



# Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

NOV 2017

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

**November 1, 2017 Speaker**

**Mike and Mary Hartt – Iceland**



Please join us at the November membership meeting on November 1st to listen to our very own Mike and Mary Hartt share their experiences about their recent fishing/photography trip to Iceland.

As always, the meeting will be held at the PCCA clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer. Social time begins shortly after 5:00pm, with dinner (\$11) served promptly at 6:00pm. After some brief club business, we will begin the presentation.

## From the President's Fly Box



Wow what a beautiful extended Fall we've had! End of October and the temperatures are still in the mid 60's. Hope that you get a chance to get out and enjoy some last-minute fishing before the weather turns. With November upon us, it's time to start thinking about and planning our winter activities. The first of which is the Fly Tying Symposium which happens this year on December 9th. Rob Dunnnett and Don Corey are leading the effort in coordinating the event. Contact them if you would like to help or participate in the event. Note that you do not need to be an "expert" tyer to have a table as fly tying is a continuing learning experience. In January, we start up our fly tying classes with the popular Basic Fly Tying Class followed by four weeks of advanced fly tying. In the midst of the classes we will be staging our Cabin Fever Reliever event March 3-4th chaired once again by Mike Hegarty. A great family event that serves our local communities. We'll be finishing off our off-season activities with our Fly Fishing 101 class in April. Always a very popular and rewarding class for class. Participating in these activities in addition to attending our monthly meetings make the short days of winter pass more quickly. More importantly, these activities allow us to share our vast collective experience of the sport with those just getting into it. So, when you hear the call for volunteers to participate in the planning and execution of an event, please heed that call. As the adage goes, you'll gain more through active versus passive participation.

Tight bobbins,

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## Fly Tying Symposium

The Penobscot Fly Fishers will be hosting their annual Fly Tying Symposium on Saturday December 9th doors will open for tyers to set up at 9:00 and from 10:00-3:30 for the public at The Penobscot County Conservation Association Clubhouse 570 North Main St. Brewer, ME.

The scope of our event is to bring tyers together to demonstrate their skills and share ideas. The event is open to the public and you are welcome to bring fly tying related things to sell, but the focus is demonstrating fly tying. There is no charge to exhibit or to attend.

If you have attended before you know what a fun day this is for sharing fly tying tips, new techniques, and camaraderie with like minded folks. If you haven't attended, then this is the year to start!!!!!!

The club will have coffee and lunch available to purchase.

If you would like to reserve a space, please contact Rob Dunnnett by email at [class@penobscotflyfishers.com](mailto:class@penobscotflyfishers.com). Due to the size of the venue we are limiting participation to around 24 tyers. When signing up please indicate if you would like a full 8' table or would be willing to split a table.

Look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on the 9th!!!!!!

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## A Chance to Make a Difference



Here are a couple of opportunities to give back to the club and make a difference. The Nominating Committee is looking for a couple of members to step up and take a leadership role in the governance of the club by serving as either the Vice President or the Secretary as both positions are opening this year. The duties of the positions are presented below. The strength of any volunteer organization is dependent not only on the general membership who volunteer their time to support club activities, but also on the members who step forward and take an active role to plan and govern those activities. Here is your chance to step forward and make a difference.

If you are interested in one of the positions or have any questions, contact me, Rob Dunnett, or Don Corey before this coming Monday, 10/30.

Thx,

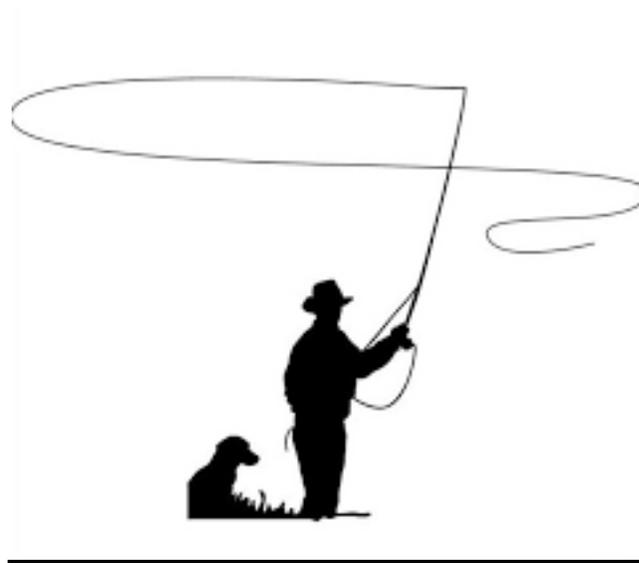
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### Vice President duties:

The Vice President will be chair of the Membership Committee and/or other duties as assigned by the President, and will assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.

### Secretary duties and responsibilities:

- Keeps Club records and minutes of Board meetings
- Attends Board/Regular meetings
  - Prepares Board meeting agendas
  - Prepares and presents previous minutes of meeting
- Attends Regular meetings and Records member actions taken on items
- Maintains membership list
- Handles all routine Club correspondence
- Distributes Club information to members including:
- Member of Membership Committee
- Archives Club records



## **Brewer H.S. Fly-Tying**



Again, this year a group of PFF volunteers taught fly-tying to the students of Brewer High School's Outdoor Education Program. This was the fifth year the club has provided this valuable outreach project. Over four days, three classes per day, we taught the Maple Syrup, Wooly Worm, and Wooly Bugger flies, as well as provided a brief general overview of fly-fishing. Of note, this year the Wooly Bugger was tied in black body and hackle with orange tail, the school colors of the Brewer Witches. Thus, the very first Wooly Witch... or Brewer Bugger... or just plain Brewer Witch Special made its appearance. This is sure to be a late-season trout slayer. Led by Paul Markson, club volunteers included. Rolfe Gerhardt, Jere Armstrong, Ed Dailide, Roland Bourre', John Weinmann, Dick McCrum, Dick Jagels, Alan Gray, Barb Goos, and Ernie MacDonald.













## **20th Anniversary Fly Rod Raffle**



We have commissioned Don Corey of Annika Rod & Fly to build a Penobscot Fly Fishers 20th Anniversary Commemorative Fly Rod to Raffle this fall. The rod is a 9' 4-piece 4 weight and will include a case. We will have the rod on display and raffle tickets available at the October Membership meeting. October 4th. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be limited to 300 tickets. The winning ticket will be drawn as soon as the last ticket is sold or at the January 2018 meeting. If you would like to buy tickets and can't make it to a meeting, contact Rob Dunnnett at [rob@penobscotflyfishers.com](mailto:rob@penobscotflyfishers.com) .



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## 2018 Basic Fly Tying Class

The Penobscot Fly Fishers are pleased to be offering their annual fly tying class. The six-week course will be held on Mondays from 6 to 8 PM at the Penobscot County Conservation Association, 570 North Main St., Brewer, ME. The first class takes place on Monday, January 8, 2018.

The course is designed to expose students to a variety of tying tools, techniques, and materials to give them a solid foundation in this aspect of the sport of fly fishing. Each class will start with a discussion of the pattern to be tied and the materials used for the pattern, followed by a tying demonstration of the pattern by one of our instructors.

Afterwards students will head to their vises to practice the pattern under the tutelage of our staff. There should be ample time for each student to complete a number of flies each night. As time allows, we will also show variations of the patterns tied in class, display different types of fly tying vises, and provide information about the life cycle of the living forms the tied flies are intended to imitate.

The course fee is \$40, which includes all necessary materials and the use of fly tying tools during class time. Students who already have tying equipment are more than welcome to bring it. The class is limited to 30 students on a first-come, first-serve basis. All students under 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone participating in the class will be required to sign a [waiver form](#).

Please make checks payable to **Penobscot Fly Fishers**. The mailing address is:

Penobscot Fly Fishers  
PO Box 651  
Brewer, Maine 04412

Payment can also be made via the PayPal link on the PFF website.

**Questions? Please feel free to contact Rob Dunnett at email -- [class@penobscotflyfishers.com](mailto:class@penobscotflyfishers.com)**



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# PENOBSCOT FLY FISHERS GEAR SWAP

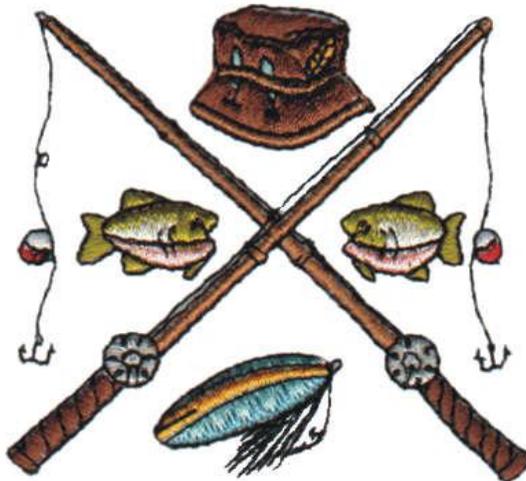


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Beginning at the October general membership meeting, Zack Dunnett will be overseeing a new Penobscot Fly Fishers Gear Swap Table. The table will be a place for members to sell or trade fishing equipment and outdoor related items. Anyone wishing to participate should bring their items to the meeting during the social hour between 5 and 6. If you have any questions contact Zack by email at [zackflyfisher@gmail.com](mailto:zackflyfisher@gmail.com) .

## **PENOBSCOT FLY FISHERS GEAR SWAP RULES**

- All items must be tagged with the seller's name and asking price.
- No firearms may be sold in the gear swap.
- Any unsold items are the responsibility of the seller. If items are left behind, they will be disposed of at the club's discretion.
- The club takes no responsibility for any sales nor the items sold. All sales are to be treated as private transactions between the parties involved.



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The Library Review- November  
2017  
by Quill Gordon

Remembering Dud Dean  
Walter M. Macdougall  
250 pages



Greetings Penobscot Fishers-of-the-Fly! It is good to be home again to Maine. Sorry to have missed the October issue, but I was in Florida for three weeks helping my brother clean-up from Hurricane Isaac. He has owned and run a fishing lodge in the Upper Keys for the past 60-plus years, mostly catering to well-heeled bonefish and tarpon fishermen. Not much help a nonagenarian like me can do to help besides cook, sweep, answer the phone, and provide brotherly support. A lot of debris to clean-up, but thankfully not much property damage. When brother rebuilt the lodge in the early 1980s, he had it elevated on 8-foot pilings, just in case a major storm ever hit the Islamorada area. This also provided a great place for boat and other storage. His neighbors laughed at the time, “Fort Gordon” they called it. But none are laughing now. Foresight has always been a Gordon attribute.

Knowing I would be spending weeks of long days and nights mostly without electricity, I brought a few easy-reading volumes from the club library. Something not teachy nor involved, rather something fun and easy to read. So today I am reviewing Remembering Dud Dean by Walter M. Macdougall. This is a collection of previously published stories, compiled by the son of the original author.

Some (or more) of you likely have read a few of the Dud Dean series of books over the years. The original stories were compiled and written by Arthur R. Macdougall, who was a great friend of Dud Dean and was commonly known as “Mac”. Both are from Bingham, Maine. Then, the upper Kennebec and Bingham was the home of many famous Maine guides, outdoorsmen, and general characters. Along with Dud Dean, Gadabout Gaddis and our own Dean Williams come to mind. The stories take place during the 1920s through 1940s. A time when “sports” would typically take the train to Bingham, meet their guides, and continue up the Kennebec and into the vast area west of Moosehead Lake. If you read these stories and reference is made to “the cars”, Macdougall is writing about passenger train cars, not automobiles. A different time to be sure.

While most of the stories in this book are fishing-related, there are also hunting stories as well as those about general life in and around Bingham. All the locations are real and can be found on a map today, but I suspect many of the names of those involved have been changed. Each is easy-reading and

mostly about a dozen or so pages; perfect for evening reading. Even by the light of a kerosene lantern; after a day of picking up parts of other people's houses. While the stories are generally written in the first-person through the eyes of Dud Dean, the author does a bit of scene-setting to get things going. My hope is once you read *Remembering Dud Dean*, you will seek out a few of the other books in the series. My personal favorite is titled *Where Flows the Kennebec*.

I am lucky enough to have been given a copy of that latter volume, signed by both the author and Dud himself. We met at the old New York Sportsman's Show, during its heydays right after WWII. Unlike the "shows" of today, these events mostly featured big exhibits from various regions of North America. There were no rickety little booths, set-up by individual proprietors, offering anything from guiding to bread to bathtubs, like one sees today. Rather, each region staffed its exhibit area with local guides, lodge owners, craftsmen, celebrities, animal mounts and such from their part of the world. The NY show was held at the old Madison Square Garden. I would come down for a few days to help staff and talk-up the Catskills. For several years the Catskills exhibit was at the northwest end of the building, right between the Quebec and Maine exhibits. The organizers liked to keep us well-separated from those upstart/upstate Adirondack-types. By that time, Dud Dean was something of a sportsman's show personality, as Macdougall was writing his adventures for *Field & Stream* magazine. So, I had the pleasure of many hours sitting across the birch log divider from Mr. Dean, talking fishing and fly tying and the such. He was just as humble and soft-spoken as Macdougall portrays him to be in *Remembering Dud Dean* and his other books. And he (Dud) was almost embarrassed to be the subject of such attention. As we parted company at the end of the week of the last show I attended, Dud gave me a plain paper bag containing a moose mane (for tying) and a copy of *Where Flows the Kennebec*, with a very nice inscription inside, Dud also asked me to please come up to Bingham (in the cars...) and join he and "Mac" for some fishing later in the fall but before deer season. Sadly, I never did make that trip, and both he and Mac have long passed. But happily, I still have the memories, the book, and am still remembering Dud Dean.

Support you club library and thank you for reading this,  
Quill Gordon

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Remember: [Http://www.PenobscotFlyFishers.com/](http://www.PenobscotFlyFishers.com/) for the latest news, history, calendar of events, club letters, cabin fever relievers, photos and videos, classes, resources, and contact information.

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