

# New England Fly Tyers



NEWS LETTER

## President's Message

The New England Fly Tyers month of February has been a very busy time with our members tying their favorite flies for the upcoming fishing season which is going to start very soon with some of our hard core members already starting as the rivers are now running freely.

Our adult fly tying course has already completed its second week of instructions with eleven students busy tying their weekly flies with our two outstanding fly tying instructors Jim McKenney and Dale Mills who have turned out some impressive fly tyers over the course of 15 years of running this nationally recognize fly tying course.

We held our first meeting to get ready for our **Annual NEFT Banquet** which will be held on **Friday April 28**, at our meeting hall in Oxford. Our guest speaker for this

year will be Tim Flager from New Jersey. His banquet presentation will be **"What's Happening now on our Trout Streams"**, Tim is a nationally know videographer and fly tier who travels throughout the country giving presentations. You won't want to miss this presentation which includes a wealth of information geared towards trout fishing our streams and rivers. Tickets can be purchased either at our Monday meetings or by sending a check to our P.O. Box for \$25.00 per ticket, our P.O. Box is

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Also included will be our outstanding buffet with a desert table to follow the meal with coffee and tea. Prior to the buffet we will have a table with cheese and crackers along with fruits and vegetables with a bartender on hand upstairs for you to purchase drinks. The doors will open at 5:30 pm that night

so you can purchase raffle tickets and view the auction table and raffle tables that will be set up. We will start the buffet at 6:30 pm with our guest speaker starting at 7:15 pm we hope to see all our members and hopefully you will invite a guest to attend this year's NEFT-Banquet.

On **Monday February 27**, we are having another famous **Hot Dog Night** with our famous hot dogs and chili sauce, potato salad and deserts. You won't want to miss this event and you may not have to eat for a day or two after. The only item we ask members to bring is a small desert item.

Another great event to attend is the 10<sup>th</sup> Fly Tying and Bamboo Rod event on Sunday March 19, 2017 which is free from 10:00 AM -4:00 pm at the Wayside Inn, 72 Wayside Inn Rd, Sudbury, Ma which is

March 2017

**March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Open Tying  
Rod Building Class Begins

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Youth Outreach Begins

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Open Tying  
Board of Director's Meeting

**March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Pot Luck Supper  
NEFT Calendar

## Events to plan for:

**April 28<sup>nd</sup>**  
Banquet

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Board of Director's Meeting

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Club Outing

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Business Meeting (Last Meeting of the Year)

**June 3**  
Deerfield Outing

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## President's Message, continued.



put on by one of our own members Armand Courchaine. The event is held to support the stocking of the trout pond located behind the Inn for families to fly fish during the year. Make a day of it by eating at the Inn and walking the historic grounds as this is the oldest operating Inn in the country. Our **Pot Luck Supper** is on **Monday March 20** and we are always looking forward to the many different dishes that are brought in for this event.

The NEFT Rod Building

Course will start on Monday March 6, 2017 is taught by the one of the best rod builders on the east coast, Paul Breau, so if you intend to build a fishing rod please send an email to Paul Breau under contacts on the website or see Paul at the Monday night meetings

Our youth Outreach Program is starting on March 11, 2017 which is a seven week course held on Saturday mornings from 9 - 12:00 pm at the Leicester Rod and Gun Club, 1015 Whittimore Street, Leices-

ter, Ma. This course teaches the attendees the art of fly tying, fly casting, entomology, and conservation and along with sportsmanship. All students that complete the course receive a free fly tying vise and tools along with a fly rod and reel. This course is taught under the direction of Tom Foley and is assisted by other members of the NEFT club.

Sincerely,  
*Joe Simone*

NEFT President

## NEW "Market Place" and "Resources" Sections



Starting next month the NEFT will be hosting two new features to expand opportunities for NEFT members. The first addition will be a "Marketplace" page where members can submit items for swap or sale which will be listed on both the website and newsletter. This is intended to be an opportunity for members to alert

other members of fly fishing paraphilia they may wish to part with. A form will be available at each meeting that you can fill out and give to one of the board members. The form will contain your name, a brief description of the item you wish to advertise, the value you place on the item and how you wish to be contacted.

The second new feature will be a location on the website and also in the newsletter where vendors whom members recommend can have their business cards posted. The intent here is to provide members with resources they may need related to their fishing endeavors such as tying materials or other equipment.

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## Fly Fishing Socials



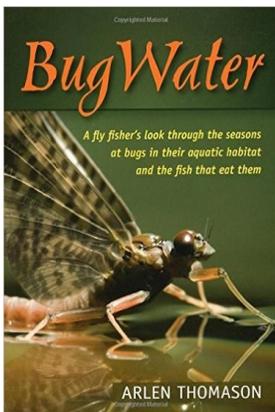
It won't be long and the snow will be melted, ice will be off the ponds, skunk cabbage will be in bloom and we'll all be itching to get out and wet a line. Although fly fishing can be an opportunity for solitude and peace, it's also a great chance for a small social event. One of the best examples is the Rhode Island group Armand Courchaine belongs to who gather on particular evenings each spring to fish for stripers along the RI coast. Some NEFT members have suggested that we try a similar activity where perhaps on alter-

nating weeks starting sometime in April we post on the website and in the newsletter a somewhat local location and time where members can gather to fish a particular water and share some good conversation. These would be impromptu gatherings not sponsored by the NEFT, but simply a gathering of members and guests who want to share an evening's fishing. This would also be a great opportunity for members who are new to fly fishing to learn about areas conducive to fly fishing and fishing with perhaps someone more expe-

rienced at the sport and get a suggestion or two to improve their casting skills, pick an appropriate fly, or how best to present that fly to a fish. Anyone interested in joining in on these excursions can contact me by way of the webmaster on our contacts page or just look for Curt at the meetings. We'd also welcome suggestions on likely spots you feel would be good for this type of activity. Events will be confirmed when we have at least one person confirmed to be in attendance.

## Book Review "Bug Water" by Arlen Thompson

### Published by Stackpole Books



A recent conversation with a friend and long time fly fisherman regarding the flies we tie and what insects we try to imitate got me to thinking. He was saying that we certainly have plenty of patterns for nearly every sort of bait, but do we know exactly what insects we're trying to imitate, what stage, what type of water are

they found in, when are they most likely to show up, and when is each stage most effective? I think that for even the best tyers there are some significant gaps in the knowledge of the wherewithal of the aquatic insect world. In "Bug Water", Arlen Thompson has given us a vast base of aquatic entomology designed to answer all of these questions and

more. And more importantly has done so in a logical manner. If you love fly tying and want to know how best to apply your efforts, it's actually a good read, instead of the more traditional dry prose normally associated with this sort of topic. Coupled with great graphics, this is worth the effort. Published by: Stackpole Books.



***To Promote Fly Fishing and Tying***

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The NEFT meets every Monday evening at 7 PM from the Monday after Labor Day to the Monday before Memorial day. We meet at the Singletary Rod & Gun , 300 Sutton Ave., Oxford Ma.

*NEFT is a non-profit organization of fly fishers and fly tyers. The purpose of the organization is to foster the art of fly tying, to promote the challenge of fly fishing, to encourage conservation and sportsmanship.*

*NEFT began in Worcester, MA in 1972. Our current membership comes from over 50 cities and towns in Worcester County. We believe that the NEFT is one of the most active clubs of its kind. We meet every Monday night from the Monday after Labor Day to the Monday before Memorial day, a total of 36 meetings in 9 months.*

**We're on the Web**

**[www.newenglandflytyers.org](http://www.newenglandflytyers.org)**

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## Membership Renewal Form

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Member: \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 Junior Member: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 Life Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation

Paid by Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by Check: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Contact Update:

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Questionnaire:

Please Print all Information so it is legible

\_\_\_ In an effort to keep NEFT activities current with the interest of membership, please take a minute to fill out the following questionnaire:

What species of fish do you primary fish for? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of flies do you most often tie? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you travel to fish and if so where? \_\_\_\_\_

What's your Favorite Fly Shop? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your Favorite Style of Fishing? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to share your fly fishing knowledge with other members of the  
New England Fly Tyers: \_\_\_\_\_

What fly fishing or fly tying experience would you like to try that you have not yet to experience or  
learn: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS OR COMMENTS THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO SHARE:

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As you all know, a club is only as strong as its membership. Please check off any of the following volunteer activities you might be willing to assist in:

Board of Directors \_\_\_\_\_ Club Greeter at Activities \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite Fly \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Fly setup and take down \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Set Up or Take Down \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Outreach \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Outreach Program \_\_\_\_\_

Monday Night Setup or Take Down \_\_\_\_\_ Coffee Setup and Take Down \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter Contributor \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND HAND IT TO US AT OUR MONDAY NIGHT MEETING OR MAIL IT TO THE FOLLOWING CLUB ADDRESS.**

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