



Newsletter September 2016

President's Letter

As far as the calendar is concerned summer has ended--that being to some people when Labor Day comes. I know the best time of the year for fishing is the Fall. Albies start showing and the trout are packing it in for the winter. Some of our group head to upstate New York to fish for steelhead.

We've had our first board meeting this past week and have laid out some projects we want to achieve. Some of those are more trips and to grow our membership. Steve is planning on changing the website password. It has not been done for a few years so make sure when you pay this year's dues you have the new password.

I am planning to have a trip (not sure where yet) for albie fishing. This will be a shore bound trip so hopefully anyone can try to catch these speedsters. Keep looking for the announcement and emails describing it.

Not much for this month's messages as I am sure most of us are getting back to our Fall routines.

This month we are planning to tie flies and to talk about our summer exploits or lowlights.

At the meetings voice your opinions: this is your club.

Tight lines hope to see you,

Joel



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NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday September 27, 2016
Location: Foxboro Community Center
Time: 630pm to 9pm

SEASON

STARTUP MEETING

FLY TYING NITE

BRING YOUR TYING GEAR

BRING YOUR SUMMER GOTCHA PICS

**BRING YOUR TALL TALES
OF THE ONES THAT YA ALMOST GOT BUT
GOT AWAY.....!!!**

BRING A FRIEND!

FLY TYING CORNER

Armand's Archives

OVERLOOKED!

A Few Thoughts on a Good Rod

I grew up in Fall River in a poor family. My dad got into fishing at a late time in his life. He instilled the joys of fishing in my early life. I remember him telling me the pros and cons of steel, fiberglass and bamboo rods. A special lesson was the importance of tackle to last a life time. Always get a good rod and reel! Don't worry about line, it's replaceable.

The names that were important to me were Heddon, Shakespeare, Garcia and Orvis. A big name in lines was Ashaway Line Company made in Ashaway, RI. Many noted fly fishers such as Ted Williams, Joe Brooks, Ted Trueblood, Harold Gibbs and Al Brewster used these lines. After the death of the president of Ashaway Line in a plane crash, they left the fishing part and devoted their time to tennis. We are blessed with Cortland, Scientific, Rio and Wulff lines. Some line companies left the scene. It is sad as these were also good groups such as Sunset, Newton, Gladding and Berkley.

I'm 72 years of age. I got to a point where I'm tired of seeing all the new rods, lines and reels. A few years ago I was fishing with a 29 year old guide for Striped Bass. I was using an Orvis 9 ft Light salmon rod (bamboo) built in the early sixties. The guy said: "I have been watching you cast. How do you keep the line in the air so long on the back cast then shoot the fly line a long distance. What kind of rod is that, it looks like wood". I asked his age and if he had ever seen a glass or bamboo fly rod. His answer was no--he grew up on graphite. He asked if he could try this rod. He was amazed at the power and



comfortable feel. His reply was "I got to get one of these rods".

The purpose of this article is information. From time to time people will ask 'can I try your rod'. I do fish with glass, graphite or bamboo. I enjoy it all. Their response is I like the feel, the action--where can I get one. The best answer: yard sales, flea markets, estate sales, family member that has died. People will show me their grandfather, even grandmother, father, or uncle's favorite rod. The cosmetics won't even come close to the beautiful finish on that \$ 800 glass rod. The relic of a rod will have a soul. Try one! You might enjoy and become addicted to fishing with gear and you just might find how peaceful it is on your body.

Happy fly fishing gear hunting



Flies from the Crossroads Anglers Archives

Striper and Bluefish Popper & Bills Body Braid Deadly Shiner
By Dick Empie



Materials

Hook: Mustard #CK74S SS popper, 2/0
Body: Wapsi "Perfect Poppers,"
Hard/Saltwater #2/0 (PPS20), white
bucktail
Thread--Danville "A" unwaxed white &
Danville 6/0 red
Davcon 5 min. epoxy
Holographic tinsel

Tools

Vise, Bobbin, Dremel
Roto tool: round bit & 1-Roto Cutter
Routerbit 1/4"
1 Block of Styrofoam or Ethefoam
Paint: fluorescent orange or red,
fluorescent green (chartreuse)
1 Automotive Acrylic clear

Bluefish--wire leaders for fly rod
American Wire Co. 30 lb. test & Norman
Lures Speed Clips

Materials

Hook: Mustard # Size #6 - #16, Best on #8

Beads: Raymond Rumpf Tungston Beads: Gold
Fly Use: Gold Bead Silver Fly Use: Silver Bead
Pearl Fly.

Use: Gold or Silver (Keep mylar same color as the
bead) Copper Fly Use: Copper Bead with gold
mylar body

Bead To Hook Size Table:

#6 use 3/16 Bead,
#8 use 5/32 Bead,
#10 - #12 use 1/8" Bead,
#14 - #16 use 3/32" Bead

Tail and Veil: Bills Body Braid in gold, silver,
pearl or copper

Threads: Danville "A" fly master + unwaxed,
Unithread 6/0 white,
Unithread 6/0 fire orange

Mylar: Gold/Silver #14 - #12

Red Krystal Flash

Adhesive: "Quick Tite" super glue

My Winters in Florida

By Mike Mathias



The older I get, the more winters in New England seem harder to bear and the longer they drag on, so after the winter of 2011 where it seemed I shoveled snow every third day during the entire season, I swore to never again shovel snow again for the complete duration of a winter season. This precipitated our decision to get out of Dodge and spend the majority of our winters in the Sunshine state. If it were up to me, I would be heading south after my Steelhead fishing trip in November, but in order to keep the peace, I must acquiesce to my spouses insistence on staying around for the Christmas and New Year holidays. So we have compromised and now generally leave for Florida a couple of days after the first of the year. We began doing this in January 2012, and have done so for the past 4 years, returning in May for the beginning of fall Striper migration in Massachusetts. The exception to this, was this year when a medical situation required us to stay home and thankfully the snow gods cooperated with very little snow to be shoveled. Our winter home is on the banks of the Little Manatee River in Ruskin, Fla., in an agricultural area amidst orange groves and strawberry fields. Tampa South RV Resort is not only on a river which harbors Snook and Redfish in the winter months, it is a 10 minute drive to the south coast of Tampa Bay and 15 minutes to the Gulf coast. In addition to that it is very affordable.

Unlike points further south in Florida, winters in this area, are not all about perfect weather conditions. Mornings can be a bit chilly with temperatures sometimes being in the 40s, requiring one to wear a jacket or fleece to be comfortable, but by noon time the chill is gone and 70 to 80 degree temperatures usually become the norm.

Tampa Bay provides an excellent inshore fishery for most of the year, but the winter months can be iffy, do to windy conditions and frequent cold fronts, which seem to come thru quite often. That being said the fishing can be fair to good for this time of year. ---->

Read the rest of Mike's excellent story and view the awesome pics of his adventures in the Tampa Bay area at the Crossroads Anglers website. It's just a few clicks away on our Homepage! Go there now!!

If it were this easy.....



Everyone would be doing it!



"Fine Lines"

Current and quotable:

"The difference between fly fishers and worm dunkers is the quality of their excuses." – Anonymous

"The two best times to fish is when it's rainin' and when it ain't."- Patrick F. McManus

"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles." – Doug Larson

This is our first monthly newsletter for the 2016-2017 season. Hope Everyone had a Great Spring & Summer doing what we like to do best: Flyfish! See you at the Meetings.
Editor