



Newsletter September 2026

## President's Message



*Fall Greetings Fellow Anglers,*

Looking forward to seeing everyone once again and hearing of your adventures afield. The summers seem to get shorter and shorter and hotter and hotter! But with fall upon us, hope is on the horizon for cooler temps, fall striper run, steelhead and albies. Can't say that I brought a lot of fish to hand this summer but it's always a good day on the water even when the fish are not cooperating. Somehow distractions and obligations seem to get in the way but I did spend many evenings chasing birds/fish around Onset harbor. Most recently the fish were all small blues. Love the way they fight all the way to the kayak and contrary to common opinion they are delicious.

We mourn the passing of Bill Purrier who lived a rich life and was a faithful member of the club for many years. See the very nice tribute written by Mike Cree on our website <http://crossroadsanglers.com/> or on Page 3 here. It's so often the case that we learn a lot about a person after they are gone. I didn't know about Bill's time in Texas, etc. I am going to make an effort to introduce a couple of members at each meeting with the hope of learning something new about our Crossroads family.

The big news is that our first meeting will be held in Buzzards Bay on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be hosted by our very own Doug Carver. The meeting will begin somewhat earlier at **5:00pm** and will feature casting demos/lessons from Pat Grenier.

For October, we have Steve Culton lined up who has recently published a book detailing the Farmington River. Steve is a real character and this promises to be an entertaining affair. Signed copies will be available.

Bright Skies and Tight Lines To All,

**Steve Dewar**

### ATTENTION: ALL MEMBERS

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Tuesday September 22, 2026**

#### **SPECIAL LOCATION:**

**15 MAPLE STREET  
BOURNE, MA 02532  
(Buzzards Bay)**

**SEE ADDRESS DETAILS ON PAGE 2**

### UPCOMING MEETING EVENTS

- **September 22—Pat Grenier @ Doug Carver's House**
- **October 27—Steve Culton**
- **November 24—TBD**
- **December Holiday Pahhty (date to be determined)**

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## DETAILS ON OUR SEPTEMBER 22 MEETING

**HOT DOG**, our initial meeting is upon us and should be a great way to start the year! As announced prior, Doug Carver will host this event in Buzzards Bay.

Things will get rolling around **5 PM** but the opportunity is there to fish Buttermilk Bay, Queen Sewell Pond, or Mass Maritime Academy if you'd like to arrive early. Doug has a few kayaks/canoe available if interested.

**FFI Casting instructor Pat Grenier will be on hand for casting demos and tune-ups.**

Bring your own rods (5 ish or 8 ish wt ). We can start casting stuff in the nearby ball field as early as 5 to make sure of max daylight. Sunset is 6:40. Those who want can go to the beach around the corner to wet cast as well. Doug's back yard has many lily pads and not much back cast distance (Roll cast? Spey?).

**The address is 15 Maple St Bourne (Yellow ranch with garage out front. )**  
***(watch out for GPS sending you to 15 Maple in Onset, about 8 minutes away. Call if you don't find it [339-933-1794](tel:339-933-1794))***

**Parking is limited** at Doug's house but 125 yds up Maple St is the ball park/playground with plenty of parking. You can see it from the driveway.

**Hot dogs will be on the grill** and we will have chips and snacks as well. Anyone who cares to bring something to add to the menu is certainly welcome to do so. Suggest you bring a folding chair.

Also, Rob has put together a short informational piece about the **Salmon River** for those so inclined.

An **RSVP** would be real helpful especially if you are bringing a guest. Just reply to this email or directly: [dewar1028@gmail.com](mailto:dewar1028@gmail.com)

This event is rain or shine. Stay tuned to our emails in case we need to shift location....

### About Pat Grenier

A native Bay Stater, Pat Grenier, has been an IFF fly casting instructor for over 20 yrs and has been instructing at LLBean for longer than that. He has been a fly force on the Cape for 30+ yrs, is a very active member of Trout Unlimited Cape Cod Chapter, a guide, fly tyer, and all around good guy. Ask him how many Stripers he has caught!  
Off Cape he has fished other New England waters as well as Canada, Alaska, Louisiana (Red fish), The Bahamas, South America, and plenty of great waters out West.  
He will be demonstrating some advanced casting techniques and available for tips for your specific needs.



### Members SPOTLIGHT Bill (William) Purrier Passing



During June, one of the earliest Crossroad Anglers members, Bill (William) Purrier passed at the age of 86. Bill did not want a wake or a funeral. His body was sent to Corpus Christi, Texas for him to be buried next to his wife.

Bill was an avid striped bass, largemouth bass and trout angler, fishing about 150 days per year. He was especially proud of his 53lb striper caught in Cape Cod Bay and a largemouth bass over 7lbs caught in Florida on a Zara Spook.

Bill was a rifle instructor in the Marines, serving mostly in the Philippines during his service to our country, and proudly displayed the U.S. Marines insignia on his vehicle. He grew up in Mansfield, MA learning to hunt and fish, hunting and raising quail and other game in his early years. While living in Texas after the Marines he switched to mostly deer hunting and inshore fishing for sea trout and redfish in the Corpus Christi area.

His son Stephen was heavily into Motocross racing. Bill and Stephen traveled to many Motocross races for Stephen to compete in during Stephen's younger days. Bill himself was a motorcycle rider and very supportive of Stephen's hobby. Bill continued following Motocross and racing the rest of his life.

I fished extensively with Bill in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and Texas for about 25 years. One of the first flies I tied at Crossroads was of a striper pattern Bill was teaching me that served me well over the years. He was an active member of Crossroads' board during my time as Treasurer and he ran the raffles for many years.

During a few commercial fishing years for stripers after he retired, Bill and I would fish Cape Cod Bay at night for stripers. We typically launched at the Sandwich Marina around 8pm. I would drive from my office in Wellesley to meet him at the ramp. We would fish to around 1am when the bite would usually slack off, then throw the anchor off Sandy Neck beach.

We had sleeping bags and a tarp for rain and I would set my cell phone for 4am so we could get on the morning bite. He would go sell the fish and I would drive back to Wellesley to work for the day. Fun memories.

Bill is survived by his son Stephen in Texas, Kathy in Mansfield, MA and Karen in Pennsylvania along with several grandchildren. He will be missed.

Rest in peace good friend,

Mike Cree



## COOKING WITH CROSSROADS

*Courtesy of Russell Glen*

### CROSSROADS ANGLERS - Newsletter Submission - Baked Bluefish 8-31-26

Well, lucky me! Having won the Crossroads Anglers fishing charter raffle in May, I reached out to Capt. Brian Kelly, of Plymouth, MA. Brian has generously supported our club and this day was no exception. My son Derek and myself arranged to fish on the final day in August, with Brian recommending we launch from Hyannis harbor in search of early Albies or Bonitio, as well as seabass.

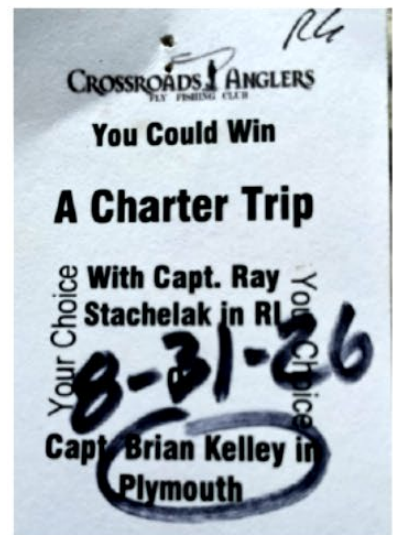
#### BAKED BLUEFISH

Unable to hook an elusive Albie - which Brian put us on - we caught several Bluefish, all in the 16-18" range. Good fighters and prime cooking size, we kept some for dinner. Straightforward as can be, I opted to bake my fresh fillets, using a recipe from Pops Masch "Cooking the Catch" cookbook, (Pg.73)

- (2) blufish fillets, skin on (sprinkled w/Zesty fish seasoning)
- (1 lb) boiling potatoes
- (2/3 cup) olive oil
- chopped garlic (I used 3 fresh cloves)
- (1/4 cup) fresh parsley
- Salt & Pepper

Pre-heat oven to 450 deg. F. Slice potatoes into thin slices, about 3X thicker than a potato chip. Mix olive oil, garlic and parsley and line a 13x9 glass baking dish; coating potato slices as well. Place slices on bottom and up the sides if the dish, and baked on upper oven rack for 15 min. Remove from oven, place blush fillets on potatoes, and coat with remaining olive oil garlic and parsley mix. Bake another 10 min.; remove and move potatoes a little to avoid burning on bottom, baste fish, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and bake another 5 min.

It was ready to eat! The recipe encourages salt, and the potato "chips" are delicious... I prefer to cook bluefish fillets fresh within 1 - 2 days of catching. Brian also reminded me to bleed them out as we kept them on the boat. Thanks Brian!



## **FISH --- Links**

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

**Get a Senior MASSPARKS Pass—It’s (nearly) FREE!**

[www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr)

## **(Very) Short Notice Notices !!**

<https://www.necflyfishers.org/fly-fishers-outdoors-festival>

**Fly Fishers--Outdoors Festival / Franklin County Fairgrounds, Greenville MA / September 19-20**

<https://bearsden.com/collections/classes-and-events/products/the-bear-s-den-fall-run-fest-saturday-september-19th-12pm-5pm>

**The Bear’s Den Fall Fun Fest / Saturday September 19 (12noon-5pm)**

**2026-2027**

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**This is our monthly newsletter for the 2026-2027 season.  
Best Wishes to All to Continue to Stay Safe and Stay Well! See you Soon!!**