



# Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

## WIND KNOTS MARCH 2006

*Don Corey*  
*President*



We are marching through the month of February on the way to open water fishing. The sun is getting higher in the sky with each passing day. Warmer weather and longer daylight hours mean that spring is just around the corner.

This winter has certainly been one of the more "open" winters in recent years. Many area lakes have spots that are void of ice. The ice that is there definitely requires caution before venturing out for normal winter pursuits.

The speaker for the March 1st meeting will be Randy McEwen from Central Maine Navigation. Randy will be talking about GPS devices and their use. Randy has also agreed to do a GPS course sometime this spring at a reduced rate for club members. I will post details on the website [www.penobscotflyfishers.com](http://www.penobscotflyfishers.com) as they become available.

Attendance at the February meeting was exceptional, nearly 40! I have talked with the Events Coordinator at the Coach House and we have made a slight modification to the seating arrangement to accommodate more attendees.

As I gaze into my back yard my focus has begun to shift from the snowmobiles covered on their trailer to the shrink wrapped boat and fishing equipment. I am going to take some space in the newsletter to talk a little about line and reel maintenance.

### Line/Reel Maintenance

If you didn't do it in the fall (shame on you), this is a good time to remove your lines from their reels and let them "relax" in larger diameter coils before you put them to use in the weeks ahead.

Have a fishing buddy hold your reel and then pull the line from the reel and wrap it around something like a chair back, a large coffee can or anything larger in diameter than your spool, the larger diameter the

better. For you gadget freaks, there are several devices available for removing your lines. As you are removing the line, take the time to clean and condition it with a quality product available at your local fishing emporium of choice. Please pay attention to manufacturers recommendations. Then take something soft like yarn or chenille and tie the coils in several locations around the circumference of the line so that they don't unravel. Hang them in a well ventilated area until you are ready to re-spool for the next season.

Spend a little time on those reels as well. If you wish, you can clean the reel with hot soapy water but be sure to rinse with plenty of clean water and COMPLETELY towel dry. Avoid submerging your reel for long periods of time in water. It can swell the cork drags, causing unpredictable results. Always leave the drag in the off position when not in use. Apply lubricant behind the spool on moving parts and wipe the reel with a light coat of oil or car polish. Next month we will talk about spooling up and getting your gear ready for the year.

### March Dinner Meeting

**Wednesday, March 1, 2006**

The speaker for the March 1<sup>st</sup> dinner meeting will be **Randy McEwen of Central Maine Navigation.**

Randy will be talking about GPS and their use. If you have ever had an interest in using a GPS or if you have one and haven't used it much, you won't want to miss this. Folks start gathering at the Coach House restaurant in Brewer around 6 pm.

### April Dinner Meeting

**Wednesday, April 5, 2006**

The speaker for the April 5<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting will be **Woody Higgins of the Penobscot County Conservation Association.** Woody will be bringing us up to date on the progress being made at Greenland Point and the Maine Conservation Camp. The PFF has been very involved with the Conservation Camp in the past including assisting with the purchase of the Francis Montville dock system at the camp. Folks start gathering at the Coach House restaurant in Brewer around 6 pm.

## Cabin Fever Reliever

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

Another Cabin fever show has come and gone and it was another resounding success. It is estimated that between 500 and 700 people attended the show.

The biggest kudos for a great show goes to all of you for your time and talents. Again the comments provided by both the exhibitors and those attending were most complimentary.

The Feeney family both young and not so young were at the tying table and PFF booth for much of Saturday. Many club members to numerous to mention also assisted on both Saturday and Sunday. Marcus Hale and Harold "Brownie" Brown assisted Rod McGarry and Dave Jacobsen providing casting instructions for 72 on Saturday and 41 on Sunday. Of course our trusty super salesman, Ron Landry, was out front with the likes of Hank Metcalf and others selling raffle tickets on the canoe and getting people to push pins in our map. Old Town Canoe informed me that the show was as much a success for them as it was for us.

Our congratulations go out to Bill Demaso who won the canoe donated by Old Town Canoe, who incidentally bought a ticket from our own Ron Landry. Congratulations also go out to Pat Guimond, a Bucksport gentleman, that won the \$50 gift certificate donated by LL Bean.

If you missed the show you missed a good one.

Crafts like Dave Mussey's wooden canoe, Harley Sproul's reflector oven's, Harry Lord's carvings and Mark McCullough's artistry were truly amazing. As usual there were a lot of interesting speakers some new to the venue and some repeat offenders.

Randy McEwen a perennial favorite talking on GPS's and a really interesting talk by Maine Parks & Lands Matt Laroche about a trip down the Penobscot River. Unfortunately I missed Dan Legere's talk on the Moosehead area but hope to catch him next year. If you were interested in hunting dogs and didn't come you missed a great demonstration by Maine Spaniel Field trial Club and, some beautiful dogs. Hopefully you won't miss all of this next year.

A most gracious thank you goes out to Old Town Canoe for partnering with us to put this show on and for donating a canoe. In addition I want to thank the staff of the Orono Old Town YMCA, especially Pete Soucy, who provided what was needed throughout the show.

A final thank you has to go to the committee that organizes all this. Harold, "Brownie" Brown, Don Corey, Dan Hodgins, Alan Gray, Marcus Hale, Ed Bruno, Virgil Barker, Joe Beaulieu and my Co-Chair

John Lent. Thanks to Don for setting up all the advertising and printing flyers, Alan and Virgil for helping to set up the show. Dan's help with set up and making signs so no one got lost, and at the last minute filling an open table. It was Joe scheduling of people for all the tables and Brownie contacting Beans and willing to, like Marcus help in any other way they could. In the case of my co-chair; John did all those mundane things like printing and sending letters and name tags and getting necessary supplies. It is all these things that make a show like this run smoothly. It is also what can make it an even better show next year. As a post script to this I have already had some people contact us that were not in the show this year but are interested for next year.

My thanks to all.

Ernest M. MacDonald

Co-Chair Cabin Fever Reliever.

## Calendar

Mar 1 Wednesday, monthly dinner meeting

Coach House Restaurant, 6 pm

Speaker: Randy McEwen, GPS

Mar 15 Wednesday, monthly Directors meeting

Coach House Restaurant, 6 pm

Mar 17, 18 and 19

PCCA Sportsmen's Show

UM Orono fieldhouse/gym

Apr 5 Wednesday, monthly dinner meeting

Coach House Restaurant, 6 pm

Speaker: Woody Higgins, Maine Conservation Camp

Apr 19 Wednesday, monthly Directors meeting

Coach House Restaurant, 6 pm

## PCCA Sportsmen Show

**March 17, 18 & 19, 2006**

Ron Landry and Alan Gray are again co-chairing the Sportsmen Show. Sign up sheets for volunteers to staff the booth will be available at the February dinner meeting. They are also looking for flies to "sell" at the booth. So as you are re-filling your fly boxes please consider throwing a few into a box to help raise money at the show.

The PCCA has also asked the club to do a couple of fly casting demonstrations in the pool area. We have also been asked to have a booth to tie flies with kids. We are still trying to workout the details. If we do the tying, we will certainly need a few more volunteers than usual. Please consider helping out for a couple of hours over the weekend. Thanks for your consideration.

## **PFF Fly Swap**

**John Lent**

I will like to host a fly swap for the membership this year. The rules are simple. You will tie up one fly for each person involved in the swap plus an extra one to be used in a raffle at the June meeting. In other words, if 10 people sign up then you will be tying 11 flies. There is no specific type of fly.

Sign up will start at the February meeting and go until March 15<sup>th</sup>. I am not sure if there will be a set number of tiers. I would like to see all members involved in this swap. It will mean a lot of work on my part to sort and ID each fly. I would like to also have the pattern written for each fly. I provide a sheet for this. Dead line for the flies to be done will be May 1<sup>st</sup> Maybe with Don Corey's help I can get a page added to our web site to post a list of all the flies and patterns for all to see.

See me at the meeting to sign up or e-mail me at [pbunyan@verizon.net](mailto:pbunyan@verizon.net) or call me at 945-3809.

## **Advanced Tying Class**

We are trying to put together a 1 day advanced tying class for club members, sometime this spring. It will be held on a Saturday or Sunday and there will be a nominal fee (\$15) for the course. Students will provide their own equipment and materials. A materials list will be made available prior to the class.

The day will probably be divided into 2 sessions. A morning session tying streamers and an afternoon session of saltwater/striper flies. For more information as it becomes available visit our website at [www.penobscotflyfishers.com](http://www.penobscotflyfishers.com) or email Don at [don@annikarodandfly.com](mailto:don@annikarodandfly.com).