



# Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

**MARCH 2017**

**Monthly Meeting March 1, 2017 @ 6:00pm**

**Speaker Greg Burr**



Our speaker for March 2017 will be a perennial favorite Greg Burr. As usual he will be talking trout and trout waters, stocking and boat launches and everything fishing. He is one of the club's favorite speakers. You will surely regret it if you miss this meeting!

Greg Burr grew up in the village of Northeast Harbor and graduated from Mount Desert Island High School in 1981. He attended Unity College and graduated in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science with a concentration in inland fisheries management. He was hired by the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in the spring of 1987, working out of the Machias office. He was soon promoted to Fisheries Technician, and in 1996 he was promoted to Fisheries Biologist Specialist for the Downeast fisheries. In 2006 he was promoted again to the Assistant Regional Fisheries Biologist for Downeast and in 2010 he assumed his current position as Regional Fisheries Biologist for the Downeast fisheries. The March meeting will be Wednesday March 1st

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. Please plan to attend this always fun and informative meeting of YOUR club!

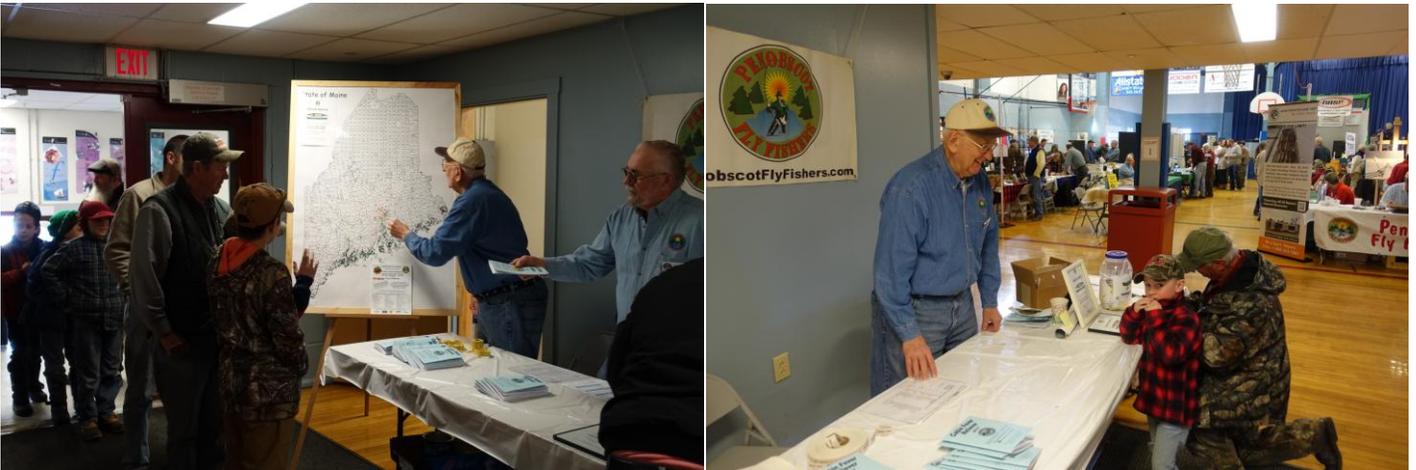
## From the President's Fly Box

**Wow !!!**

What a great Cabin Fever Reliever show this past weekend! The weather was great! The exhibitors were great! The food was great! Over 1000 people attended the show over the weekend, making this one of our best shows ever. There was a steady stream of attendees on both days. They were treated to a great variety of exhibitors, including those who have supported us during past years and those joining us for the first time. The high number of young families attending the show was particularly rewarding. Not only did the kids keep the fly tying table, air rifle and archery ranges busy, but they also represent the next generation that will be enjoying Maine's great outdoors. One of our responsibilities as a club is to foster their interest in outdoor activities, particularly our love of all things fly fishing.

The success of this show is directly attributed to the dedication, energy, and organizational skills of the Cabin Fever Reliever Committee -- chairman Mike Hegarty and committee members Jere Armstrong, Barb Goos, Rob Dunnett, Alan Gray, and Dick McCrum. They received great support from both Paul Markson, who arranged and coordinated print, radio, and TV coverage, and from Andrew Donovan who kept the website up to date with CFR information. Last, and certainly not least, we could not have succeeded without our many club members who volunteered their time at the show! Members' involvement is one of the great things about our club. My personal thank you goes out to everyone involved.

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## Vice President's Message

1. Thanks to all for a successful Cabin Fever Reliever. As usual, the entire club stepped-up and made for a great event. I would especially like to thank Jere Armstrong, Rob Dunnett, Barb Goos, Al Gray, Paul Markson, and Dick McCrum. Of course Our President, Ed Dailide, was behind the scenes contributing in a variety of ways. Thank you all.
2. Our next event will be our annual Fly Fishing 101, which will be held this year on April 29 (rain date April 30) at the PCCA clubhouse. I already have identified lead instructors but need volunteers for knot tying, fly tying, and casting. Please let me know via email or at a club meeting if you are interested in helping. We will be reminding everyone as the date fast approaches.
3. Fishing Events Committee- We have modified on how we are planning our fishing events. The committee consists of Wayne Dillon, Barb Goos, Tim Warden, and Mike Hegarty (me). At the March club meeting I will ask for inputs on where you would like to fish. We will take those inputs and meld them into last year's events calendar. We will keep some events from last year, and replace some others. I will then send out the master notional list for all to see, and go final by April 1. Of course, we only have so many days a week, so we will not be able to accommodate everyone. We will attempt to strike a balance between stream, lake, trout, salmon, bass, wade, troll, and boat fishing, keeping in mind the time of year and water temps. More to follow on this.

Mike Hegarty, Vice President

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### Fly Swap

The response to this year's Fly Swap has been tremendous. Currently there are 21 members signed up.

How does it work? Members sign-up and choose the fly pattern that they wish to tie. Each participant will tie flies based on the total number of members signed up to participate plus 2 additional flies. One of the additional flies will be donated to the Casting for Recovery Program. The second additional fly will be collected and put into a fly box to be auctioned off at a future Club Meeting.

Sign-ups will be taken until the March Meeting. Flies will be collected at the April meeting and re-distributed at the May Meeting.

**Contact Ed Dailide at [edailide@wildblue.net](mailto:edailide@wildblue.net) for more information or to sign up.**

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### Casting for Recovery Fly-a-Thon

Just a reminder that we will be finishing up our Fly-a-Thon for Maine's Casting for Recovery Program at the April meeting. So you have one more month to tie some donation flies for this great program. Casting for Recovery ([www.castingforrecovery.org](http://www.castingforrecovery.org)) was created to help women in the cancer recovery process by introducing them to the healing powers of the sport of fly fishing, while providing a safe, supportive environment to explore their personal experiences of cancer with others who share their stories. The donated flies will be sent directly to Bonnie Holding who runs Maine's program. The flies will be used for fishing at retreats and for fund raising.

All flies will be appreciated. Try to tie a dozen flies each. Sort the flies by pattern and size and place them in a labeled zip-lock bag. There will be a collection basket at the March and April meeting for the flies.

If you have any questions, contact Ed Dailide at [edailide@wildblue.net](mailto:edailide@wildblue.net) or 469-3105.

## Intermediate Fly Tying

We will be beginning our intermediate fly tying this year on March 13th.! The classes will run from 6-8 at The Penobscot County Conservation clubhouse at 570 North Main St.!! These classes will be FREE for club members and \$10.00 a week for non-club members!!!! Please bring your fly tools and thread, we will supply the materials.

Here is the schedule: (!)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
March 13	Clouser Minnow	Don Corey
March 20	Alexandra Kaufman Stone Fly	Zack Dunnett Rob Dunnett
March 27	Dry Flies Klinkhamer Gurgulator	Don Corey Rob Dunnett
April 3	Trolling Streamers	Rob Dunnett

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## Library Review, In the Bow Seat & some (really) BIG news...!

Due to all that was involved with organizing and publicizing and writing about the club's recent and successful Cabin Fever Reliever, both the library review and *In the Bow Seat* will not be features in this month's newsletter. I know, I am sad as well, but let's keep our disappointment inside. Thankfully both will return in April.(!) Note: we DO need some folks to step-up to take a turn in the bow seat.

Now the (really) BIG news. April will be the debut of our new library reviewer,...drum roll please..., Quill Gordon. That's right, we will soon have a near-celebrity, at least in the fly-fishing world, as a monthly contributor to OUR newsletter. And Quill (as we will be working closely together he told me I may call him by his first name) will be writing *exclusively* for the PFF. Right here in Brewer Maine. Best of all, he is doing pro-bono (for free) so the price of our memberships will not double. Wow! Talk about *exclusive*....

For the few of you not in-the-know, Quill Gordon was born and raised on the banks of Neversink Stream, in New York state's Catskill region. He is a child of Theodore Gordon, often referred to as the "Father of American Dry-fly Fishing". Mr. Gordon currently calls Maine home and is an enthusiastic supporter of the PFF. Despite his advanced age and various "conditions", Quill (remember, I may call him so) may still be found catching trouts and other gullible fish, most anytime of year, all over North America. Between fishing outings he is a regular wherever flies are sold or tied. Still, he has gladly agreed to set aside time to write an almost-monthly column for such a prestigious group as ours.

So, beginning in April, be sure to read Quill Gordon's reviews of PFF club library materials and other fly-fishing-related media, right here, in the PFF Newsletter.

Your Editor

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## **Help Wanted: Newsletter Editor**

The club is now 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 3-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](mailto:pr@penobscotflyfishers.com) if you have any questions.

Paul Markson, Editor

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## **Weather Cancellation Reminder**

**In the off chance that we may need to cancel a meeting or fly tying session this winter, you can now go to <http://www.wlbz2.com/closings/> to see if the PFF event is canceled. Cancellations will be made as early as possible.**

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**Note:** There are no PFF Board meeting minutes as the February meeting was cancelled due to weather.



## **Brush Up Your Fly Fishing Skills**

**Join the Penobscot Fly Fishers at their Fly Fishing 101 Class on April 29<sup>th</sup> .**

**The class will be offered at the PCCA Club House, Brewer, ME from 9:00 to 5:00.**

**It will include sessions on Equipment, Bugs, Fly Tying, 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.**

**To sign up, contact Rob Dunnett at 907-9008 or [class@penobscotflyfishers.com](mailto:class@penobscotflyfishers.com)**

**More information can be found at:  
<http://penobscotflyfishers.com/> or Facebook  
under Penobscot Fly Fishers**

**Participants under 18 will need parental /guardian approval and those under 16 must be accompanied by a paid adult.**

**Minimum age is 12.**