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Website: www.crossroadsanglers.com

Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 27, 2011: (Mtg. Start Time: 6:30pm & Ends at 9:30pm)

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Happy Holidays to everyone, may you all enjoy time with family and friends.

Now that the weather has changed and most of us have given up spending time on the water, we can still improve our skills. Striped bass inhabit many different types of structure in our home waters. You can choose to fish estuaries and marshes, you can fish the outflow of the estuary or the marsh area itself. Beaches are not barren but contain structure of all kinds, holes, sandbars, rock formations and rip currents. You can choose to fish our rocky coast. Areas that are exposed to open water may change after a major winter storm.

All of these different formations are fished in different ways. It can take a lifetime to learn how to fish them and the starting point is to look at them at the lowest possible tide. These tides happen twice a month at a new and full moon. Go out and look at the structure you like to fish or try someplace new. It's a good excuse to get out of the house.

Best wishes to all-

David Ferretti

Note to members: Dues will be collected at the December meeting, with our goal of having everyone paid up by the December meeting. The annual dues are \$30.00, same as last season. Please see me at each meeting to indicate your attendance, confirm your contact info, and pay your dues. Thank you. -Russell Glen, Membership

Newsletter Editor's Update for November:

1. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Marlboro, MA Fly-Fishing Show scheduled for Friday, January 20th, Saturday, January 21st, and Sunday, January 22nd.
2. The Bear's Den Annual Show will take place on Saturday, February 25, 2012. We ask for club members willing to volunteer to work the table at the show. I will be there tying flies...and talking to prospective club members along with other board members from the club. The more the merrier and each year this is a nice opportunity to sign up new club members to join us.
3. Please note, that at each regular club mtg. we will be offering a free door prize and that the winner of the door prize at the November 2011 meeting was **Scott Way**.

Available for 2011 & beyond...

Crossroads Anglers club hats priced at \$20.00 a piece and club stickers for your car with the club logo are priced at \$2.00 a piece are now available for sale. Support your fishing club!

FLY OF THE MONTH:



I will be tying a variation of Frank Sawyer's pheasant tail nymph. Most of us all know and have fished Frank Sawyer's pheasant tail nymph. I was introduced to a soft hackle version of the fly that I find fishes even better than the original, in a wonderful book written by Allen McGee *Tying and Fishing Soft Hackle Nymphs*

Picture is credited to Allen McGee's book

I use a standard nymph hook in sizes 14, 16, and 18 and all you need to complete the fly are pheasant tail, copper wire and partridge back feather or jackdaw or starling feather as a substitute.

by, David Ferretti

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 when they reserve their date out on the water:

1. 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 Anglers Members 401/392-1919,
<http://www.riverandriptide.com>

2. Capt. Tom W.
Private Charters for both Fresh & Saltwater guide service
Conventional & Fly-fishing
15% discount for Crossroads Anglers members
Phone ##: 1-781-408-1215

3. Captain Vern (Rob) Robinson & Son, Rock-NReel,
85 Seymour St., Berkley, MA 02779,
508/822-6756.

4. Captain Gary Swanson, Striper-Charters
13 Harbour Hill Run, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664,
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