



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2017

Monthly Meeting April 5, 2017 @ 6:00pm

Speaker Bud Farwell



April's guest speaker is our very own Master Maine Guide Bud Farwell. His presentation will be on trolling for landlocked salmon which is just in time for ice out. The meeting will be Wednesday, April 5th at the PCCA clubhouse in Brewer. Social hour begins after 5:00pm, followed by an optional full course meal at 6:00 and a short business meeting. Come join us for an interesting evening.

From the President's Fly Box

What a difference a year makes...! Last year at this time we were already into the third week of fishing as IF&W opened the season two weeks early. This year we are wondering when winter will release its icy grip and open up the lakes for some spring trolling. (*Editor's note: As I compile this, IF&W just extended ice fishing season until April 15, and 6"+ of snow is forecast for April 1.*)

The bright spot is that April is here, and real spring weather is sure to follow soon. In anticipation of the eventual ice out, the speaker at the April meeting is our very own Master Maine Guide, Bud Farwell, who will share some of his trolling secrets. Bud introduced me to the fine Maine tradition of early spring and fall trolling for landlocked salmon. He rigged me up, put me over fish, and netted some of my first landlocked. It is hard to describe the thrill of hearing your reel sing and then watching a salmon leap as you coax it to the boat.....most of the time.

Since we have many members who are new to the club and fly fishing, we thought it would be useful to have a presentation on the art of trolling. For those of you who have been at it for a while, I hope that you'll join in the discussion and share some of your own secrets. Fly fishing is like the proverbial skinning of the bobcat -- there is more than one way to do it. By sharing and listening, we can all add a pointer or two to our bag of tricks. Please join us for a great evening!

Time to re-rig my trolling rods and find the boat plug --

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March 13, 2016 Toddy Pond

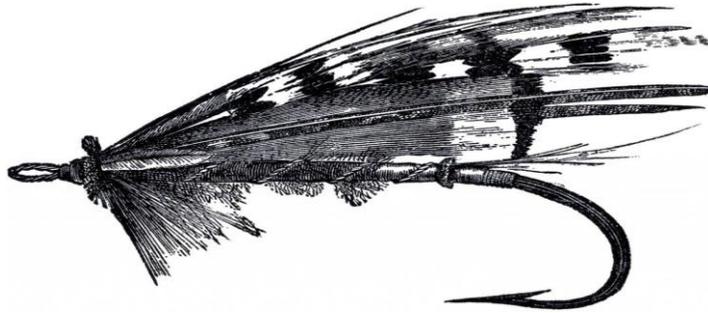


March 27, 2017 Toddy Pond

Fly-a-Thon

The April meeting is the last chance to donate flies to this year's PFF Casting for Recovery Fly-a-Thon. Take this next couple of days to spend some time at the tying bench and whip out some flies for this great program that provides support to women recovering from cancer. All of your flies will be sent directly to Bonnie Holding for use in supporting the Casting for Recovery program in Maine. The flies will be used for fishing at retreats and for fund raising.

If you have any questions, contact Ed Dailide at edailide@wildblue.net or 469-3105. If you have flies but cannot make the April meeting, mail them to Ed Dailide at PO Box 169, East Orland, ME 04431 and drop him an email to let him know they are coming.



FLY SWAP UPDATE

For all of those Club Members who signed up for the Fly Swap, flies will be collected at the April General Meeting. Please place them in a Ziploc bag with the tier's name, pattern, and size. The finished kits will be assembled and returned at the May General Meeting. So far, all of the flies that I have received look great!

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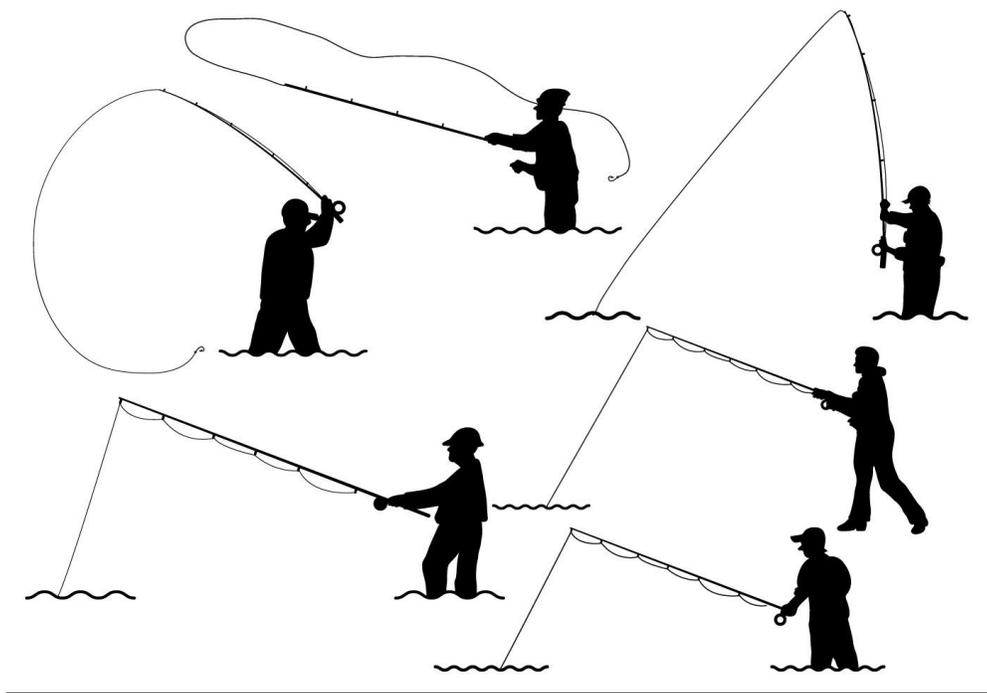
Fly-Fishing 101

**Brush-up on your skills, OR introduce somebody new to fly fishing.
April 29, 2017**

Join the Penobscot Fly Fishers at the Fly Fishing 101 Class on April 29th. The class will be offered at the PCCA Club House, 570 N. Main Street, Brewer, ME from 9:00 to 5:00. It will include sessions on Equipment, Bugs, Fly Tying, and Knots, as well as a Casting Clinic.

Cost is \$20 per person, which includes use of equipment and lunch. Class size is **limited to 40 seats** for personalized attention so do not delay in signing up.

To sign up, contact Rob Dunnett at class@penobscotflyfishers.com. Participants under 18 will need parental /guardian approval and those under 16 must be accompanied by a paid adult. Minimum age is 12.



Help Wanted: Newsletter Editor

The club is seeking a new editor for the monthly newsletter. The current editor will be stepping down over the summer and would like to identify a replacement soon so we might have a smooth transition.

The job entails receiving inputs from various club members and then pasting them into a set format. A Microsoft Word compatible computer and the ability to copy, cut, and paste items are all that is needed. Creativity is a plus. The rough copy is then forwarded to the president for publication. Time requirement is about 2-hours per month.

If you are interested in taking on this valuable service to our club, please see me or any club officer at a future meeting. You may also email me directly at pr@penobscotflyfishers.com if you have any questions.

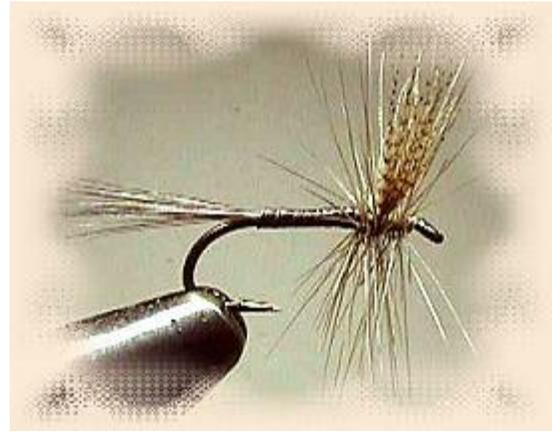
Paul Markson, Editor

The Library Review- April 2017
by Quill Gordon

Good Fishing in the Catskills

Jim Capossela

221 pages



Greetings fine Fly Fishers of the Penobscot! It is indeed an honor and pleasure to be writing this monthly book review for your newsletter. Each month, more or less, I will select a book or other material from the club's extensive collection and share my thoughts on the matter. For what it's worth, I had been featured in various outdoors publications for more years than I care to remember (*since before Ike was President!*- Editor). I thought I was done with all of that a decade ago, when I decided to spend my Golden Years reading, botanizing, and raising barn cats. Oh, and fishing of course. But thanks to a chance meeting and ensuing friendship with your PFF newsletter editor, whom I must say is both an all-around nice guy and competent fly-fisherman (*only the former...*- Editor), I have decided to come out of retirement and pen a few words here each month. This arrangement is a win-win-win for me because not only do I get to know the Penobscot Fly Fishers and keep my journalistic abilities alive, but I also get breakfast at Judy's in Bangor twice a month courtesy of your editor (*true that...*- Editor).

But enough of my jabbering; let's get started. To help shake the dust off of my dormant writing skills, I decided to begin easy and chose a book on a subject that I was very familiar with. The book is titled *Good Fishing in the Catskills* and is written by Jim Capossela. I say "easy" because I have kept copies of this book in my fishing duffel for years. My original copy was stolen, along with a corned-beef sandwich by a bunch of hippies some years ago, but that is another story for another day. The Catskills of New York are said to be the birthplace of American fly-fishing. I don't know if that title is more truth or marketing. But names such as Neversink, Esposus, Willowemoc, Beaverkill ARE synonymous with fine fly-fishing. This is a region where people from around the globe come to fish. I say "very familiar" because the Catskills are where I was born and called home for most of my life. My father, Theodore, tied flies and fished on these waters long before I came along. The Catskills are where I made my first appearance on the water and learned to catch trout. The village where I grew-up is now beneath the reservoir on Neversink Stream. So this is an area I do know well. I'm not telling you this to talk about me, but rather to set the bar for my review.

Mr. Capossela's book is indeed a superb guide to fishing Catskill-region waters, whether one is a first-time visitor or has fished there for decades. *Good Fishing in the Catskills* covers both the streams and the reservoirs of the region. Each major stream and reservoir is covered in a separate chapter and each includes a serviceable map. The maps are important because, unlike Maine, too many of these streams cross the property of landowners who are not altogether friendly to outdoors enthusiasts. Unfortunately private property signs have become a major obstacle to fishing the Catskills. Thankfully the New York DEC has gone out of its ways to create public fishing access and easements throughout the region. These areas are shown on the maps and often described in the text of the book. There is also a very good chapter covering some of the lesser-known streams of the region. There is much fishing to be done, albeit for

smaller fish, by the angler who is willing to park and hike a few miles into the mountains. Thankfully the heart of the Catskills is public land, and that is where many of these smaller streams can be found. And on busy spring weekends, this is also where we locals flee, when the better-known streams are crowded by folks from downstate. Another chapter covers the Delaware River below Hancock, New York. Technically this is outside of the Catskill region. The river here contains mostly less-desirable fish species and more- numerous human species; the latter chasing the former in loud boats. If one enjoys fishing for warm-water species and sharing the water with all variety of watercraft, this is the place to head. A fine addition to *Good Fishing in the Catskills* is a thorough index; this makes it easy to look-up that spot or town or small stream somebody told you about over coffee at the Roscoe Diner. And lastly, the book is not solely about fly-fishing. Trolling is discussed in the reservoir chapters, as is spin fishing in all chapters.

In closing, *Good Fishing in the Catskills* is a fine guide for anyone planning to fish in the Catskills region. Although the emphasis is surely on catching trout on-the-fly, other aspects of fishing are well-covered. All of the famous streams and reservoirs, as well as some not-so-famous, have a chapter and map dedicated to each. Armed with this book, a good local road map, some current conditions from one of the local fly shops, and a willingness to explore, one would have all they need to head to the Catskills for a week-long... or life-long... fishing adventure.

See you next month, hopefully,
Quill Gordon

HELPING OUT

In a small conservation effort, a group of PFF members helped clear a carry path to Williams Pond in Upper Lead Mtn. Township. The group included Ernie MacDonald, Chris McCauley, Ed Harris and Greg Burr. On March 18th we met at the entrance to the 29-00 road off route 9. With saws, lunch and gear loaded



onto a dogsled hooked to a snowmobile we struck off for the pond. The day was a beautiful blue sky/sunny day and although a little chilly we were dressed for the outing and it was almost enjoyable. About ½ way in we made a brief stop, and as we began to continue on the snowmobile towing the dog sled decided that it wasn't going anywhere. Not to be deterred, we hooked the dogsled to the remaining snowmobile/sled train. With two of the crew holding on for dear life on the second dogsled we set off for the pond. I have to give real Kudos to Chris McCauley and Ed Harris. Standing up on the back of a tow behind a snowmobile is not an easy nor pleasant task. They found this especially so if the driver of the snowmobile slowed down too fast, which resulted in Ed coming off the sled and landing in the snow with wet pants. Nevertheless we all made it into the pond in one piece.

Upon arriving at the pond a brief lunch ensued and then we tackled the task of clearing the path. When we got into the trail area the snow was about 4 inches deep and we were able to clear the trail to the ground. The crew cleared a wide enough path that will allow those who decide to visit the pond an easy access for themselves. After clearing the path we loaded up the sled with the gear and people and headed back to take care of the broken snowmobile, and then head home after what was a very successful and also fun day. I can only say that if you have the opportunity to do something like this don't pass it up as it is a great time.

Now a little info on Williams Pond. It is presently ripe with bass and pickerel but the plan is to stock it with trout at some point as the water and oxygen quality of the pond is excellent and it would be a great trout pond.

Ernie McDonald

In the Bow Seat

In the Bow Seat is a regular feature in our newsletter. Each month we will feature one PFF member, answering the same eight questions related to fly fishing and the Penobscot Fly Fishers. If you would like to be a featured club member *In the Bow Seat*, please contact The Editor at pr@penobscotflyfishers.com

NAME: Jere Armstrong

RESIDES IN: Orland, on the shores of Toddy Pond

PFF MEMBER SINCE: 2009 or 2010



Fishing in Canada

1. When did you begin fly fishing?

We lived at camp from "ice out till usually Thanksgiving weekend". At the age of 6 or 7, I would take my grandfather's bamboo rod from over the front door (someone had to take it down for me) and with either a hand full of crackers or bread, would fish off the dock for chub. Once the fish attacked, you could catch them till your arm was tired.

2. How did you get started?

Over the years I played around at fly fishing but not seriously until I took my first fly fishing classes.

3. Do you have a favorite type of fly fishing (small streams, big rivers, trolling, casting for pike, etc...)?

My favorite type of fly fishing, it varies, but maybe trolling comes as #1. But, I keep a fly rod just outside the basement door. About a half hour before dark, I love taking the rod down to the dock and play with the bass. They seem to always be waiting for me!

4. Would you like to share one of your favorite fishing spots with the rest of the club?

Sure I don't mind sharing my favorite fishing spot. There are a few in the club that know the outlet Lac Richards into Lac La Grouse.

5. What is your favorite fly pattern? Why??

I would guess that most have some favorite fly patterns: Black Nose Dace, Black Ghost and Governor Aiken. Why, success leads to favorites!

6. Where would you go to for a dream fishing trip?

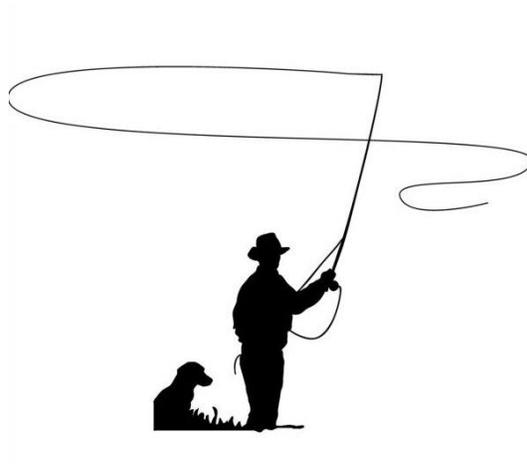
A dream fishing trip - yes OK Alaska! (without the crowds and bugs)

7. Why did you join the club?

I joined the club for all it offers. I gave up a club that I had been involved for 31 years to be active in PFF.

8. How do you wish to be involved with the club and its numerous programs?

I feel that I have given a lot of my time to PFF, and have enjoyed every minute!



Summer Fishing Events Calendar !

The fishing events list is out! Take a look and mark your calendars.....there is something there for everybody, be it wading or boating, trout, salmon or bass.

The events committee tried to take a balanced view, taking into account the time of year, holidays, and de-conflicting other club events and activities. We added some new spots as well to stretch our fishing horizons. If you do not see your favorite spot on here....no worries, you can fish it anytime!

Here is how it works. Several days prior to an event an events committee member (can be anyone, for that matter) will send out an email with directions, and any other relevant information. If it a boating event, they will work to see about placing folks in boats that have room. This worked out well last year, and there is always plenty of room, and members taking other members.

The Sunday events start at nine a.m. and run to three p.m. The Wednesday events run from five-thirty in the evening until seven-thirty. Some of the trips , such as the West Branch of the Penobscot, and Grand Lake Stream (and several others) makes for a great overnight camping trip.

So take a look, and get your fishing gear cleaned up and ready to go. First official club event will be trolling for Salmon on Toddy Pond 30 April.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 356-6773, or email me at navyduckman@gmail.com

Mike Hegarty

Penobscot Fly Fishers - 2017 Fishing Trips		
Date	Location	
Saturday 29 April	Fly Fishing 101 - PCCA, Brewer	
Sunday 30 April	Toddy Pond, Orland	Trolling
Sunday 7 May	Green Lake, N. Ellsworth	Trolling
Wednesday 10 May	Kenduskeag Stream, Bangor	Wading
Sunday 21 May	St. George River, Searsmont	Wading
Wednesday 24 May	Piscataquis River, Guilford	Wading
Saturday 3 June	PCCA Family Day, Brewer	
Sunday 4 June	Grand Lake Stream	Boating/Wading
Sunday 11 June	West Branch Penobscot River, T2R10	Wading
Wednesday 14 June	Machias River at Wigwam Rapids	Wading
Sunday 18 June	Father's Day Derby - Pushaw Lake, Glenburn	Boating
Sunday 25 June	West Branch Pleasant River	Wading/Float Tube/Canoe
Wednesday 28 June	Toddy Pond, Orland	Boating
Sunday 9 July	Penobscot River, Howland	Boating/Wading
Sunday 16 July	Silver Lake, Bucksport	Boating
Wednesday 19 July	Stillwater River, Orono	Canoe/Kayak
Sunday 23 July	Penobscot River, Milford	Boating
Sunday 30 July	East Branch Penobscot River	Wading

Minutes PFF Board of Directors Meeting March 22, 2017

Present: Jere Armstrong, Ed Dailide, Rob Dunnett, Bud Farwell, Barb Goos, Mike Hegarty, Chris McCauley, Hank Metcalf, Charlie Tuck, and John Weinmann. **Absent:** Mike Curtis. **Guests:** Zack Dunnett & Mike Hartt

The President called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

1. **M/S** to accept Secretary's Minutes of January 18 as printed. Motion **Passed**.
2. **M/S** to accept the Treasurer's January & February P & L's and the Trimester Budget Report updated to March 8. Motion **Passed**. John reported next year's budget is being formed.
3. **Committee updates:**
 - A. **Cabin Fever Reliever Committee:** Mike reported all went well with the CFR on Saturday & Sunday, February 25 & 26. Many club members volunteered to help, which made for such success. Net Income was about \$3,100. Letters were circulated in appreciation of the donated back basket and complimentary remarks from Gerry Spenser, Brewer Auditorium supervisor.
 - B. **Program/Events Committee:** Mike reported planning is underway with an attempt to find new fishing sites. Suggestions are welcomed.
 - C. **Fly Tying Committee:** Rob reported twenty-four students have completed the eight week basic classes, which have led to six new members. We have received positive feedback in the intermediate class, which is in mid-term now.
 - D. **20th Anniversary Committee:** Hank reported the Committee's first choice of site for the September 6 celebration banquet. It was suggested that there likely would be eighty participants. The Committee was asked to consider other venues and menus and provide three alternate proposals to the Board.
4. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Fly Fishing 101 – 2017:** Rob reported it will be held on April 29 with a rain date of the 30th. There are 40 openings and 10 have been signed up to date. Club members would be welcomed to help.
5. **New Business:**
 - A. **Gift:** Chris received some donated items for auction at a general meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Metcalf, Secretary

Note: due to snowstorms there was no Board meeting in February and the Board meeting in March was postponed one week.

Penobscot Fly Fishers Profit & Loss

January 2017

Jan 17 YTD

	Jan 17	YTD
Income		
Cabin Fever Income		
Cabin fever advertising	2,050.00	
Cabin fever booth rent	695.00	
Total Cabin Fever Income	2,745.00	
Fly Tying/Fishing Classes		
beginner class	535.00	
Total Fly Tying/Fishing Classes	535.00	
Meeting Meals	485.00	
Membership Dues		
Family Membership	70.00	
Individual Membership	60.00	
Total Membership Dues	130.00	
Savings account interest	0.55	
Total Income	3,895.55	\$8,940.52
Gross Profit	3,895.55	
Expense		
Administrative Expense	40.59	
Cabin Fever Expenses		
Cabin fever Advertising	222.80	
Total Cabin Fever Expenses	222.80	
Fly Tying/Fishing Class Expense		
beginner class	258.16	
Total Fly Tying/Fishing Class Expense	258.16	
Meeting Meal expense	516.00	
Office Expense		
Postage	18.80	
Total Office Expense	18.80	
Other Miscellaneous Expenses		
fly fishing tournament expense	18.46	
Total Other Miscellaneous Expenses	18.46	
PayPal Discounts	2.99	
Rent	210.40	
Small tools & equipment	106.15	
Total Expense	1,394.35	\$6,897.04
Net Income	2,501.20	\$2,043.48

Balances as of 1/31/17

Camden National CD	9937.94
Paypal checking	0
People's United Checking	2782.07
People's United Savings	12613.62

**Penobscot Fly Fishers
Profit & Loss**

February 2017

	<u>Feb 17</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income		
Cabin Fever Income		
Cabin fever advertising	700.00	
Cabin fever booth rent	175.00	
Cabin fever concession	1,515.27	
Canoe Raffle	841.00	
Total Cabin Fever Income	<u>3,231.27</u>	
Clothing sales	165.00	
Club Fly Boxes Sales	30.00	
Meeting Meals	462.00	
Membership Dues		
Family Membership	105.00	
Individual Membership	120.00	
Life Membership	300.00	
Total Membership Dues	<u>525.00</u>	
Savings account interest	0.48	
Total Income	<u>4,413.75</u>	<u>\$13,354.27</u>
Gross Profit	4,413.75	
Expense		
Cabin Fever Expenses		
Concession expense	548.41	
Raffle Expense	55.92	
Total Cabin Fever Expenses	<u>604.33</u>	
Fly Tying/Fishing Class Expense		
advance tying	9.98	
Total Fly Tying/Fishing Class Expense	<u>9.98</u>	
Meeting Meal expense	420.00	
PayPal Discounts	3.10	
Total Expense	<u>1,037.41</u>	<u>\$7,934.45</u>
Net Income	<u><u>3,376.34</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,419.82</u></u>

Balances as of 2/28/17

Camden National CD	\$9,937.94
Paypal checking	\$0.00
People's United Checking	\$6,661.03
People's United Savings	\$12,614.10

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**Jun -
MAR 8
2017**

Income				
Auctions		\$ 100.00		
Cabin Fever Income				
Cabin fever advertising	\$ 3,200.00			\$ 2,950.00
Cabin fever booth rent	\$ 850.00			\$ 870.00
Cabin fever concession	\$ 1,400.00			\$ 1,515.27
Canoe Raffle	\$ 850.00			\$ 841.00
Other income flies etc	\$ -			
Total Cabin Fever Income		\$ 6,300.00		\$ 6,176.27
Clothing sales		\$ 350.00		\$ 165.00
Club fly box sales		\$ 150.00		\$ 50.00
Contributions and Support				
Cabin Fever Donations	\$ 75.00			
Contributions and Support - Other	\$ 50.00			\$ 20.00
Total Contributions and Support		\$ 125.00		\$ 20.00
Fly Tying Exposition				
Concession	\$ 50.00			\$ 190.00
Flies	\$ -			
Fly Tying Symposium - Other - raffle	\$ 150.00			
Total Fly Tying Exposition		\$ 200.00		\$ 190.00
Fly Tying/Fishing Classes				
Advance/ Intermediate tying	\$ -			
Beginner class	\$ 1,240.00			\$ 1,275.00
Fly Fishing 101	\$ 800.00			\$ 40.00
Guest Fly Tyer	\$ 1,000.00			
Total Fly Tying Class		\$ 3,040.00		\$ 1,315.00
Meeting Meals		\$ 3,600.00		\$ 3,239.00
Membership Dues				
Family Membership	\$ 700.00			\$ 950.00
Individual Membership	\$ 2,200.00			\$ 1,440.00
Junior Membership	\$ -			
Life Membership	\$ -			\$ 300.00
Membership Dues - Other	\$ -			
Total Membership Dues		\$ 2,900.00		\$ 2,690.00
Raffle Income		\$ 175.00		\$ 173.00
Savings account interest		\$ 30.00		\$ 19.00
Tournament income		\$ 40.00		
Total Income		\$ 17,010.00		\$ 14,037.27

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**Jun -
MAR 8
2017**

Expense			
Administrative Expense	\$	50.00	\$ 275.00
Advertising	\$	-	\$ 209.95
Bad Check expense	\$	-	
Cabin Fever Expenses			
Administrative cost	\$	300.00	\$ 79.97
Cabin fever Advertizing	\$	1,000.00	\$ 372.80
Concession expense	\$	825.00	\$ 548.41
Event program booklet	\$	800.00	\$ 742.72
Hall Rental (est)	\$	1,225.00	\$ 1,204.82
Raffle Expense	\$	50.00	\$ 55.92
Cabin Fever Expenses - Other	\$	-	
Total Cabin Fever Expenses	\$	4,200.00	\$ 3,004.64
Clothing cost of sales	\$	425.00	
Donations	\$	450.00	
Education			
Education - Marcus Hale Scholarship	\$	500.00	
Other Education	\$	500.00	
Total Education	\$	1,000.00	
Fly Tying Exposition Expense			
Concession expense	\$	100.00	
Other expense	\$	100.00	\$ 33.50
Rental Hall expense	\$	100.00	
Fly Tying Symposium Expense - Other	\$	-	
Total Fly Tying Exposition Expense	\$	300.00	\$ 33.50
Fly Tying Class Expense			
Advance/ Intermediate tying	\$	400.00	\$ 100.92
Beginner class	\$	1,000.00	\$ 848.71
Fly Fishing 101	\$	800.00	\$ -
Fly Tying Class Expense - Other	\$	100.00	\$ 47.48
Guest Fly Tyer	\$	750.00	
Total Fly Tying Class Expense	\$	3,050.00	\$ 997.11

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**Jun -
MAR 8
2017**

Gray Ghost Award Expense	\$ 250.00		\$ 189.31
Insurance - nonemployee	\$ 400.00		\$ 1,203.00
Meeting meal expense	\$ 3,600.00		\$ 3,480.00
Newsletter	\$ 15.00		
Office Expense			
P.O.Box Rental	\$ 120.00		
Postage	\$ 30.00		\$ 28.20
Printing Supplies	\$ 100.00		
Supplies	\$ 250.00		\$ 75.39
Office Expense - Other*	<u>\$ 75.00</u>		
Total Office Expense	\$ 575.00		\$ 103.59
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 100.00		
Fly fishing tournament expense	\$ 40.00		\$ 18.46
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 140.00		\$ 18.46
PayPal Discounts	\$ 45.00		\$ 26.20
Programs			
Conservation Camp	\$ 250.00		
Project Healng Waters	\$ 100.00		
Salmon release	\$ 50.00		
Sportsman's Show	<u>\$ 50.00</u>		
Total Programs	\$ 450.00		
Reference Library	\$ 200.00		
Rent--Brewer Self Storage	\$ 960.00		\$ 770.40
Small tools & equipment	\$ 400.00		\$ 217.56
Speaker Meals	\$ 200.00		\$ 12.00
Website hosting and Maintenance	<u>\$ 300.00</u>		<u>\$ 99.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$ 17,010.00</u>		<u>\$ 10,650.96</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ -</u>		<u>\$ 3,386.31</u>