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Meeting Date: October 23rd, 2007, at 6:30 PM

From the President

Well, the first meeting is under the belt. It was great to see you all.

This month's meeting will feature a friend of mine, Gene Matteson. He was one of the first, if not the first, speaker at Crossroads and will talk about striper fishing in Narragansett Bay. This should be a great time.

I just returned from two weeks at my cabin in Maine and will be looking forward to some really good striper fishing for the next few weeks. If you have the chance you should get out there. Looking forward to tying some flies with you at the next meeting—bring your stuff. We will have coffee and refreshments since the dance school gets done at 6 PM.

Tight lines and screaming reels,
Howie

Election of Officers

We will hold the annual election of officers at the November meeting.

Meeting Agenda

October 23rd

Doors open 6:30 PM

Fly Tying

Beginner's Table with Rob Lurie

7: 15 Raffle:

A New Generation of Trout Flies, by Scott Sanchez, donated by Tom Pero, of Wild River Press.

Speaker: Gene Matteson

Gene Matteson

Gene has been fly fishing full bore for over 50 years. The majority of his fly fishing has been for trout. He has also had over 22 trips to the Miramichi River in New Brunswick, Canada, fishing for Atlantic Salmon. Most of the salmon that he has caught ranged from 5-15 lbs with the largest a 40" salmon that weighed 28 lbs. He was fortunate to have fished and visited with Ted Williams at his camp on the Miramichi.

When the stripers returned to this area around 15 years ago, Gene started fly fishing for them with a passion. Since he retired 10 years ago, he has caught over 16,000 stripers weighing up to 24 lbs, and countless numbers of bluefish as

well as false albacore, bonita, and blue fin tuna, all on flies he tied. So far this season he has caught 2,000 stripers, including 104 keepers plus 70 bass at 27" in length. All caught from a 14' Mirro Craft.

Gene has made several trips to Key West, Florida, fly fishing for giant tarpon. He hooked several and landed 3 giants, with the largest 6 ft. long, weighing 110 lbs.

He's had 14 articles on fly fishing published in the Rhody Fly Rodders monthly news letters as well as the *Providence Journal* and *On the Water*.

His latest article was in the *Providence Journal* on July 10, 2005, telling of the great striper fishing in Narragansett Bay in May and June that would have lasted until the end of August. This all changed when the great state of RI allowed a Fall River pogie boat to come up the Providence River each day until June 27th, when they took the last school of big pogies in the river and the bass left.

Tips and Tricks

Fall Fishing

Rob Lurie

The weather and water are cooling, the fantastic saltwater fishing is slowing, and the trout fishing is beginning to pick up again. We need to reset our minds to fishing with lighter tippets so we don't break off or "rip the lips" off the fish as we set the hook.

To me, it is still big fly time. With these old eyes, it is easier to tie the flies, tie on the tippet, and release the fish without much handling because the fish don't inhale a big fly very often.

I often say the knots in my leader are bigger than many trout flies. It takes finesse to land a fish on tiny flies and hair-thin tippets. The

larger flies allow for heavier tippets. The angler can "horse" the fish a bit and release the fish quicker so it may recover faster. I may not catch as many as the person using a midge but, with the bigger flies, bigger fish tend to eat them.

Fishing is a great chance to meet people and share techniques and ideas. Watch the people that are catching fish and learn from them. Maybe it is the placement of their flies on the water or their retrieve that is catching fish. Are they waiting longer for their line and fly to sink before retrieving? Are they stripping slow, fast, or erratically? Vary your method until you find what works for you.

Good fishing,
Rob

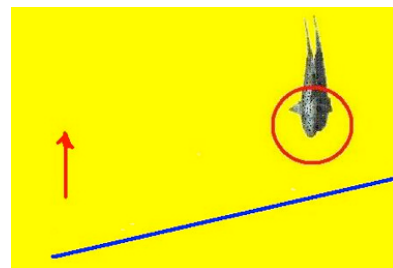
Internet Goodies

Rhode Island Fly Fishing Information
Ed Lombardo's Blog

<http://blog.edlombardoflyfish.com>

Ed Lombardo, the fly fishing guru of Rhode Island, reports on both fresh and salt water fly fishing several times a week on his blog. He also provides information on what flies and rigs he's found successful and includes fly tying tips.

For instance, the October 9th report on the Narrow River begins with the tip to "cast down and across Stream, 10 to 12 feet above and 6 to 8 feet beyond the fish. This will allow the fly to dead drift into the feeding fish.



The tip is followed by a detailed report on what was happening between 6 PM and dark, as well as what flies worked, and the danger of using a two-fly rig.



And, after fishing on the Wood River over the last weekend in September, he provided a detailed report on the terrestrials and insects he found as well as the patterns that worked and how to fish them.

Fly Fisherman
<http://flyfisherman.com>

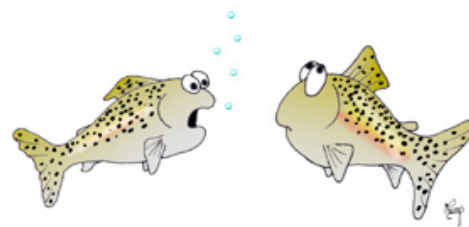
Flyfisherman.com is a rich resource for step-by-step fly-tying instructions. For instance, there’s an excellent article on tying the thorax blue-winged olive—which, we’re told, is a balanced fly with important trout triggers. For trout pay relatively little attention to the shape of a mayfly’s body, so “the wing and the ‘footprint’ of the fly are the most important triggers that cause trout to strike.” And the wing tied in the center of the body provides better balance.



See <http://flyfisherman.com/Learn2Tie/bwothorax>

There are also knot tying videos and information on fly tying techniques. These include: Fly Fishing 101, basic and advanced casting, how to release a trout, fishing with streamers, and fishing without indicators.

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"What do you mean no one is going to feed us so we have to eat BUGS!!"

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