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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, April 27, 2010: (*Mtg. Start Time: 6:30pm & Ends at 9:30pm*)

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

We have had record levels of rain in the last month, rivers and stream have been at record levels. All this has delayed stocking and set back Spring fishing. The local ponds and lakes are your best bet. I have heard reports that some of the herring runs are showing signs of returning fish and we all know what that means, the fishing season will be starting in earnest and as always the club will be holding several fishing trips this year. Watch the newsletter and the web site for information. And last but not least, do not forget about next month's club picnic/mtg. that will be held once again over at Whiting's Pond in North Attleboro, MA and is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

David Ferretti

### **AGENDA**

6:30pm: Fly-Tying

7:30pm: Announcements & Raffle followed by more fly-tying...

### **COMING SOON...**

Crossroads Anglers club hats priced at \$20.00 a piece and weather proof stickers for your car with the club logo priced at \$2.00 a piece will also be available in the Fall of 2010!

## On the Water website Notes:

"Its' worth noting that saltwater fishermen in Rhode Island need to either register for the federal registry or pick up a Rhode Island saltwater license. The saltwater license is \$7, and is available only at [www.saltwater.ri.gov](http://www.saltwater.ri.gov). Signing up for the federal registry is free, at [countmyfish.noaa.gov](http://countmyfish.noaa.gov). However, only the Rhode Island license will be valid in other state waters that have a reciprocal agreement with Rhode Island. All license fees collected by the state will be deposited in a restricted account managed by the Department of Environmental Management." *Please note, that this excerpt was taken from last week's On the Water Fishing report for R.I. & CT. Be sure to read the MA fishing reports for up to date fresh & salt-water fishing opportunities each and every week by visiting their free on-line fishing report at [www.onthewater.com](http://www.onthewater.com)*

Upcountry Sportfishing Fly Shop in CT Reports the following as of Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>:

**License fees Reduced in the State of Connecticut!** Governor Rell signed a bill last week lowering parks fees and reducing fresh water fishing license fees. The new license fees are as follows: resident \$28.00, non-resident season \$55.00, non-resident 3-day \$22.00.

### THE FLY SWAP BOARD

Please note, that at each club mtg. the fly swap board will be prominently displayed for purposes of providing members with the opportunity to leave a fly that they have tied in exchange for a fly tied by another member (*that they can in turn, test out on their next fishing adventure*).

### FOR SALE

A VHS video library priced at \$5.00 a piece or 3 videos for \$10.00; with all proceeds going to the club treasury.

## Flies of the Month: April 2010

### 1. Tyler Rychener, *Diamondhair Minnow (AKA JR Baitfish)*

This pattern was developed by John Rohmer, who owned the shop I frequented while living in Phoenix. John developed this fly as a saltwater pattern to mimic baitfish that get stunned in a baitball feeding frenzy and drift down to the larger fish waiting below. John developed the AZ Minnowhair (MH) and AZ Diamondhair (DH) blends specifically for this pattern. In addition to the salt, this is a great freshwater pattern as well. I have fished the fly for 3-4 years and have caught brown and rainbow trout, largemouth, smallmouth, crappie, catfish, and stripers (including my very first striper) all on this pattern.

While not the most durable fly, it is quite fast and easy to tie, casts well, and is a fish magnet! For step-by-step instructions from the creator and some video of the pattern's action in a swimming pool, check out

<http://www.azflyfishing.net/thewall/?cat=5>

#### MATERIALS:

Thread: White 6/0

Hook: Gamakatsu SC15 #2 - #3/0

Weight (recommended): Lead wire or non-lead substitute covered with mylar or Bodi-braid

Spine (my addition to help prevent fouling): 2 strands of white superhair, cut into quarters

Belly: White or light silver AZ Minnowhair

Top: AZ Minnowhair and AZ Diamondhair, color varies\*

Eyes: 3D molded eyes

Glue: 5 second fingernail glue or other quick drying substitute

\* I typically use 4-5 different colors with White or Light Silver MH on the bottom topped with Silver Minnow or Minnow Blue DH, topped with Silver DH, topped with colored MH to match the fish species I am imitating, topped with a similar colored DH to add sheen to the top of the back.

## 2. Frank Adamczyk, *Basic Shad Fly*

Hook	Size 4 or 6 Mustad
Thread	white
Wing	White calf tail
Body	medium silver tinsel
Head	medium chenille

Note this fly may be tied in several color variations:

My records indicate that in 1985 I caught a 6lb 4oz shad; I received a bronze pin from the Division of Massachusetts Fisheries. This fish was caught on the basic shad fly. I was watching a fellow fly fisherman on the Indian Head River in Pembroke land several nice shad, after a short conversation he offered me several of his flies. Before the evening was over I had caught several shad along with the 6 pounder. I like to fish the fly on a 6 wt rod using a 9 foot leader with a 3x tippet (6 pound test). The fly works well in shallow water under four feet in depth. A mild jigging action can get fish excited.

### **UPCOMING CLUB FISHING TRIPS FOR 2010: FRESH & SALT-WATER**

Please refer to the dates found on the Crossroads Anglers website for the various upcoming fresh & salt-water fishing trips... **Website:** [www.crossroadsanglers.com](http://www.crossroadsanglers.com)



## Special Savings for Crossroads Members

Discounts will be offered to members of the Crossroads Anglers who show their club membership cards to the following businesses:

1. Michael Brucato, Northeast Fly-Fishing: Guiding & Instruction for Trout Fishing  
Fishing the Blackstone & Wood Rivers in Rhode Island or the Nissitisset & Westfield Rivers in  
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