

Newsletter January 2026

President's Note



Greetings Fellow Anglers,

As I write, it is 13 degrees outside and I am grateful every time I hear the heat come on. Must remind ourselves that the painful heating cost is the only thing keeping us from becoming part of the frozen tundra. Feel better, today's sunset is finally past 5pm and will stay that way 'til November. Warmer days ahead!

Was in SW Harbor, Maine for a January family Christmas which means I was not at the Marlboro show. Have not heard any news.

Had a fine time at the annual **Crossroads Holiday Gathering**. Thanks to many who helped out! We were able to collect quite a substantial lot of food for a grateful Foxboro Food Pantry. Steve O'Neil was the proud winner of the special maritime lamp which previously belonged to Armand! Thanks to Ed for the slideshow highlighting many of this year's activities.

This meeting marks the launch of our very successful annual raffle for a chartered day trip with either **Ray Stachelak of Rhode Island** or **Brian Kelley of Plymouth** (winner's choice). Drawing will be held at our annual end of season BBQ in May.

Doug Carver has been active on two fronts. Details are emerging for the **May Deerfield trip** which has been very popular for a few years. Sign up with Doug at the meeting. *See below for more info.* Also, last year's **rodbuilding program**, sponsored by the New England Fly Tyers, is once again being offered. We will be asking for your level of interest.

We will be hosting **Geoff Klane from Brackish Outfitters** at our upcoming meeting Tuesday, January 27th. Geoff will be highlighting his adventures with wild brook trout but he is known to guide for everything from striped bass to carp. Looking forward to it!

Also, Keep Joel in your thoughts as he is making a painful recovery from back surgery.

Bright Skies and Warm Thoughts To All,

Steve

ATTENTION: ALL MEMBERS

**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday January 27, 2026**

**South Foxboro Community Center
382 South St. Foxboro, MA 02035
Time: 6:30pm to 9:00pm**

UPCOMING MEETING EVENT

- **January 27**
 - **Geoff Klane from Brackish Outfitters will present**

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**REMINDER
CLUB DUES ARE NOW DUE--\$35.00
PLEASE BRING YOUR
Wallet or Checkbook To the Next Meeting!!!**

About Geoff Klane & Brackish Outfitters

Brackish Outfitters is committed to providing exceptional service—and most importantly, to get you fishing. Headquartered in Lowell, Massachusetts, we're equipped with an intimate understanding of all our New England fisheries, fresh and salt-water alike.

Celebrating 10 years of guiding and rod building, our goals are to share the incredible sport of fishing while preserving the wild populations of our native fish. Conservation and education are as important to us as keeping you fed and having fun on a day trip with us.

As a small, independent business, every customer and guest is important to us. We look forward to building a relationship with you, whether it's for the afternoon you're in town visiting or many seasons fishing together.

Come fish with us. We'll keep you on your feet, your line tight, and your net full.

Geoff Klane is the owner and operator of Brackish Outfitters. His dedication to New England fishing expands beyond building rods and bringing folks out fishing, though that's certainly his favorite way to spend a day. As the engineer behind the annual Save the Stripers fundraiser, Geoff is committed to conscientious fishing and caring for the local ecology.

To date, Geoff has overseen more than \$30,000 raised for striped bass conservation, personally connecting our wonderful community of anglers with local businesses and artists in the pursuit of saving our stripers.

A popular guest on fishing podcasts, Geoff has also been interviewed by NPR and was featured on an episode of chef Brad Leone's Local Legends series. See our media page for links, and be sure to follow Geoff on Instagram.

Geoff and his partner Jamie live locally in Lowell with their goofy rescue shepherd mix, Leroy. Leroy is in training as a fishing guide supervisor.

Geoff's Story

Growing up in Massachusetts, I had never really spent too much time outside exploring all that Massachusetts and New England have to offer, and even less time fishing. It wasn't until 2014, after moving back to Massachusetts after college that I discovered the Lowell Canal system and thought, "Well, I should probably try fishing in there..."

I travel the state in search of new waters, gorgeous sights, and hungry fish, and relish the opportunity for another adventure. This incredible pastime connects and binds me to nature and the natural beauty which fills Massachusetts. It is my honor and pleasure to share my ever-expanding knowledge and passion for this sport, this region, and the preservation of its fisheries.



Guided Charter Trip Raffle with Captain Ray Stachelek or Captain Brian Kelly

Are you still dreaming of catching that fish of a lifetime?

Now is your chance!

**You could be the winner of a trip with
Captain Ray Stachelek or Captain Brian Kelly**

Tickets for the Guided Trip Raffle are Available. Ask any board member. They are \$20.00 a ticket. Or 2 tickets for \$30.00.

Drawing will be for 1 raffle winner with 1 or 2 guests.

**Don't forget to ask your fishing buddies
if they'd like to purchase tickets too!**

**THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE
MAY 2026 BBQ MEETING!!**

The Trip includes 8 hours of fly and/or spin fishing with
Captain Ray Stachelek in Rhode Island
or
Captain Brian Kelly in the Plymouth MA / South Shore region

DEERFIELD TRIP

May 15-17 (Friday to Sunday)

We have the whole campground for \$2280 for the weekend this year. Just divide it up between how many are there. Sleeps up to 14 in cabins. Tent sites for at least 8 more.

So far 3 have signed up. (last year we had 14 for the weekend). See Doug or Steve to sign up!

CAMPGROUND

Full lighted pavilion kitchen with grill, griddle, hot water, pots/pans, plates/bowls/cups/flatware, coolers but best to bring some coolers for more room and ice.

Go online for→ <https://www.foolhardyhill.com/>

- 2 fire pits
- can use slide show/movie screen
- 2 full baths with electricity
- safe storage for food
- cabins have some solar lighting

FOOD

In the past we have gotten pizza for Friday night.

Then have a group dinner Saturday night. Burgers, chicken, dogs, whatever sides and, of course, dessert.

Breakfast food provided for Saturday & Sunday .

Lunch can be cold cuts etc, make your own sandwiches, or we can order from Haggars Farm menu and pick up bag lunch Saturday and Sunday morning before hitting the river. Would like to do all one or the other.

Simpler that way.

BYOB of course.

GUIDES

Will be available but need to reserve asap. They get busy fast in the spring and we are there at just about peak spring fishing season. Probably \$600 per boat (2 people) for the day. Wading guide is the same rate. A few places that boats won't go that are great fishing.

And any special dietary needs to be aware of for anyone, let me know.

OPTIONAL

As an aside, if anyone would like to go up Thursday, there is a little lower rate. Can split \$108 for a cabin. I am thinking about it and pretty sure I'll go up Thursday. Do some fishing and get set up a bit. Friday I can go get the perishables and ice and just enjoy the weekend.

But most importantly need to know how many for that weekend. And likely # of guides needed.

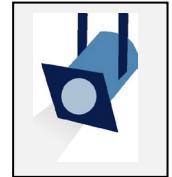
If anyone has any ideas for a Friday afternoon or Saturday night entertainment let me know.

I think we can skip T&T this year. Most have been so far.

Not sure who else to drum up that way. Anyone?

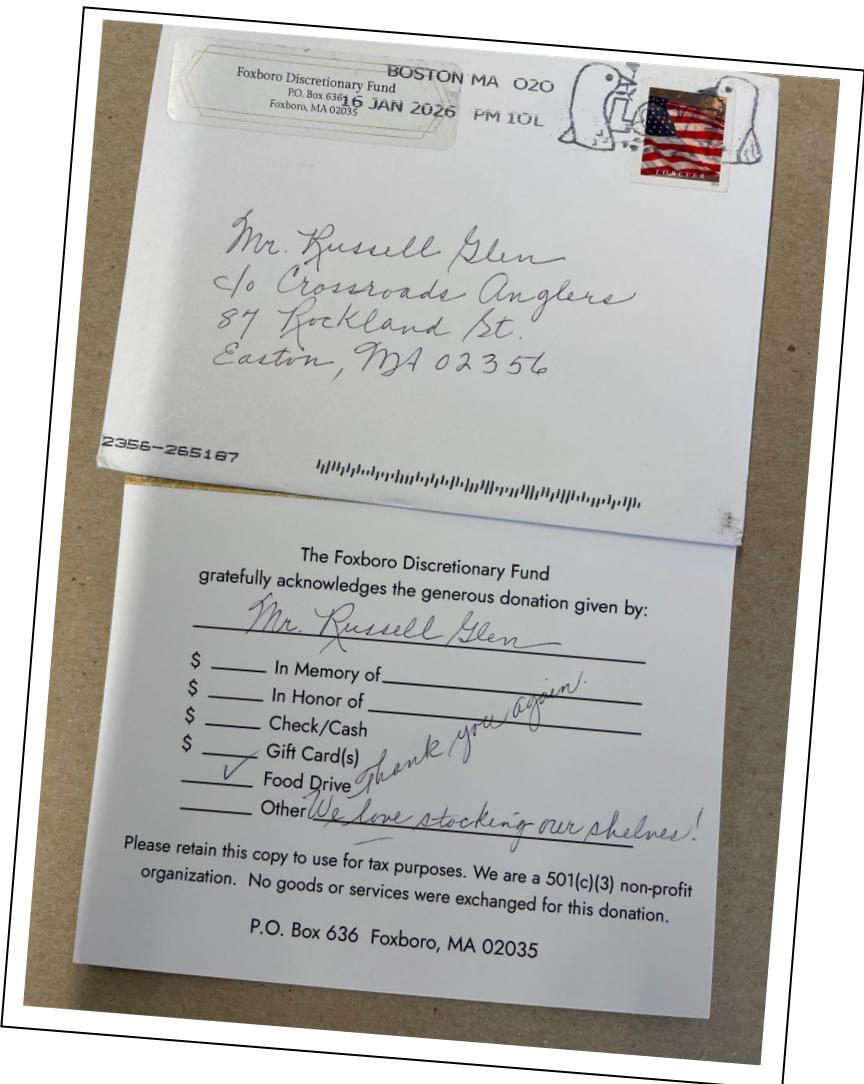
Hope to hear back asap. (A **\$200.00** deposit is needed to reserve a spot on this popular trip)

Doug Carver



MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT --

CROSSROADS ANGLERS FOXBORO FOOD PANTRY FOOD DRIVE



COOKING WITH CROSSROADS

Courtesy of Russell Glen

CROSSROADS ANGLERS - Newsletter Submission - Recipes / Fish - Squid Ink Pasta

As a follow up to last month's column, I gave the squid ink pasta recipe a try at home. I found several varieties at 'Eataly' in Boston over the holidays, including pasta made with either cuttlefish or squid ink. I selected the squid ink spaghetti, and prepared a simple dish using fillet of sole.



SQUID-INK PASTA

- 1/3 package of squid-ink spaghetti
- boil in water until softened to al-dente
- drain using colander and return pasta to saucepan
- add butter and stir to coat pasta while on low heat



FILLET OF SOLE

- season fish fillets with Old Bay and Dill, refrigerate 2+ hrs or overnight
- Sautee over medium heat in Olive Oil, mix in chopped garlic, capers and lemon juice
- Serve over warm pasta



...so delicious. The pasta was not too fishy tasting; rather it was earthy and subtle. Give it a try!

FISH --- Links

A New Newsletter page featuring “clickable” Links to subjects of interest our members have come across in recent weeks

On the value of older bamboo rods

<https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?d=midcurrent.com&u=aHR0cHM6Ly9taWRjdXJyZW50LmNvbS9nZWFnL2Fzay1taWRjdXJyZW50LWFyZS1teS1vbGQtYmFtYm9vLXJvZHMtd29ydGgtYW55dGhpbmcv&i=NWViNDNjMTQ5M2ExZTlxNzQ1MTU0NTU3&t=WlZadDBVVEcwNHI1UVFhUndnaEU5Z0VCL084b05vSC8xOVNQUTQ5ZDVPaz0=&h=b57b4ddca8054e41930e271e84602227&s=AVNPUEhUT0NFTkNSWVBUSVZisL9dTu6gkmXmMcNSozFJmBIVDOfHzxRgNuQ6si7MrA>

Top winter flies for fishing lakes

<https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?d=midcurrent.com&u=aHR0cHM6Ly9taWRjdXJyZW50LmNvbS92aWRJb3MvdG9wLXdpbnRlc1mbGlcylmb3ItZmx5LWZpc2hpbmctbGFrZXMv&i=NWViNDNjMTQ5M2ExZTlxNzQ1MTU0NTU3&t=N2t0Tm0vdE9KUEh1WFkxOWVmamlaYnhVTE4wNWhVZUh0Nnl4TmtUTW0rbz0=&h=69eedb3a61eb44e39cb5957c0e3b94a1&s=AVNPUEhUT0NFTkNSWVBUSVZisL9dTu6gkmXmMcNSozFJmBIVDOfHzxRgNuQ6si7MrA>

Airflow Sale Items—Mayflyoutdoors.com

https://mayflyoutdoors.com/collections/airflo-usa-sale?_kx=Ovz2FbZllJx1xz0uXtC-FfKyBD0Mu76TQlTeFXTH1uFSHdZ16Mr8_XS8-XReTgAJ.TcD9GP

Massachusetts Fishing License Website

[MassFishHunt - Login](#)

Direct Customer Service Line

For customer service, please call [\(833\) 998-8240](tel:8339988240) (8 a.m.–6 p.m. Monday–Friday and 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Eastern time).

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