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Meeting Date: March 24th, 2009, 7 PM

## From the President

Spring is just around the corner, the ice is starting to leave the local ponds and lakes, and before you know it we'll be back on the water.

The club is planning several trips this spring: the North River in Pembroke for shad, Cotuit Narrows to open the striper season, and, we hope, Rhode Island's Narrow River for more stripers, and Ninigrit for the worm hatch. Watch the newsletter and web site for details.

I would like to thank David Porreca of River and Riptide (<http://www.riverandriptide.com/index.html>) for speaking at the February meeting. David is graciously offering discounts to club members who may wish to book a trip with him this year.

Thanks again to all who helped out at the Bear's Den Show. We are still hoping to expand our membership, so if you strike up a conversation with someone new while fishing this year, tell them about the club.

George Forte will bring several Boy Scouts to this month's meeting. They are interested in fly fishing, and we will teach them to tie some flies. We all had someone who first taught us to pick up a rod and learn how to cast. Was that same person the one who taught you how to tie your first fly? Fishing can be a life-long adventure, and some of my fondest memories

are of the times that I spent with my father on the water learning how to fish. Perhaps we can inspire these boys to become future members of the Crossroads Anglers.

David Ferretti

### Agenda

7 PM Fly Tying

8 PM Raffle

## Tips & Tricks

### *Rob Lurie*

March is supposed to come in like a lion, but, so far, has not been too "baad" (had to do that for the lamb). The fish still appear to be deep, although we did see rises to nymphs one day. Watch the rise forms. If the fish clears the water or there is a splash, the fish is more likely chasing nymphs or emergers.

If the rise appears subtle, or if you see an open mouth or the fish's back, it is probably rising to dries. Most of the rise forms appear to be subtle, from what we have observed so far this month. Hare's Ears, peacock bodied nymphs, and even an orange bodied nymph work well. I have even downsized my flies a bit. I am using eights to twelves (that's tiny for me!). Bead heads are working, too.

But you can't catch anything from the couch. Dress for the weather and get out there. Bring pictures and some of the flies you are using to catch, and release, your fish. That is what our club is about.

Rob

## Shad Flies

In late April or May there will be a club trip to the North River in Pembroke for big shad. The shad will also be running closer to home in the Palmer River below the Shad Factory Pond in Rehoboth (the parking lot is off Water Street).

Get ready for what might be a month of good fishing by tying shad flies.

### *Dick Empie's Shad Fly*



Dick Empie's fly has been very productive. It can also be used as a prototype for shad flies with varying colors. Shad flies are not meant to imitate anything in nature, only to annoy the spawning shad into striking your fly.

Size 6 hooks seem to be the right size for the shad's small mouth. And weight is important to get the fly down to the bottom—gold tungsten beads or cone or barbell would work as well as the chartreuse bead—plus nonlead weight. A band of flash is common, and a tail tied down the bend makes the hook float upside-down.

**Hook:** 6

**Bead:** 3/16 Chartreuse

**Thread:** Chartreuse

**Weight:** 10 winds of 25, 12 of non-lead

**Tail:** Chartreuse Calftail (from bottom), Flash

**Rear Band:** Silver Mylar—try sparkle mylar

**Body:** Fluorescent Chartreuse Danville Depth Ray

1. Put bead on hook.
2. Wind 10 turns of lead weight, 12 of nonlead. Push into bead.
3. Tie on thread, wind down to bend, coat with head cement.
4. Tie on small pinch of hand-stacked chartreuse calftail. Wrap a little down bend—to make hook float upside down. Tail should be 1/2 hook length, about 1/2 inch.
5. Tie in two doubled pieces of flash, running down sides of tail.
6. Tie in silver mylar tinsel, 6 turns (about 1/4 inch) and wind up to bead.
7. Tie in Danville thread, wind down to mylar and back, making tapered body, and ending against bead.
8. Whip finish, coat thread with head cement.

### *Russell Glen's North River Shad Dart*



**Hook:** 6

**Weight:** Small barbell

**Tail:** White rabbit fur

**Body:** Krystal Flash

Head: Red, chartreuse, or yellow hackle

## Fishing the San Juan



March 2, San Juan River, New Mexico.  
Dick Pearce is behind the bush.

According to Mike Mora, “the San Juan River in New Mexico is one of the finest tailwater fisheries anywhere. The 4.25 miles of San Juan river quality water below Navajo Dam holds over 80,000 trout. An average San Juan river trout is 17," but fish over 20" are abundant. To fool these selective San Juan trout requires tiny flies, fine tippets, proper presentation and attention to detail.” <http://www.ifly4trout.com>

**See the newsletter on the website for color pictures. Contact Dick Pearce to receive e-mail notice of the monthly website newsletter.**

**Newsletter Articles welcome.  
300–500 words.**

### **Special Savings for Crossroads Members**

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Fly fish the Wood & Farmington River or chase  
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