



Newsletter March 2026

President's Note



Greetings Fellow Anglers,

Yes, March Madness is here! Not basketball, I'm talking about the madness that comes while we impatiently wait for the fish and the weather to cooperate! The stocking season has begun and On The Water is already tracking stripers on the move. Hope springs eternal!

Our "Lefty Night" in February was well received according to the feedback from members. Photo contributions from Chuck, Joel and David helped to remind of his history with the club.

This month at Crossroads brings an election. Since there don't seem to be any contested offices, I will ask for membership to approve the current slate. Please contact me if you have any thoughts otherwise.

Doug will give us the latest update on the **May Deerfield trip**, always a good time. After some mixed results on day one last year the group absolutely crushed it on day two. That is if you can believe fishermen stories, just sayin....

We have been invited to have a booth at the **North Attleboro National Salmon Fish Hatchery open house**, Saturday, June 6th. The hours are 10am to 2pm and the plan is to offer flytying demos, a slideshow, casting lessons and general fishing information. Other ideas are welcome of course. Members interested in being a part of this can contact me.

A few members have expressed interest in the **Eldredge Brothers Flyfishing Expo** in Cape Neddick, Maine on March 28th. You can Google the info. It looks really good and comes with a free lunch! Carpooling suggested since it's a two hour drive. I will have a sign-up sheet available.

Our esteemed guest speaker this month is none other than **Ray Stachelak of Cast-a-Fly Charters**. His presentation will focus on albies and his new micro flies. Ray also promises a short tribute to our founder **Armand Courchaîne**. Ray is a born entertainer and I'm sure the night will be light and lively.

Speaking of Ray, I want to remind all of our chartered trip fundraising raffle. See Raffle Rob for tix and sell sell sell! Drawing will be at our May BBQ as always.
Bright Skies and Warm Thoughts To All,

Steve Dewar
dewar1028@gmail.com

ATTENTION: ALL MEMBERS

**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday March 24, 2026**

**South Foxboro Community Center
382 South St. Foxboro, MA 02035
Time: 6:30pm to 9:00pm**

**REMINDER
CLUB DUES ARE NOW DUE--\$35.00
PLEASE BRING YOUR
Wallet or Checkbook To the Next Meeting!!!**

UPCOMING MEETING EVENTS

- March 24--Ray Stachelek
- April 28--TBD
- May 26—Annual Barbecue

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Our March Speaker—Capt. Ray Stachelek



Captain Ray Stachelek, is a Rhode Island saltwater based guide and inventive fly tier. A licensed U.S.C.G Captain, (28 years), he owns and operates Cast a Fly Charters full time since retiring from the educational field. In his sixty years of experience on the waterways, he has witnessed many of the environmental changes that have impacted Narragansett Bay. His thirty-three years as a teacher makes him a natural to explain in layman's terms any fishing scenario or fly tying sequence. Ray will hold your attention with captivating photography and his own brand of light humor. He organizes subject matter in a systematically logically fashion, easy for everyone to understand.

Capt. Ray is known as an innovative fly designer. His nationally known "Angel Hair Series" pioneered the use of Angel Hair in saltwater 30 years ago. You will see many of these patterns listed in store catalogs like Bass Pro Shop, Cabela's. They are sold thru out the country. Glitter flies have become a main staple in the saltwater arsenal. He is a member of the Umpqua Feather Merchants professional tiers team. His

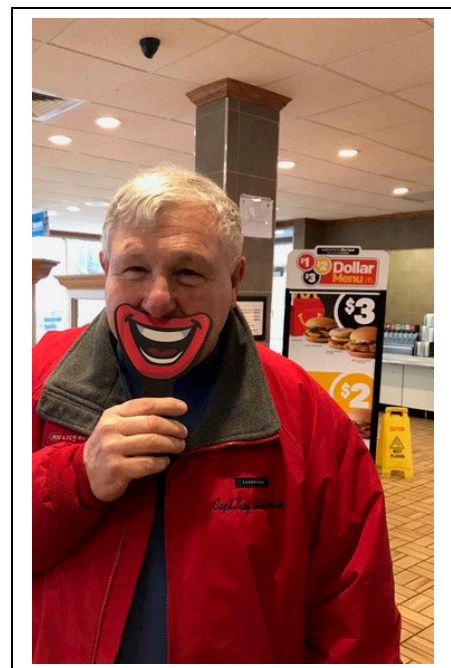
latest project designing Micro-Flies for false albacore is now in the works.

Ray's articles and photography have frequently appeared in national magazines like Saltwater Fly Fishing, Fly Fishing Saltwater, and Fly Tier Magazine. In his latest venture, Ray has been flying aerial drones around no for more than seven years. He tries to stay ahead and use technology to enhance his understand and presentations. Aerial photography offers so much more unique opportunities.

Capt. Ray contributes to local newspapers and web sites. Ray also demonstrates his tying techniques and fishing programs at national fly shows during the winter months. He does seminars for area fishing clubs on topics that range from fly tying to light tackle angling. He is active in several local fishing affiliates. He is President of Rhody Fly Rodders.

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Guided Charter Trip Raffle with Captain Ray Stachelek or Captain Brian Kelly

Are you still dreaming of catching that fish of a lifetime?

Now is your chance!

You could be the winner of a trip with
Captain Ray Stachelek or Captain Brian Kelly

Tickets for the Guided Trip Raffle are Available. Ask any board member. They are \$20.00 a ticket. Or 2 tickets for \$30.00.

Drawing will be for 1 raffle winner with 1 or 2 guests.

Don't forget to ask your fishing buddies
if they'd like to purchase tickets too!

**THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE
MAY 2026 BBQ MEETING!!**

The Trip includes 8 hours of fly and/or spin fishing with
Captain Ray Stachelek in Rhode Island
or
Captain Brian Kelly in the Plymouth MA / South Shore region

DEERFIELD TRIP—Updated Information

May 15-17 (Friday to Sunday)

We have the whole campground for \$2280 for the weekend this year. Just divide it up between how many are there.

Sleeps up to 14 in cabins.

Tent sites for at least 8 more.

So far have 11 signed up.

FOOLHARDY HILL CAMPGROUND

Full lighted pavilion kitchen with grill, griddle, hot water, pots/pans, plates/bowls/cups/flatware, coolers but best to bring some for more room and ice.

Go online for [Foolhardy Hill | Campground | Charlemont, MA](#) (also see “Fish Links” for Web link)

2 fire pits

can use slide show/movie screen

2 full baths with electricity

safe storage for food

cabins have some solar lighting

FOOD

In the past we have gotten pizza for Friday night,

Then have a group dinner Saturday night. Burgers, chicken, dogs, whatever sides and such, and of course, dessert.

Breakfast food provided, Saturday and Sunday.

Lunch can be cold cuts etc, make your own sandwiches, or we can order from Haggars Farm menu and pick up bag lunch Saturday and Sunday morning before hitting the river. Would like to do all one or the other. Simpler that way.

BYOB of course.

And any special dietary needs to be aware of for anyone, let me know.

Guides will be available but need to reserve asap. They get busy fast in the spring and we are there at just about peak spring fishing season. Probably \$600 per boat (2 people) for the day. Wading guide is same rate. A few places that boats won't go that are great fishing.

→The window for guides is getting tight. So if you want to float or have a guide for a wade trip please advise asap

DEPOSIT-Please send a \$200 deposit for campground and toward food to:

Doug Carver

52 Trout Farm Ln

Duxbury Ma 02332

OPTIONAL THURSDAY

If anyone would like to go up to fish and stay over Thursday, there is a little lower rate. Can split \$108 for a cabin. I am thinking about it and pretty sure I'll go up Thursday to do some fishing and get set up a bit. Friday I can go get the perishables and ice and just enjoy the weekend. Guides would be optional as available.

But most importantly need to know how many for that weekend. And likely # of guides needed.

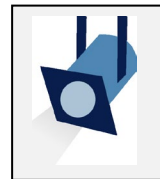
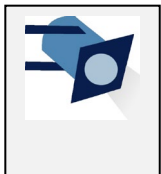
If anyone has any ideas for a Friday afternoon or Saturday night entertainment let me know.

I think we can skip T&T this year. Most have been so far.

Not sure who else to drum up that way. Anyone?

Hope to hear back asap. Contact me by phone: 339-933-1794 or by email: carver3781@aol.com.

Doug Carver



February Meeting SPOTLIGHT --

Lefty Kreh Memories Night



COOKING WITH CROSSROADS

Courtesy of Russell Glen

Last season, in between looking for, chasing and (not) catching lots of striped bass; I was lucky enough to hook up on some Black Sea Bass and Tautog. It's always nice to feel the strike of a fish and the tug on the line from the depths. And, now and again, a nice Scup would come to the surface--quite the fighters for their size!

So I brought a few home to practice my fillet skills and also to cook them up as I heard that they are very tasty and worth the effort. It's been awhile since that day so I'm going from memory here; but it takes me back to Summer days and I hope you enjoy!

SIMPLE SCUP FILLETS

A nice size Scup, perhaps 10" long or more, will yield two nice fillets. I cut into the side of the fish, just behind the (side) fin behind the head. Then, with the tip of a fillet knife, cut along the length of the back, just enough to separate the meat from the bones.

Continuing this, keeping the knife edge on the bones to get as much meat as possible, holding the fillet by the skin to lift it away. I repeated this on the other side. Now it was time to remove the skin, carefully holding the skin side down on the cutting board to complete the job.

Rinse the fillets and pat dry with a paper towel. Season them with Old Bay and Dill, with fresh lemon as you see here. They are ready for the skillet! Over medium heat in some olive oil, they are ready in a couple of minutes. I like to put them on toasted sandwich rolls or your favorite bread; with cheese, lettuce and tartar sauce - delicious!

Now doesn't that make you think of a Summer Day?!



FISH --- Links

Our Newsletter Connection Page to Subjects and Events of interest from our members featuring “clickable” Links:

Caddis Nymph Fly. An amazing looking fly. Waiting for it to start wiggling right in the vice.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1KfYGh7mRh/>

Article on “Stop Fish Stocking” in Massachusetts

[Stop Non-Native Fish Stocking – Berkshire Environmental Action Team](#)

Lefty Kreh Video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8pa0h3DFfl>

Tarpon Fishing & Key West

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HR5HUmj-DJM>

Tying the Lefty Kreh-Seguar Knot

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[Tying the Seaguar/Lefty Kreh knot](#)

Attention Fellow Anglers (especially those with spring fever) Eldredge Fly Shop Expo

<https://eldredgeflyshop.com/2026-expo/>

How to Tie a Gurgler Style Frog

https://midcurrent.com/videos/how-to-tie-a-gurgler-style-frog/?utm_source=Klaviyo&utm_medium=email&kx=5zPepRfTVc3s2av3-24L3179f7fqm4xyqefeMZIUg.XGV5ju

Brook Trout and the Upper Magalloway River Watershed Project

[ENE TV Ep. 48: "Headwaters": Protecting Maine's Upper Magalloway River Watershed](#)

New England's Best Winter Fly Fishing—Farmington River Wild Brown Trout

[New England's Best Winter Fly Fishing | Farmington River Wild Brown Trout](#)

Connection to North Attleboro National Fish Hatchery

<https://www.fws.gov/fish-hatchery/north-attleboro>



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