

# New England Fly Tyers



NEWS LETTER

May 2017

## President's Message

President letter May, 2017

It's hard to believe, but we are coming to the end of another fly tying calendar year at our club meeting location. **Monday May 22, 2017 will be our last meeting until once again we gather in September 2017. The meeting on May 22 will also be a Business Meeting to go over the 2016-17 year and plan for the beginning of the new year in September. Also at this meeting we will serve Paul Breau's famous grilled hotdogs with Coney Island Chili, Potato Salad and Dan Spedding's famous Fish Cookies.** We have, I thought, improved our Monday night meetings to make it more interesting and enjoyable to attend. This meeting will give our members a chance to voice concerns, support the current direction or contribute ideas that will help to improve upon in the upcoming season. We will have election of officers so if anyone is interested in running for a position this will be the time to speak up.

We have three outings

scheduled, two in May and the last one in June. We ask that you sign up on Monday night or email us on the website under contacts if you plan on attending. **The first event is on Wednesday May 10, 2017 at the Wayside Inn, 72 Wayside Road Sudbury, Ma which is Armand Courchine's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trout Fishing Cookout at Josephine Pond from 5:00 pm till dark.** At this event it will be bring your own food to put on the grill that will be set up and I have been told there might be some homemade stuff pizza on the menu along with Coney Island Chili to put on your hotdogs. The **Walum Lake Outing at Douglas State Park is on Saturday May 13, 2017. The park is located at 107 Wallum Lake Road, Douglas, Ma 01516 and the event will run from 8:30am to 3:00 pm.** The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 for a family of four or more. At noon time we have a hot dog and Hamburg cook out so bring yourself along with your family and fish the stocked trout lake.

Our third outing is on **June 3, 2017 at the Deerfield River with a steak luncheon** with potato salad, macaroni

salad, and watermelon and we we ask that attendees bring a desert. The cost is \$10.00 per person with the lunch starting at 12:00 noon at the Zoar Picnic area located on Zoar Road in Charlemont. We ask everyone who is having lunch to show up at noon time to be ready to eat. At 1:00 an auction and raffle will be held by Reel for Recovery in the same picnic area which is a non-profit organization that conducts free fly-fishing retreats for men living with all forms of cancer, so bring some extra money as this is an outstanding event with a worthwhile purpose.

Also with Reel for Recovery program, Walt Geryk will be offering a free introductory basic and advance single and two hand Spey Casting, Fishing and Equipment Clinics and Demonstration starting at 7:30am to 11:30 am on the water at the Zoar Picnic area.

So for those members that have not signed up please do so at our Monday night meeting or email us through our website under contacts. These two events are open to guest as well so invite a friend and come fly

NEFT Calendar

**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)

Events to plan for:

**June 3**  
Deerfield Outing

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## President's Message, continued.

fishing with the New England Fly Tyers on this free fishing weekend in Massachusetts.

I would like to thank all of our members and guest that attended our Annual Banquet which was held on April 28, 2017 as it turned out again to be a huge success, but it could not happen without the banquet committee or without the help of members such as Paul Breau and his wife Anita who handle all the paperwork during our raffle and auction, Marty Nugent who was able to sell the most raffle tickets in the history of this banquet, the club members for setting up the raffle and auction tables, Dan Spedding for handling the raffle and auction portion of this event with the help of Tom Foley. We cannot forget Armand Courchaine for donating the number of books and fly tying material and equipment that was used for our raffle and auction, Jim McKenney for the use of his



New Hampshire vacation home that was used as a weekend auction item and to Curt Rudge for giving a day of Cape Cod Striper Fishing on his famous fishing boat for the auction as well. Also, we cannot forget Bill McGowan and his son Patrick for the extra time at the end in helping with the cleanup and for all the vendors and members who donated items and gift certificates for this event.

Our banquet presentation which was given by Tim Flagler of Tightline production from New Jersey from what I heard was a big success and very entertaining for those who fish and for those who don't fish.

On another note I need to thank all the Board of Directors for all the help they contributed during the course of the year. To Jim McKenney and Dale Mills for taking the time to teach the adult Fly Tying Course, Paul Breau for

handling the Vice President duties along with teaching this year's Rod Building Course, Tom Foley and his staff of NEFT members for teaching the young group of children how to tie flies and how to cast a fly rod during the Youth Outreach Program, Curt Rudge for taking the time to publish the monthly newsletter along with the many club announcements on our website, Bill McGowan for stepping up to the plate to handle the secretary position and making sure our club information was turned in time to have it published in the Worcester County News Letter every month and for our club treasurer Don Bocian for keeping our finances in order.

Again our last meeting will be on May 22, 2016 with a business meeting.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Your president

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### **Broken Tippets: H. Randolph “Randy” Swanberg Jr. Founding Member and Past New England Fly Tyer President**



It is with great sadness that we must report of the passing of founding member and past NEFT President, Randy Swanberg. Randy leaves a daughter, two sons and two grandchildren. However, his legacy to us at the New England Fly Tyers will mostly be remembered by his contributions to the club. As a founding member, Randy along with others started the NEFT at Paul Kukkonen’s tackle shop where they gathered each

week to tie flies. With his help and guidance, the club grew from this informal weekly gathering to the organization it is today. Randy served the NEFT in several capacities including president on more than one occasion. It was through Randy’s initiative that the learn to tie program got its start and through his discerning eye that the video we now use to teach the class was created. He was also the driving force be-

hind the start of the Youth Outreach program. I am sure that Randy would be proud to know that the results of all his efforts have effected so many fly fishermen and that his legacy will last for years to come.

Tight Lines Randy, you will be missed.

### **Annual Family Outing : Douglas State Park**

This year’s annual outing will be held on May 13 at Douglas State Park in Douglas. The outing will focus on the picnic area which is located just beyond the gate located at the boat launch area. Upon entering the park, stay to the left until you see the boat launch area directly ahead of you. The suggested parking area is the parking lot on the left just be-

fore you reach the boat launch. There are handicapped parking spaces in the boat launch area near the gate at the entrance to the picnic area. Fishing is available anywhere along the edge of the pond and the boat launch area offers an excellent opportunity to wade and cast to fish. The location also offers a great opportunity to utilize boats, canoes, kayaks or

floats, but please make sure to obey all laws regulating use of these devices. The lake is stocked with trout by both Massachusetts and Rhode Island offering plenty of opportunity. For anyone wishing to, there are also a number of trails that offer great hiking opportunities.



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

Our mailing address is:  
PO Box 164  
Worcester, MA 01613

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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