

CROSSROADS ANGLERS

FLY FISHING CLUB

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Meeting Date: May 26th, 2009, Whittings Pond. Barbecue at 6:30 PM.

From the President

As summer approaches, we will be holding our May meeting at Whittings Pond in North Attleboro MA. We will have a cookout with hot dogs and hamburgers. We will also have a casting clinic and hope to have Jake Jakespeare bringing his Temple Fork rods to try out.

Bring your rod and reel and get in some practice on the water. Pick up some pointers on how to be a better caster. Bring a canoe or a kayak, if you have one, to fish off shore and show it to someone interested in learning what it's like to fish from a small boat.

The club trip to Cotuit Narrows was a success, with the first fish of the season landed. Let's hope that in 2009 we will all have the chance to fish with friends, enjoy our time on the water—hear stripers feeding at night and to see the sun rise in the east, take a fish on a dead drift, or see a trout rise to your fly. May we all be lucky enough to land that one fish we've been chasing for years.

David Ferretti



Welcome Steve Dewar and Theresa Martin

Fly Fishing and Casting Clinic
on the beach at Whittings Pond
Directions on back cover.

6:30 Barbecue

Come earlier or whenever you want. Bring your kayak, canoe, or float tube and show someone how to use it.

Tips & Tricks

Rob Lurie

Casting Tempo

Spring has sprung, and outdoor activities are in full swing. Reports of bright stripers abound. Our Club has already made its first trip to the salt with positive results. A few fish and no humans were hooked. A good sign!

It is interesting to watch one's casting tempo. The longer the cast, the longer the pause between back and forward cast. The pause is necessary to allow the line to load the rod. And, with the more line to cast, the tempo should slow.

As a challenge, start false casting with about 25-30 feet of line. Gradually slow your tempo

until the loop collapses. It may require a little longer stroke and opening your loop, but the exercise will show you just how much or little effort it takes to make a good cast. Then, as you are false casting, let out another 10 feet of line. If you try to maintain the same tempo, the cast becomes a bit difficult. If you slow the cadence accordingly, the cast becomes easier. Remember the metronome? The higher the weight, the slower the tempo. As Lefty says, it isn't a casting rule, but a rule of physics. I have done this exercise with several students, and it is amazing to see the results. By adjusting your tempo and allowing the rod to load properly, casting becomes easier and fishing more enjoyable.

Have a great summer. Catch—and release—loads of fish. Try different places. Bring a friend and a camera and come back in the Fall with pictures and stories to share.

Rob

Club Trip: Cotuit, May 2nd

Mike Mathias

We met at the Holiday Inn at 5:30 am. Eight people showed up for the trip to Cotuit Narrows: Theresa Martin (a new Member), John Medige, Joel Kessler, Bob Gallo, Ed Teatreault, Howie Debeck, Tony Dirobbio, a guest from Rhody Fly Rodders, and myself. Sumner Levine met us down there.

We arrive at the parking area about 7 am, with showers greeting us for our first fishing trip. After gearing up and walking out to the narrows, Bob Gallow hooks up on his 2nd cast for the honor of the first fish. Shortly after that, Ed Tetreault gets a 25 incher for the second fish.

After slowing down, before the change in the tide, Tony Dirobbio hooks into what appears to be a keeper, and after a good fight, as the leader approaches the rod tip and he can smell this fish

in the pan, as luck would have it, he loses the fish to a chorus of boos. Tony is really bummed. The action slows down, but then Howie Debeck yells, "I'm on." And, as I work my way over to get a picture of his first fish of the season, guess what? He loses the fish. Howie claims the fish was a keeper, but we will never know. . . ha, ha. As the tide continues to drop, a couple of crabs and a quahog are the only additional catches.

Overall it was a decent start to the season and a pretty good turnout for the club's first fishing trip.



See more pictures on the message board.

More Trips to Com.

More club trips will be announced on the message board. Sign up on the website. Check it often. Share your fishing reports—and pictures.

Reminder: Picture Your Fish

Don't forget pictures for Chuck McGovern's presentation next December.

You can also post them on the message board.

Message Board Pictures

Pictures on the message board must be smaller than those you normally take on your camera. You might be able to make them web-sized with

your computer's photo program. In Photoshop you can save for the web—the size stays the same, but the number of pixels per inch is reduced from 200-300 to 72, and it looks just as good on the computer screen. If your program doesn't allow that, you should be able to save them in a smaller size. Or send yourself an e-mail, which gives you a choice of sizes. Or just e-mail them to rpearce@wheatonma.edu

Newsletter Savings

Anyone who would like to save paper, save money for the club, see pictures in color—and get your newsletter electronically, e-mail rpearce@wheatonma.edu

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



Joel Kessler's Golden Trout

See cover for directions to Whittings Pond

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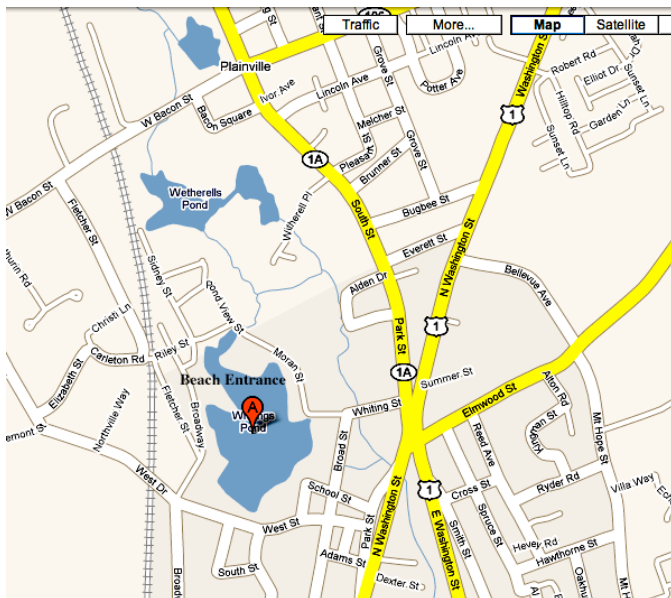
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