

CROSSROADS ANGLERS

FLY FISHING CLUB

Founded 1994 by Armand Courchaine
<http://www.crossroadsanglers.com>

Meeting Date: October 27, 2009, 6:30 PM

President's Message

My father took me fishing as a child and instilled in me one of the true passions of my life, a love of fishing. I started fly fishing about 20 years ago when a friend of mine handed me his fly rod and showed me how to cast it. Other people were kind enough to show me how to tie flies, or, after stepping out of a pool, instructing me how to fish it. Fly fishing is a sport where information is passed down rather than being hidden away. That was the motivation for starting Crossroads Anglers.

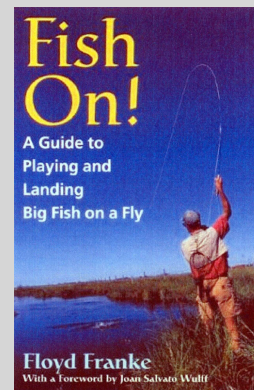
We are fortunate to live in an area of the country that offers some of the best saltwater fishing to be found from shore. I spent September evenings of full moon tides fishing down the Cape, showing up at the beach around 3:00 am, and landed only two fish in three days of fishing. I went down a fourth day and didn't have a tap for the first several hours. I was about to give up and head for work when something big hit the fly. I was fortunate to land the largest stripped bass I have ever taken on a fly rod. I am estimating that the fish was in the 52 to 56 inch range, and was delighted to see her swim away. Put in the time. Fall fishing is not over yet

David Ferretti



Agenda

6:30 PM: Fly Tying
7:45 PM: Announcements and Raffle



Note that we will be returning to our regular meeting time. The doors will open again at 6:30.

Welcome Back

Welcome back Steve Britto and Bill Arzamarski.

Book Review

by Mike Cree

Fish On! A Guide to Playing and Landing Big Fish on a Fly, Floyd Franke, The Derrydale Press, 2003, \$15.62

Much has been written about fish behavior, fly tying, presentation, and fly casting, but very little is ever written about properly playing fish. This book is the first in-depth coverage I have read on this important topic. If you have ever said "I hooked

four fish and landed two” or “the fish was so big it broke my line,” then I recommend a trip to The Bears Den for this book. I believe fly and light tackle fisherman of all experience levels will benefit by reading “Fish On!”.

Floyd Franke is an educator, fishing guide and fishing instructor. He joined the Joan and Lee Wulff School of Fly Fishing as an instructor in the spring of 1989. When Lee Wulff passed away in April 1991, Franke was assigned to teach Lee’s lesson *How to Play Fish*.

Franke begins this book with the classic “Three Rules for Playing Big Fish”—basically, what most of us were told as soon as we hooked our first fish; keep the rod tip up, keep the pressure on, and don’t allow any slack. Then he proceeds to teach you that the old rules were only a starting point: you need to know when these rules should be broken. Franke then breaks each rule with his modern approach to teach you about landing large fish with less effort and in less time, with much less harm to the fish.

There is good coverage of how fishing rods, fly reels, and line/leader systems work. Everyone should try the Wulff School lessons described in the book for learning the limits of our equipment, knots and tippets. There is also a section titled “Know Your Fish,” which describes the different escape responses of common game fish and how to handle each response.

Lefty Kreh wrote that “This book may save you that catch of a lifetime.” I am certain that these techniques will also help you land a greater percentage of the fish you hook. This book belongs in your library.



Club Fly Rods

Reminder: Crossroads Anglers has several 7 weight fly rods, which may be borrowed. See George Forte.

UNITED FLY TYERS’ 50th Anniversary Celebration

The United Fly Tyers is celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a Chicken Dinner and Auction at the historic Longfellow’s Wayside Tavern, Sudbury MA Sunday, October 25th at 5-9 PM.

Tickets are \$40 each. Make check to United Fly Tyers and send to Armand J. Courchaine, 70 Kosmas St., Marlborough, MA 01752-2536

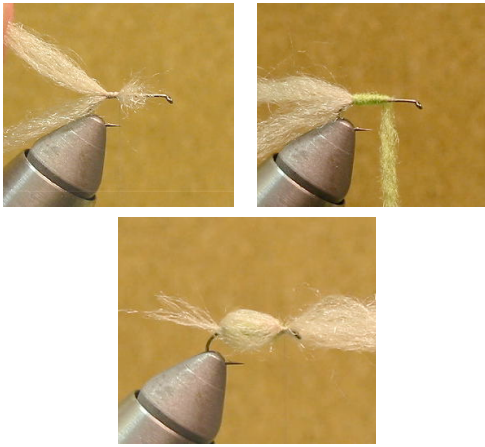
Hope to see you there,
Armand



Gary LaFontaine’s Emergent Sparkle Pupa

When you see caddis flies in the air, think Emergent Sparkle Pupa, which imitates the transparent sheath of tiny bubbles surrounding the pupa.

Gary LaFontaine, who spent many hours observing caddisflies (and wrote the book called *Caddisflies*) discovered that “globules of air shimmer and sparkle as they reflect sunlight, creating a highly visible triggering characteristic. This sparkle is the key to imitating the emergent caddisflies.” An added benefit for all fly fishers was Gary’s “discovery” of a synthetic called Antron, a tri-lobal nylon filament developed by DuPont for use in carpets. As the name suggests, the filament is 3-sided—developed to reflect as much light (and make stains less obvious) as possible. Gary discovered that, when combed-out and tied so that it envelopes the body, the material traps air bubbles and reflects light like no pattern had ever done.”



(Rob O'Reilly, <http://hipwader.com/2003/emergent-sparkle-pupa>)

The instructions on the above web page make use of sparkle yarn and touch dubbing.

Sparkle Yarn: <http://www.thebookmailer.com/Supplies/SparkleYarn.html>

Touch dubbing: <http://www.thebookmailer.com/Supplies/SparkleYarn.html>

Online Newsletter

The pictures in this newsletter look better in color. See them in the online edition from our website. Save paper and club money by giving up your paper copy. See Ben White about taking you off the newsletter mail list and adding you to the list of people to receive notice as soon as the newsletter is on the website.

Special Savings

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.

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