



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

November 2023 Edition

From the Home Pool



Please keep the people injured and their families, in your thoughts and prayers. #lewistonstrong

We are having a pretty mild fall...so far! There are some folks still fishing but many have shifted their attention to hunting season. Take time out of your busy schedule to enjoy the outdoors, fish, hunt, hike, bike...or just take a walk.

The next dinner meeting is on **Wednesday, November 1st**. Social hour/featured fly tyer is at 5 pm followed by dinner being served at 6 pm (available for \$15, but not required to attend). A short business meeting and then on to our speaker. If you are planning to eat, please RSVP to president@penobscotflyfishers.com so that we can give the kitchen crew a heads up. The November 1st meal will be chicken and all the fixings, including dessert.

Our monthly dinner meetings are held at the **Penobscot County Conservation Association** clubhouse at 570 N Main St in Brewer. As always, the meetings are open to the public, so grab a friend and join us for a great meal, fellowship, speaker and some wicked good fly fishing stories.

Election of Officers

It is that time of year... presenting a slate of candidates at the November 1st meeting. We will also be accepting nominations from the floor. Voting will take place at the December 6th meeting. We NEED candidates for 3 positions. Below is our current slate of officers for election:

President - ?

Vice President - ?

Treasurer - ?

Director - Barb Goos

Director - Paul Markson

Please take a moment to consider stepping up and putting your name on the slate. If you have any questions or if you have an interest, please contact Don Corey at president@penobscotflyfishers.com or call 207 478-3173. We have a Directors meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, no meeting in July. We also have Zoom access for those unable to attend in person. Thanks for your consideration.

November 1st Speaker



The speaker will be Dan Scott, Colonel, Warden Service Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Dan will give an overview of the Warden Service and will be taking and answering questions.

Dan was promoted to the rank of Colonel in 2019, Dan has been a game warden for 27 years. He began his career in 1997 as a district game warden in southern Penobscot County, and since then has served as a game warden investigator, lieutenant, and

captain. Dan graduated from the University of Maine with a Bachelor of Science in both forest engineering and wildlife management. As Colonel, Dan has made recruitment of the next generation of game wardens a priority. Cadets attend more than thirty weeks of intense training to become full-time game wardens. The bureau has identified a significant number of staff to be part of the recruitment, hiring, and training of new wardens. The warden service's team of recruiters and trainers have brought on almost 20 new wardens in the last two years, but they continue to recruit aggressively in preparation for several upcoming retirements. In addition, Dan has sought ways to balance the growing expectations which come with increased outdoor recreation opportunities by identifying part-time warden positions and alternative means to assist wardens with daily wildlife conflict calls in order to allow them to spend more time focusing on resource related patrol. Colonel Scott lives in Hampden with his wife, and their four children. Outside of work, Dan spends his time managing his woodlot and hunting, trapping, and fishing with his children.

Brewer High School Outdoor Ed Fly Tying

The Penobscot Fly Fishers will once again be teaching fly tying to the Outdoor Ed students on Monday, Nov 27 through Thursday, Nov 30. Coordinator Paul Markson is looking for a few volunteers to help on some or all days. This is an awesome program and a very rewarding experience for volunteers.

Please contact Paul at oronopaul@yahoo.com for more details or to sign up.

Fly Tying Symposium 2023

The Penobscot Fly Fishers will be holding their annual Fly Tying Symposium on Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 9 am - 3 pm at the Penobscot County Conservation Association clubhouse located at 570 N Main Street, Brewer, ME.

If you fly fish or tie flies, you won't want to miss this event. Admission is free and fly tyer tables are free as well. Tyers from around the state will be demonstrating their talents as they tie everything from dries to predator flies. Some tyers will also have products to sell.

If you are interested in having a table (or half table), please contact Don Corey at president@penobscotflyfishers.com. You do not have to be a commercial fly tyer to join in! We are also looking for a few volunteers to help with set up and tear down.

Fly Tying Tying 2024

The Beginner Fly Tying will tentatively begin on Monday, January 8th 2024.

It will be a 6 week course with all materials and equipment provided. Cost for the class will be \$50. Class size is limited and a paid fee will be required to be put on the class list. Email class@penobscotflyfishers.com for more information.

PFF Proposed By-law Changes

Club member **Steve Mogul** did a review of our by-laws and suggested some changes. Steve's changes are highlighted in **RED**. The Board has also suggested some changes, those are highlighted in **BLUE**. At the September Directors' meeting, the Board voted to recommend to the membership, the changes for approval. Now, after a 30 day notice is given to the general membership (by including with this newsletter), the general membership will vote on approving or not, the proposed changes at the November 1st meeting.

PFF Dues 2023-2024

The membership year expires on May 30th each year. If you have not sent in your dues for 2023-2024, please consider sending them in or paying at the Wednesday night meeting. They can also be paid using Paypal via the club's website, www.penobscotflyfishers.com. The club's mailing address is:

Penobscot Fly Fishers
PO Box 651
Brewer, ME 04412

PFF Swag

Laminated name tags can now be ordered. The cost is \$6 each including a lanyard or clip. They can be ordered at any club meeting or by emailing secretary@penobscotflyfishers.com. They can be paid for at time of pickup.

PFF Swagmeister, **Mac**, has new hats in 2 colors and a limited supply of fly boxes. He will be taking orders for other club apparel. **Mac** is taking orders for fleece vests and fleece jackets at the October meeting for delivery at the November meeting.