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Website: www.crossroadsanglers.com

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2011: (*Mtg. Start Time: 6:30pm & Ends at 9:30pm*)

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I wanted to thank everyone for a great February meeting and welcome all the new people who attended, Ed Lombardo has a wealth of knowledge and delivered an engaging presentation. We are blessed to have people like Ed, Armand, Howie and so many more who are willing to share their love of fly fishing.

Thanks to Jake and Temple Fork rods for their help with the raffle.

Like most people I have a go to fly in trout fishing and it is the CDC Elk hair caddis created by Hans Weilenmann. He has a marvelous web site with thousands of patterns, tied by hundreds of flytier's , I visit it often the address is <http://www.danica.com/flytier/index.html>.

I like the CDC elk hair caddis fly for several reasons. Chief among them is Hans use of the CDC feather as it adds life to the fly and in my experience it will out fish a standard elk hair caddis fly. Everyone loves to fish dry flies and the biggest thrill of all is seeing a trout come up and take a dry fly. However, if you want to catch more fish, you need to start fishing sub surface, this is the area that trout feed most of the time. Start thinking outside the box. I start out fishing the CDC elk hair caddis on a sink tip line it works as a normal dry fly for twenty to thirty seconds and by the time the fly line has pulled the fly down into the water column it can be fished as a nymph. I probable take three fish subsurface for every fish I take on top. The hornburg is also a great fly that can be fished this way. It won't be long before the ice melts and we will be back on the water.

David Ferretti

AGENDA

- 6:30pm Fly-tying and good conversation begins and we'll also have an opportunity to listen and learn from our next guest speaker...at the March mtg.
- 7:15pm Captain Robert Hines, will be joining us to present steelhead fishing opportunities on the Salmon River.

Captain Robert Hines' website is: <http://www.flyfishri.com>

Captain Robert Hines is an expert fly-fisherman and guide. Captain Hines has a wealth of fresh and salt-water experience to draw on and he will be sure to provide us with an engaging & informative presentation at the March club mtg.

We wish to extend a big thank you to Ed Lombardo for his recent striper and trout fishing presentation at our February mtg. We appreciate Ed's time and insights on how best to target both trout & stripers locally. The presentation was chock full of useful information and we were all pleasantly surprised when Ed shared even his secret fishing locations too!

A big congratulations goes out to Alex Grosso, who was the February winner of the Temple Forks fly-fishing outfit as a result of the raffle. WAY TO GO...

We wish to welcome the following new club members who recently joined Crossroads Anglers: **Mark Johnston, Dan Deneault, Stan & Jamie Beirut, Bob Parsons, and Paul Wheeler .**

***PLEASE NOTE, THAT CLUB DUES ARE DUE FOR 2011 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. DUES FOR 2011 ARE STILL ONLY \$30.00 . THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.**

On Sunday, March 20, 2011 beginning at 11am at Longfellow's Wayside Inn located in Sudbury, MA there will be a free Fly Tying Demonstration that you do not want to miss. So, mark your calendars accordingly and look to our club website for additional information for this upcoming local event.

Please note, that the March raffle will be for a 12 weight Gilmore reel. The cost will be 3 tickets for \$10 and 7 tickets for \$20. Please note, that the winner for the Gilmore reel will be selected at the May meeting thus, giving members a couple of chances to win.

The April club mtg. may possibly include a guest speaker and then the May club mtg. will once again be the annual cook out.

WE HAVE GONE DIGITAL WITH THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:

Please note, that the Crossroads Anglers monthly newsletter can be found on the website and that we will only mail out a copy of the newsletter if it is requested! Therefore, if you wish to receive a print copy of the newsletter mailed to your residence simply let one of the Crossroad Anglers Board members know your preference and we will be happy to accommodate you. *In addition, we will send an e-mail reminder of the monthly meeting a week prior to the meeting so, please be sure to provide us with a current e-mail address.* Beginning in March 2011, we will send the newsletter in the body of the e-mail rather than directing members to the message board.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS:

Please bring along a friend to the next monthly club meeting. Remember, there is no closed season on tying flies for the fishing season and beginners are always welcome.

Available for 2011...

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!

On the Water website:

**Be sure to check out the MA & Rhode Island fishing reports for up to date fresh & salt-water fishing opportunities and other fishing related happenings each and every week by visiting their free on-line fishing report at www.onthewater.com . It is my understanding that beginning in March the MA DEM stocking trucks will be on the move dumping trout into your favorite local trout pond. This will certainly be worth investigating once the ice departs and Spring follows. The Cape ponds should be ice free first???*

POTENTIAL CLUB FISHING TRIPS FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2011 (*pending discussion*) :

Learn a new spot to fish and enjoy some good company in the event the fish don't cooperate. If members have any other locations or trips to add we are open minded and happy to do so.

Freshwater Destinations:

Westfield River in MA (May)
Swift River in MA (April 16)
Willimantic River in CT (April 2)
Salmon River in CT (May)
Farmington River in CT (May)
Wood River in Rhode Island (April 30th)

Saltwater Destinations

Chatham, MA-May 14th
Cape Cod Canal area May (TBD)
Cotuit – 1st week of May
Narrow River in R.I. (June TBD)
Sandwich (Fall TBD)

PLEASE NOTE, THAT IN 2011 YOU WILL NEED A MA STATE SALT-WATER FISHING LICENSE WHICH WILL THEN ENTITLE YOU TO RECIPROCITY WITH RHODE ISLAND, CONNECTICUT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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
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