

New England Fly Tyers



NEWS LETTER

September 2018

President's Message

Of the four seasons we here in New England are so fortunate to experience, I think fall is the one that sportsmen most anticipate. After all, no matter what your outdoor interest, its tough not to find something to if you are an outdoorsman.

With fall comes the fall trout stocking and once again Massachusetts waters are filled with trout to keep anglers happy until ice out next spring when a whole new batch are delivered to start the cycle over again.

Bass, both largemouth and smallmouth are cruising shorelines looking to fatten up for the winter months to come and are great targets for those of us who prefer our fish on the fly.

For the saltwater fisherman, this is perhaps the best time to visit our coastal waters. The fall migration of Striped Bass has begun offering fly fishermen a great shot at trophy size fish. This is also the time

when schools of blue fish and false albacore maraud our shorelines looking to rip through the schools of baitfish that have dropped out of rivers, streams and estuaries headed south for warm waters and ample food.

Every Monday night we park our cars adjacent to the pheasant pens at the Singletary Club and it won't be long before we see the numbers in the pens begin to diminish as they are released for the upland bird season. It's a great time for everyone who loves to hunt, but especially for those with bird dogs who have diligently spent the off season working and training their companions and now have a chance to put it all to the test. Throw in a few grouse and woodcock and all that work is rewarded.

If upland birds aren't your fancy, perhaps the chance to score a few wood ducks to put some fine food on the table and some excellent

feathers to shore up your stock for this winter's tying. No matter what is your duck of preference, the fall migration is about to begin.

Ok, so if these aren't enough distractions, deer and bear seasons are just on the horizon. If these are your goals, hopefully you've spent some quality time in the woods and have your objective already identified. Whether you stalk or hunt from a tree stand, this is your season.

And let's not forget the fall turkey hunt. It's certainly a little different from the spring tactics, but still a great chance to score a bird for the Thanksgiving table.

No matter what your preference, fall has something for you. So get out there and enjoy it and join us on Monday nights to tell us about your successes and tie a few flies.

Tight Lines

Joe Simone, President

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Events to plan for:

September 10 -Opening Night of the 2018—2019 Tying Season

September 17 - Open Tying, Board of Director's Meeting

September 23 - Big MOE Outdoor Expo

September 24 - Open Tying

NEFT Calendar

September 10 - Opening Night

September 17 - Board of Director's Meeting

October 15 - Pot Luck Supper

October 22 - Favorite Fly

November 5 - Board of Director's Meeting

November 12 - Favorite Fly

December 10 - Macaroni and Meatball Supper

December 26 - No Meeting

December 31 - No Meeting

January 7 - Board of Director's Meeting, Banquet Meeting

January 14 - Favorite Fly

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October Happenings:

October 1 & 8 - Open Tying. Open tying nights are opportunities to come and tie your favorite patterns, get club news and even help with a new pattern you might be struggling with.

October 15 - Pot Luck Supper. Always one of NEFT's favorite events, members bring some of their favorite dishes to share with everyone. This event will be accompanied by a presentation on Saltwater Fly Fishing the Lower Cape.

October 22 - Favorite Fly. The "Favorite Fly" is a monthly fly tying demonstration by a member of a fly that he or she would like to share with others. A separate room is set up with a video screen for viewing the demonstration and plenty of tables and chairs for members to set up and tie along with the presenter.

October 29 - Open Tying. Another opportunity to add flies to your fly box.

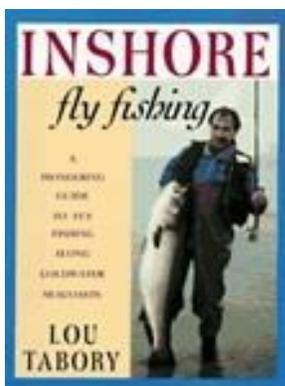


Broken Tipett: NEFT Life Member John Belanger passed on September 10, 2018. John was a club member since 1972, was one of the organizers of the Barre Fall Outing and both raised funds for and helped install the memorial benches donated by the NEFT at Barre Falls. He was an active member and great contributor to our program.



Book Review: INSHORE *fly fishing*

By Lou Tabory



For anyone looking to make the transition from fresh water to salt water fly fishing, especially here in New England, Inshore fly fishing by Lou Tabory is the place to start. As a pioneer in the world of inshore fly fishing, Lou understands how to make the transition and in this book provides the reader with the information necessary to venture into coastal waters and be successful.

In Part One, he describes almost all inshore waters a fisherman will encounter, from rips, beaches, jetties, flats, rocky cliffs, to reefs, estuaries, offshore rips, blue water and open water. He describes the structure or environment encountered, provides

photos of each, clearly describes the hydraulics involved, where to most likely locate fish and the best way to approach fishing that location with descriptive and understandable prose and helpful drawings.

Part two is an in depth discussion of the popular game fish found in our northeast waters. He describes in detail the most popular inshore gamefish most frequently sought by fishermen here in New England such as striped bass and bluefish, but also introduces less popular or visitor's that are more infrequent to our waters such as weakfish, bonito and albacore. He describes what waters are most likely to contain them, how they feed, how they fight, any special features of each fish and what are the best times to fish for them.

Part three is a deep dive into the equipment and techniques necessary to conquer the often times hostile coastal environment, deal with the fish you are seeking and casting the flies you hope will bring you success.

Once you understand the equipment he recommends, he explains how to rig them, cast them and then the techniques used to present your offering, hook the fish and fight them. Perhaps the most interesting section in part 3 to NEFT members are the flies he recommends for each species sought.



Part Four caps off the education by describing the tides and their effect on the various aspects of saltwater fly fishing. Also included are the effects of weather, wind, and temperature on coastal fly fishing.

For the budding saltwater fisherman, Lou Tabory's Inshore Fly Fishing is a one stop reference that will take you on a step by step process that will lead you to your first saltwater fish on a fly.

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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:

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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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