ray's Guided Charter Trip Raffle

Tickets for Capt Ray's guided trip Raffle are NOW Available. Ask any board member. They are \$15.00 a ticket. Or 2 tickets of \$25.00.

Drawing will be for 2-3 raffle winners (depending on ticket sales.) Don't forget to ask your fishing buddies if they'd like to purchase tickets too!

The trip includes 8 hours of fly or spin fishing with Captain Ray Stachelek in Rhode Island.

This is the best investment you can make to have a guided saltwater trip. So Pa-Leeze buy your tickets early.

For more info on the Captain go to:

www.castaflycharters.com

This is our monthly newsletter for the 2018-2019 year

Time now to gather to gather up our gear and do what we like to do best: Flyfish!
See you at the Monthly Meetings. *Editor*