Hi All

The first meeting of the United Fly Tyers of Rhode Island was an excellent opening day. Estimates ran from 38 to 40 attendees. We missed one of our featured tyers, Steve Cook, who was in an accident on the day of the meeting. Steve is fine and will be tying his sparse bonito fly for the October meeting.

Joke of the month; How do you make one million dollars operating a fly shop?

Thanks to all the instructors who gave their time, knowledge and materials, welcome to the new members of the club they are:

 Dana Kopec

 John Genovesi

 Joseph Kearns

Winners of the bucket raffles were:

 Glen Northrop

 Ann Galliger

 John Kalooski

 Jeff Perry

The tyers for the October3rd meeting are: Steve Cook (s), Russ Ahlgren (s), Ann Mari Alberino (s), Scott Travers (f), Mike Lombardo (f) and Peter Burgess (f)

The survey results from last May were discussed at the board meeting and the overall consensus of those who responded were that members are happy with how the club operates. Here are some of the suggestions.

Name Tags

* + It has been tried in the past with varying results. we will explore it further

Detailed tying instructions

* + it will be left to t the instructors discretion

Fishing get together

* + The club is a fly tying organization and cannot sponsor fishing outings due to insurance, however “Friends of UFTRI” could get together on their own, also there are other clubs that do have outings (Rhody Fly Rodders, RISAA)

The members who expressed interest to be on the board, please speak to a board member

Many of the flyes being tyed are essential “on deck” that is they are in order of the hatch charts and migration of bait fish

Interruptions at the fly tying tables should be kept to a minimum.

Dues of $30 for the year, are due, so payment with a check is appreciated. Russ and myself are collecting salt water flyes for the UFTRI collection and UFTRI donations to nonprofit organizations. Last year the club donated flyes to the following organizations:

* Rhody Salt Water Fly Rodders
* Stripers Unlimited
* TU North, and TU Narragansett
* Rhode Island Center Assisting those in Need (RICAN)

The club asks that members who are willing to donate three or more salt water flyes of quality, so the club can in turn donate them to Rhody Salt Water Fly Rodders, and Stripers Unlimited. The club has fresh water flyes for the local TU chapters, but would welcome more. Thanks in advance.

Dave Pollick said that there are a number of shad being caught in Narrow River. Bonitos are still here and being caught from shore but the numbers are dwindling. Albies are few and far between with just a few reports of some being caught, they should be here in numbers soon. Brookies will be starting to spawn, so keep that in mind when in their environment. Please send fishing related pictures to Cyndi (dragonlady50@hotmail.com), so that they can be posted on the web site.

Answer; Start with two million

Thanks. and see you October 3rd at 6:30 at the KOC.

Jeff