

## Letter from the President

With the Holidays over and winter settling in around us, if you're like me you are probably thinking about what flies to tie for the upcoming season. What will be the "Killer" fly for 2007?? It's a tough call. If anyone has insight into this please share it with the rest of us.

I would like to welcome aboard our three new Board members: Tony Brannigan, Joe Daley and Alex Sinelnik.

At our Directors meeting in December we started to set up programs and fishing trips for the upcoming year. This is a most difficult task. Membership input is very important so when you are at any of the upcoming fly fishing shows this year (Philadelphia Sportsmen Show @ Valley Forge Convention Center Jan.18,19, 20 & 21 and the Sommerset Show Jan. 26,27 & 28) and see something interesting, collect a business card and once again share the information with us or if you'd like to run a fishing trip let me know.

One of my main goals for this year is to increase membership numbers and membership involvement. I asked for suggestions at the Directors meeting and Alex Sinelnik mentioned involving the Boy Scouts. What a great idea. I've contacted the local scoutmaster with an invitation to help scouts earn their Fly Fishing merit badge. This is a fairly involved process and will begin with our Fly Tying Classes. I will need help from the membership covering all the aspects of the badge requirements.

I am also looking for someone to help out with a TU state level program called "Trout In The Classroom". I will explain all the details at the meeting. There are two schools in our area involved in the program. If you are interested in helping out please contact me.

Please keep in mind the upcoming Banquet on March 24<sup>th</sup>. I believe all who attended last year had a good time. Also your "Activities Fee" for 2007 of \$15.00 is due this month.

Bob Powell