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Website: www.crossroadsanglers.com

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 24th, 2011: (Mtg. Start Time: 6:30pm & Ends at 9:30pm)

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I would like to thank Dean Clark from Stripers Forever for taking the time to speak at our meeting last month. I have heard many positive comments from his discussion of how to best manage a resource that we all care deeply about. We need to be stewards of what was handed down to us and manage it, so it will be there for future generations. We can choose to exploit it for our own good or use it in a way that will sustain it and let it grow for future generations.

In order to properly manage this we must also bear responsibility for the habitat of the striped bass. The health of the Chesapeake Bay, the inland estuaries of New England, the Hudson River and the gulf of Maine, are the home and breeding ground of the Atlantic Striped Bass. How we treat issues like fertilizer and storm runoff, all have a major impact on the health of the population.

We may have different opinions on how to best reach our common goal, please get involved and protect this wonderful resource so it will be here for future generations to enjoy.

David Ferretti

We look forward to seeing you at the

May 2011 Annual Club Meeting/Cook Out!

Where: Whiting Pond in North Attleboro, MA; located off of Route 1.

When: Tuesday, May 24th. The annual cook out will begin at 6pm and we'll begin grilling the food at 6:30pm. Food and drinks will be provided and guests are welcome... the more the merrier.

Fishing: The pond is stocked each Spring and Fall with trout by the DEM and holds warm-water fish such as yellow perch, sunfish and bass too. Kayaks, Canoes and small boats (*no gas engines*) are allowed.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU WILL WANT TO BRING ALONG A LAWN CHAIR IF YOU WISH TO SIT AND ENJOY THE FOOD AND GOOD COMPANY!!!

For more information about the annual cookout contact Michael Brucato at (mbrucato142@comcast.net) or David Ferretti at (draef@msn.com).

Newsletter Editor's Top 5 Update for May:

1. Please note, that the May raffle will be for a 12 weight Gilmore reel. The cost will be 3 tickets for \$10 and 7 tickets for \$20. The winner for the Gilmore reel will be selected at the May meeting thus, giving members a couple of chances to win.
2. Welcome to new Crossroads Angler member Jonathan Snodrass who joined recently.
3. I suggest that you check out the Bear's Den website for salt-water fishing destinations over the Summer and early Fall.
4. In order to learn more about Stripers Forever check out the website link on Crossroads Anglers website...
5. *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.*

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!

Annual Crossroads Anglers Fishing Tournament

This is a very simple contest with the winners enjoying perpetual bragging rights (or forever, whichever comes first).

- It is open to all club members.
- Fish must be caught using a fly rod.
- Results must be measured, photographed and hopefully released.
- Each winner will be determined based on the entire length of the fish.
- All reported results will be based on the honor of the contestant.
- Results will be regularly posted on the site as they come in.

Categories will be based on species including but not limited to:

Fresh Water:

largemouth bass

smallmouth bass

pickerel

trout-brook, brown, rainbow

steelhead

Salt-Water:

salmon

striped bass

bluefish

albie

bonito

The contest will end November 30th, 2011 & awards will be presented at the December Crossroads meeting.

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 (June)
Wood River in Rhode Island (May)
Willimantic River in CT (June)
Salmon River in CT (May)
Farmington River in CT (June)
Indian Head River in Pembroke, MA (mid-May)

Saltwater Destinations

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

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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