

CROSSROADS ANGLERS

FLY FISHING CLUB

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Meeting Date: December 22nd, 2009, 6:30 PM

From the President

I am sorry to say that Dick Pearce will be moving and no longer attending the club on a regular basis. Dick runs the web site and puts together the monthly newsletter—he will be sorely missed. Ben White, who has been handling membership and dues for many years, has asked to step back and take a rest. Thanks to both Dick and Ben for their many years of service to the club.

We now have several openings on the board and need volunteers to step forward if the club is to continue in its present format. It would be a major loss to see the newsletter fade away.

Crossroads Anglers will be taking nominations for officers and board members. We will be holding its annual election for officers in January. If you have an interest in serving on the board or running for office, please let me know.

For the holidays, the board voted to donate \$200 dollars to the community center for Foxboro families in need. We would also like goodwill donations at the December meeting.

Armand will be speaking at the December meeting on Atlantic Salmon Rivers of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. We will also have structured tying tables and the fly swap board. Don't forget to bring in several flies.

Happy Holidays to all,
David Ferretti

Agenda

6:30 PM: Fly Tying
7:30 Announcements, Nominations, Raffle

Presentation: Armand Courchaine,
**Atlantic Salmon Rivers of Cape Breton,
Nova Scotia**

Fly Tying Tables

Mike Machias



Generic Nymph

Hook: 1x size 18 thru 10

Thread: To match body color

Tail: 3-4 barred wood duck flank fibers or mallard flank fibers

Underbody: Lead wire to match fly size (optional)

Body: Dubbing in grey, tan, olive, brown, black, etc

Thorax: To match body color

Wing Case: Narrow strip from turkey or goose wing

Legs: Hungarian Partridge

Howie DeBeck



Tutti Frutti

Hook: 1/0 Eagle Claw 254SS

Thread: White Danville A unwaxed

Bucktail: White, Pink, Chartreuse

Flash: Ice Blue Flashabou

Eyes: Stu Dickens #3 Krystal
5 Minute Epoxy

Mike Cree



Midges

Midges include several thousand species of two-winged mosquito-like insects. They are the most numerous and widespread insects in most trout waters, and are very abundant in streams as well as tailwaters such as the Swift River. Like caddis flies, midges have four life cycle stages: egg, aquatic larva, pupa, and then air-breathing adult.

Midge larvae emerge from eggs. In some species, the larvae clings to vegetation or bottom debris, while in others the larvae are free-swimming. Midge larvae have many different colors, are wormlike in appearance, and are thinner than the larvae of caddis flies. Imitations range from size 14-24.

Midge pupae grow from the larval insects. The emerging pupae have bulges due to the developing wings and legs. Most species rise or swim to the surface to emerge and are very vulnerable to trout at this time. Pupa imitations are usually black, tan, olive, or brown in sizes 14-24.



I will be tying a zebra midge at the December meeting. I will bring hooks, beads, and wire. Please bring your own thread in black, olive, brown, tan, or red and floss to match. I will also have some extra thread and floss with me in case you don't have them.

I fish the zebra midge dead drift in seams or along the bottom. At the Swift River, I use two small nymph lead shot above the fly to get the fly down; the heavier lead shot a few inches above the lighter one. My preference is to fish these on light tippets, such as 7x fluorocarbon. I also like to use a strike indicator, especially in deeper parts of the river where you may not see the fish strike.

The above information on midges was researched from "Fly Fishing for Trout in Streams" from Creative Publishing International, Inc., 1998.

Jack Gartside



Sad news. Last evening, after a hospitalization of several weeks, Jack finally lost his protracted battle with lung cancer. He was in bed resting comfortably, attended by friends, with the first snow of the season falling silently outside" (*Boston Globe*, Roccus Writing: Jack Gartside's Blog).

"Gartside was taught how to tie flies at the age of 10 by Ted Williams, the Boston Red Sox outfielder. ("I wormed my way up to the table and asked if he'd show me how to tie a fly," said Gartside.) Among his best-known original patterns are the Sparrow, the Soft Hackle Streamer, the Pheasant Hopper, the Gartside Leech, the FishHead, and the Gurgler" (Martin Cutchin, *Midcurrent*, Dec. 7, 2009).



International Fly Tying Symposium

The International Fly Tying Symposium meets in Somerset, NJ the weekend before Thanksgiving. It's only five hours away, the rooms are relatively inexpensive—and you can

spend most of the day one-on-one with over a hundred fly tyers from all over the world.

Czech Nymphing

Much of the talk I heard (perhaps because I was interested in learning about it) was about Czech Nymphing. This is a technique for systematically fishing an area and covering all depths. It was designed for fast water, where you can get close to the fish, but it is now used to fish from 10-30 feet from a seam. It began in Poland in the 1970s, when the Poles won all the prizes at the international fishing competition, and was picked up by the Czechs and then the Scandanivians.

The dominant form of Czech fishing is done on a short line, with 3 weight flies, spaced to cover the upper and middle depths and the third bouncing along the bottom. The rod is held parallel to the water, and the line is kept taught in order to feel the strike.



See Johan Klingberg's [video](#) on the online newsletter.

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: Captain David Porecca , River & Riptide Anglers--Fly & Light Tackle Charter and Guide Service, Fly fish the Wood & Farmington River or chase Striped Bass, Bluefish, & False Albacore. 10% discount for Crossroads Members 401/392-1919, <http://www.riverandriptide.com>

Captain Vern (Rob) Robinson & Son, Rock-N-Reel, 85 Seymour St., Berkley, MA 02779, 508/822-6756. He fishes out of Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound.

Captain Gary Swanson, Striper-Charters 13 Harbour Hill Run, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664, 508/353-4009, CaptSwanson@Striper-Charters.com

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