

Thoughts from the Professor

You will notice that I have strayed from my usual title of Volume and Chapter for this month. Well the plain truth is that our meeting was not attended by our most trustworthy Librarian. This in all likelihood was because of the foul weather that we had on meeting night. However not to be deterred I decided to pen a column anyway.

I am going to take a few minutes and talk about a book that is in the library. I would note that I also have this book in my personal library. It is called **Maine Fishing maps Volume 2 Rivers and Streams put out by Delorme**. Now the book, as its name implies, lists several Rivers and Streams and in the main section it shows the stream or river and then it includes information about particular bodies of water. It includes information on the fish in the water, whether it can be waded, and information as to canoeing that body of water. It also has information how to get to the water and probably most importantly it often tells what flies might be productive and in some cases areas to fish on the water. Now it is important to point out that this book was printed a while ago and not all of the information will be correct for all bodies of water. The book has not been reprinted or revised because it appears that instead of developing and following up on this and different waters Delorme decided instead to focus on ponds and only to produce the handy guide you can buy today that shows pond depths and likely hot fishing spots on the water. But I would note that I have fished a number of the waters and found it to be somewhat useful in a general sense. What you may want to pay particular attention to is at the very end of the book. It lists by county known brook trout streams and brooks and having fished some of them I found that they do in fact hold brookies. Now I

would be remiss if I did not say that this book has many of the rivers and streams probably well known to you as Maine fishermen. It includes, the West Branch, Grand Lake Stream, the Roach, the Narraguagus and many others. But it also includes a few you may not have known or maybe some you have heard of but never got around to fishing. Maybe after looking at the book you will decide to give one or more a try. Maybe the information will help and maybe not. I still think it's worth a little look. This may not be a book that you want to take out of the library. Maybe you only want to briefly look at it to see if your favorite Stream or River is in it and see if you agree. Maybe you want to look up a stream you were wondering about and it may make up your mind to go fish it. In my final thoughts on this I wanted to note that there was a **Volume 1** and it was called **Maine Fishing Maps Lakes and Ponds**. It is also out of print and it also told you where to fish what fish etc. It was not always accurate but sometimes....

Maybe the column still should be **Vol 2 Chapter 7**

That's all for now so.....

Tight Lines
Professor Ernie