



Newsletter October 2025

President's Note

Greetings Fellow Anglers,

Loved to see the good turnout for our initial meeting! It's always nice to reconnect after our summer break. I hope you've all survived the nitrate infused hot dog feed!!

With steelhead season upon us, we will be tying flies at the Oct 28th meeting. Bring your vice and tie along with Rob and others to create Jeff Blood's White Death, the flesh fly, and various egg patterns.

The winner of our biggest raffle of the year was Norris Johns. The lucky ticket was drawn at our May barbecue. Recently, Norris ventured out with Capt. Ray Stachelak and rumor has it that he did very well. Castafly Charters has been a long time FOC (Friend of Crossroads). Speaking of Ray, he also hosted successful trips recently for Joel Kessler and Gary Johnson. See pix below.

Russ, Mike, Gary and myself are headed to the great state of Rhode Island on Friday October 9th in search of albies.

Fortunately the lack of fish has never prevented us from having a good time 😊! Pics included below.

Tightlines Everyone,

Steve Dewar—President

ATTENTION: ALL MEMBERS

**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday October 28, 2025**

**South Foxboro Community Center
382 South St. Foxboro, MA 02035
Time: 5:30pm to 9:00pm**

UPCOMING MEETING EVENTS

- **October 28**
 - Tying with focus on steelhead flies
- **November 25th**
 - Cynthia Harkness of Fearless Flies will speak
- **December 23**
 - Holiday Party with a featured film about Lefty Kreh
- **January 27**
 - Geoff Klane from Brackish Flies will present

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FLY TYING CORNER

Armand's Archives

(from the October 2016 Newsletter)

Fishing in Drought Waters

Let me start by saying I have experienced Climate Change for seventy two years. I don't believe in global warming by humans. In 1970 we were told we are going to experience global freezes. We were going to have 16 hurricanes in one year.

Did we have hot weather and drought conditions? Yes. It will change. For now, deal with it. I did some scouting. I went to White Pond in Concord, MA. The pond was about seven feet down. I walked the shoreline with my 9'3" weight 5 graphite armed with 150 grain shooting head. I couldn't believe I was fishing without waders (comfortable). Had no trouble with the back cast, trees and brush about eighty feet behind me. I was surprised I got three nice brookies. I could see largemouth bass. About 6 to 8 swimming nearby. A little deeper in the water column a bass of about three pounds was swimming.

White Pond in the past has received stocking of landlock Atlantic Salmon from the federal fish hatchery. On my scouting day I met a young fisherman fishing with worms. He had caught some brookies. He was telling me last year he was fishing Walden Pond which is also a kettle pond located in Concord, MA. Fishing in November, from the launching area he went to his left around a pointed land, using a spoon. He caught a Brown Trout of about Ten Pounds. Fighting the fish he brought him in. At his feet the hook pulled out. He dove on the fish but missed him.



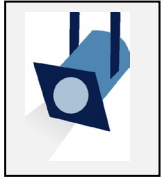
I'm sure there are ponds and lakes on the Cape with shoreline you can fish without waders. Back cast is not a problem. I would like to hear from you if you try this type of fishing. Your assignment, check it out. For flies: streamers for big fish, wet flies for smaller fish.



Courtesy of Armand Courchaine



MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT ----- Norris Johns



Comments & Notes from Norris' son Craig:

My name is Craig Johns and I'm Norris Johns' son. My dad is a founding member of a local Massachusetts fly fishing club begun 30 years ago called Crossroads Anglers. They have 65 active members. He taught me how to fish and fly fish throughout my childhood and life. Very thankful for all of the life and outdoor lessons. He runs circles around everyone I know—even at 85 years old! He dreams of fly fishing 200 days a year! He has self-guided several 20 day float trips in Alaskan rivers for salmon. He loves Cape Cod and the Islands as well as the Florida keys and the Bahamas.



From their recent Ray's Charter Trip:

We had a great fly fishing adventure near Narragansett, Rhode Island this past week. We were guided by Ray Statchelek from Cast-A-Fly-Charters. He did a great job putting us on to fish. We boated 1 blue fish and 6 stripers. It was all catch and release even though 2 of the stripers were inside the slot. One of the stripers was about 20 lbs. We were matching the size of the tiny 1 1/4 inch anchovies that were thick enough to practically walk on for some parts of the day. The shore and boat fishermen that were using spinning gear struggled as they could not downsize their lures enough to get the fish to take their offering. We only saw 2 other stripers taken by other fishermen and they were both swinging flies.



A few succinct Comments from Norris:

We had a good trip. My son Craig came along with me. We had about eight stripers and one bluefish. Two of the stripers were slot fish. Ray did a great job finding fish—many boats were around us. We did not see any other fish caught. A good day was had! Cold in the morning then the warmed up sun came out nicely.



Craig: On the left you will see the very small white fly (my dad tied that one), that I used all day, it has a little flash on it. This was one of the keys to the day.

COOKING WITH CROSSROADS

Recipes—from Russell Glen

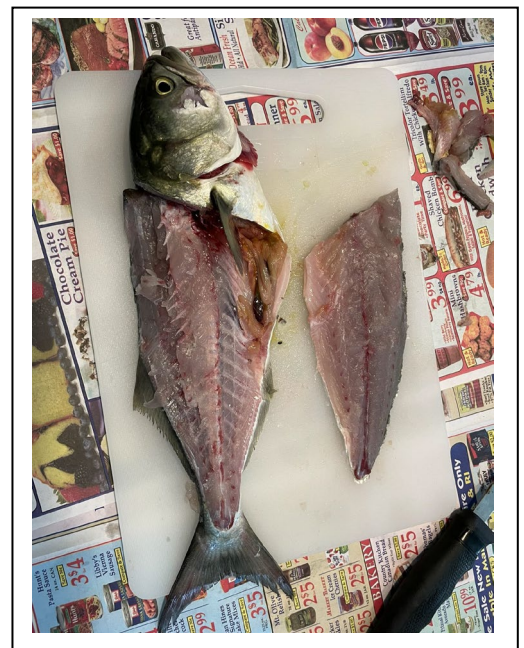
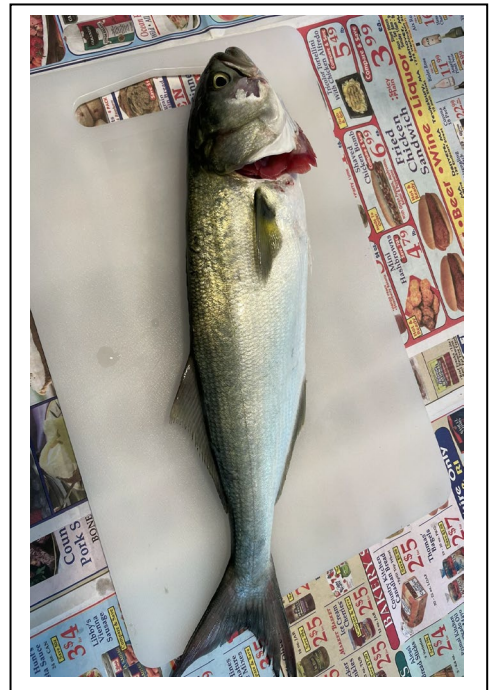
Fish Caught and Cooked 10-22-25

This season, while searching for stripers that remained scarce or elusive, I caught a few other common varieties of fish. Lucky enough to get some keeper size, I decide to keep a few and cook them up at home. This is my take on bluefish pate; I hope to get some feedback or new ideas from the club members on their versions.

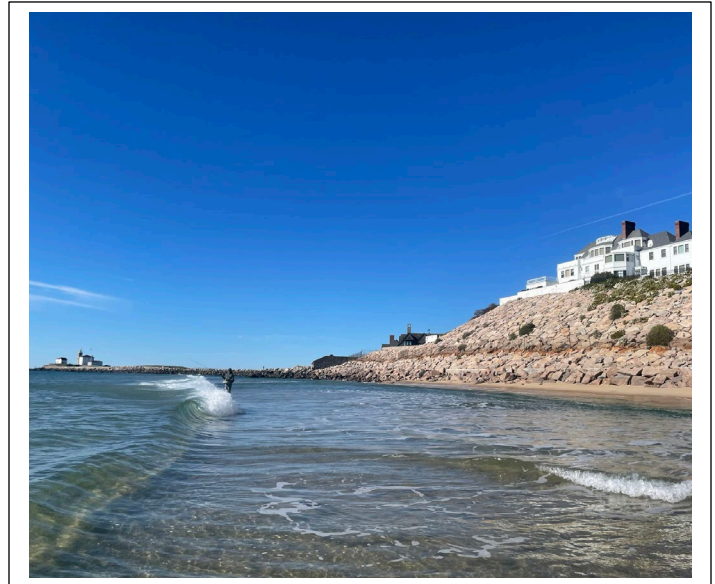
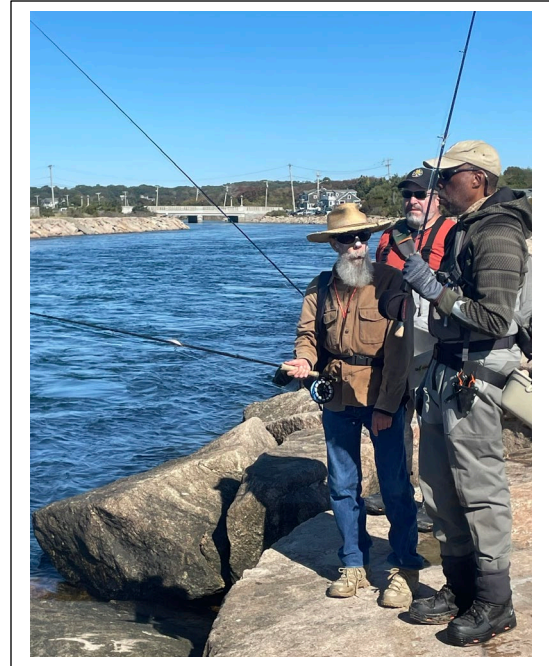
BLUEFISH PATE

Simple enough, bluefish were around I so kept a couple. I filleted them and then smoked them. I did not brine them. Rather, I simply seasoned the fillets with Old Bay and Dill, and smoked them for about 25-35 minutes. Letting the fillets cool in fridge, I then prepared Pate, using as a basis an On The Water cookbook recipe with some tweaks. Simply combine, and refrigerate before serving with crackers (like Dill / Salt Triscuits)

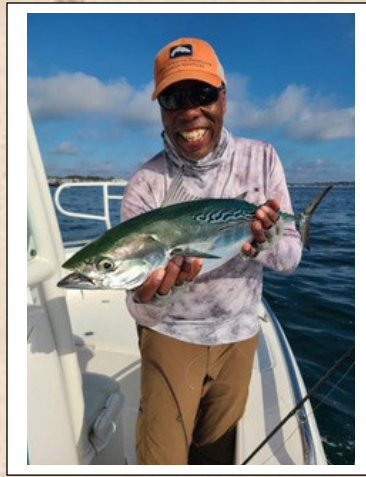
- (2) small bluefish fillets
- (1/2) red onion, chopped
- (4 oz) cream cheese
- (1 tsp) Worcestershire sauce
- Juice of 1/2 fresh lemon
- Optional:
 - Dash of Bourbon
 - (I used Bulleit)



Weekapaug—Narragansett—Watch Hill Trips
With Steve, Mike, Gary & Russell



MORE Trips FISH PICS



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