

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

May 2008

This is the time of the year that our sport offers it highest rewards. We spend a long winter talking the talk and walking the walk by tying flies and reading John Gierach books. We may have ventured out in late March or a trip or two in early April but May brings on the Mayflies. What a great time to be fishing. This year the hatches have been strong and very rewarding for the dry fly fisherman. Hopefully everyone has been getting out to enjoy it. One of the reasons I joined our Chapter was to take advantage of the trips offered to the membership. They are a great way to learn and enjoy the sport. If you are planning a trip and would like to offer it to the membership let me know and I'll send out the info through our Email database.

Most of our members travel to numerous streams in many states throughout the season, which brings to mind the problem of transporting invasive species from one area to another. Rock Snot, *Didymosphenia geminata* invasive algae, has been reported in the Battenkill, Connecticut River, Delaware River and Yellow Stone National Park. The Rock Snot creates a dense mat, which covers the bottom and the rocks blocking any insect activity. There are many theories on how it is spread but here are four things that can help us to not be the source.

1. **Remove** all dirt, plants and other material from your gear before leaving a body of water.
2. **Rinse** your gear with clean water.
3. **Thoroughly dry** your gear
4. **Never transport** plants or animals from one body of water to another.

There are a number of websites offering much more information. www.cleananglers.org and www.protectyourwaters.net are just two but if you "Google" rock snot you will see there are over 1800 sites.

Chris Gatley will be our guest speaker for the May 28th meeting. Check out his website <http://www.ardentangler.org/meetthecaptain.html> for more information.

There is a cabin available at Stokes State Forest for Memorial Day weekend. The dates of availability are 5/24 to midday 5/27 and then again on 5/30 to midday 6/2. The cabins will sleep 4 and have kitchen and toilet facilities. The Flat Brook is a short drive away. The cost is \$45.00 per night. If interested see Bill Fink or me. rip-sep@comcast.net

In closing I'd like to thank Dan Pelly for organizing the Pocono Trip. Yes, we had some rain but the fishing was great.

See you at the May 28th meeting.
Bob Powell

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