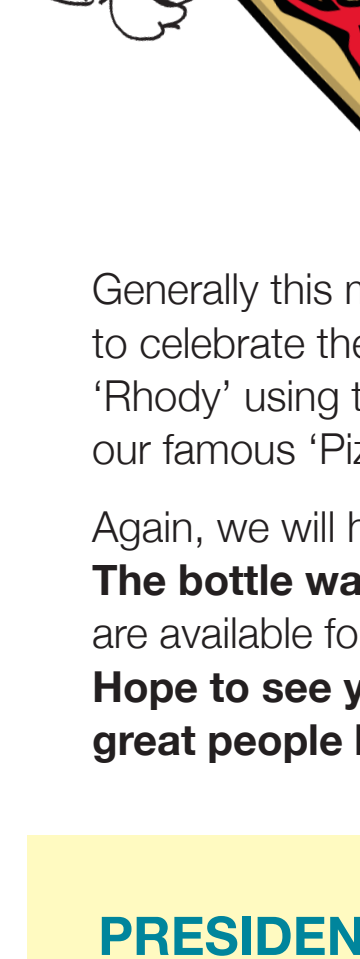


April Meeting PIZZA PARTY Summer Season Kick-Off!



Tuesday, April 19th 6:30pm
Come join us for our Annual Summer Fishing Season Kick-Off Celebration!

Come join us on **Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30 pm**, when we will continue with our last winter indoor meeting until October. After we eat we will have a nice little video showing of 'Fly Fishing for Stripers on Cape Cod.' A nice look at fishing the Cape Cod flats during the sandeel hatch and a section on fishing from a boat in the famous 'Cape Plops!'

Generally this month we would have had one of our famous 'Rhody Cookouts' to celebrate the coming of our fishing season, but the rules have changed as to 'Rhody' using the fire pit here at the Riverside Sportsmen Club. So, we will go with our famous 'Pizza Party' this time, and hope for a change in the rules.

Again, we will have a few **Great Raffle Prizes**, and some **fishing tackle for sale**. **The bottle water and soft drinks are on us this evening**, and bar refreshments are available for purchase!

Hope to see you there! Bring a friend and introduce them to some great people here at Rhody Fly Rodders!!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I guess it doesn't seem fair, but as soon as we got back to getting together for indoor meetings...it's time to stop and do some fishing! But I guess that's pretty favorable with most of us. That's what we do best!

Thank you all for the turnout for our indoor meeting last month, as we had one of the largest crowds (60-65 persons) we've had in quite a while. Love to see a whole group of new members join us and get to know everyone. I think our club just got much stronger with these additions. And, everyone seems to be anxious to get fishing! I know I am!

A big thanks to Ed Lombardo and his great presentation last month on the Narrow River, as everyone was interested to know more about the 'Narrow,' and Ed didn't disappoint!

The board of directors got together last week and we put our collective heads together, (don't know if that's good or bad) and came up with a 'Fishing Get-together Schedule for our summer fishing! We added a few new venues, plus the usual haunts, and I think we covered the state fairly well! **I will have plenty of copies for you to take with you at this coming meeting. There is also a copy posted below you can print.**

Hope to see you on April 19th! Bring a friend!

P. Nilsen
 PETER NILSEN, President



CASTING ABOUT

OFFICERS AND BOARD ELECTIONS

At our March meeting we finally had our election of officers of Rhody Fly Rodders.

Below are the officers and board members that were elected and will lead us for the rest of the year. Congrats!

PRESIDENT – Peter Nilsen **VICE PRESIDENT** – Ray Stachelek **TREASURER** – John Pope
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Dave Loren, Barry Rideout, Bob Teeden, John Edwards

ANNUAL CLUB DUES ARE DUE

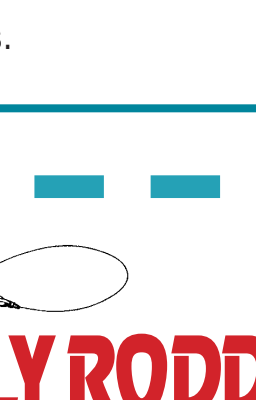
There are a few that still own dues for this year. If you would please see John Pope at this month's meeting or send to him at his address below. The amount has changed – Yearly dues are now \$30.00. For those of you that have paid, see John at this month's meeting for your new membership card. It's tough sending out 160 new cards out in the mail!

You can pay John Pope our Treasurer, by sending a check for \$30.00, made out to Rhody Fly Rodders, and send to: John Pope, 6 Canonchet Drive, Portsmouth, RI 02871. A new membership card will be given out when paid.

Thank you for your membership!

Fishing Shows Schedules 2022

THE FLY FISHING SHOW
 Royal Plaza, Marlborough, MA
 April 22, 23, 24, 2022



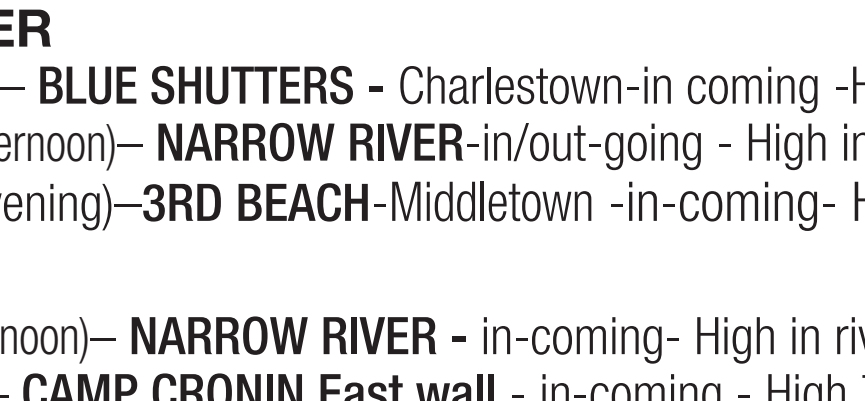


THE PAST RISSA SHOW

I want to thank those members that helped out at the recent RISAA Fishing show. Thanks to Dave Loren, Susan Esterbrook, Barry Rideout, Greg Houde, & Joe Burnett.

They made it much easier to run the booth. Plus we had great success this year in raising over \$400.00 selling the flies we tied this past year, for our chosen charity, 'Project Healing Waters!'

Thank you all that made this a great success.



2022 SUMMER FISHING SCHEDULE

There are **16 of them this year**, from May to November!
Check the dates as they are not all on Tuesday like last year!
 We tried to add a few new places this year to increase our catch rate success and to explore new opportunities.
No cookout, just fishing! Always fun!!!

MAY
 Tues. 10th (Afternoon)– BARRINGTON POND - in-coming - High 4:00pm
 Sunday 15th (Afternoon)– NINIGRIT POND - in-coming - High 8:45pm
 Tues. 24th (Afternoon)– COLT STATE PARK - in-coming - High 4:30pm

JUNE
 Thurs. 9th (Afternoon)– BRISTOL NARROWS - in-coming - High 4:30pm
 Tues. 14th (Evening)– KINGS PARK, Newport - in-coming - High 8:40pm
 Tues. 28th (Evening)– KINGS PARK, Newport - in-coming - High 8:30pm

JULY
 Tues. 12th (Evening)– NARROW RIVER- in-coming - High in river 9:00pm

AUGUST
 Thurs. 4th (Evening)– QUONNY - out-going - High Tide in pond 3:00pm

SEPTEMBER
 Tues. 6th (Eve)– BLUE SHUTTERS - Charlestown-in coming -High 5:00pm
 Tues. 13th (Afternoon)– NARROW RIVER-in/out-going - High in river 1:00pm
 Tues. 27th (Evening)–3RD BEACH-Middletown -in-coming- High 9:30pm

OCTOBER
 Mon. 3rd (Afternoon)– NARROW RIVER - in-coming - High in river 4:15pm
 Sat. 8th (3pm)– CAMP CRONIN East wall - in-coming - High 7:30pm
 Sat. 29th (Afternoon)– NARROW RIVER - (out-going) - High in river - 1:45pm

NOVEMBER
 Tues. 1st (Noontime)– FOGLEND Tiverton - in-coming- High 2:30pm

Arrive when you can and stay as long as you want.

Support Your Local Guides

Again, here is a list of some of the Captains & Guides that are experts in guiding fly fishing trips in local salt & fresh waters.
Some are Rhody members, all are friends!

Cast-a-Fly Charters – with Capt. Ray Stachelek (Saltwater/Boat)
 401-884-3794 – www.castaflycharters.com

Fly-Fish RI – with Capt. Bob Hines (Fresh and Saltwater Wading Guide)
 401-949-5021 – www.flyfishri.com

Little Rhody Charters – with Capt. Bill Murphy (Saltwater/Boat)
 401-368-7830 – www.littlerhodycharters.com

On-The-Rocks Charters – with Capt. Rene Letourneau (Saltwater/Boat)
 401-359-3625 – www.ontherockcharters.com

Skinny Water Charters – with Capt. Jim Barr (Saltwater/Boat)
 401-465-8751 – www.skinnywaterchartersri.com

Teezer77 Guide Service – with Capt. Eric Thomas (Saltwater/Boat)
 401-524-7239 – www.teezer77.com

Ed Lombardo – Fresh and Saltwater Wading Guide
 401-497-0807 – edlombardo8@gmail.com

No Fluke Charters – Capt. Dave Monti (Saltwater/Boat)
 401-480-3444 – dmontifish@verizon.net

Turn in a Poacher

When fishing this summer, keep an eye out for Poachers and Regulation Violators. Every infraction effects the reduction of stocks, quality of our catches, and protection of the habitat.

DEM HOTLINE – 401-222-3070
LAW ENFORCEMENT – 401-222-2284

FISHING TACKLE FOR SALE

I'm leaving this sale list in this month's newsletter again as the season is fast approaching, because some of you might find that these may be nice bargain, based on the escalating prices that some of this equipment is commanding this season!

- **SAGE 'Ignitor' Fly Rod, Custom built by Dave**, w/tube – 9' 9wt. New! Asking \$500.
CONTACT – DAVE LOREN – djlelectric34@gmail.com

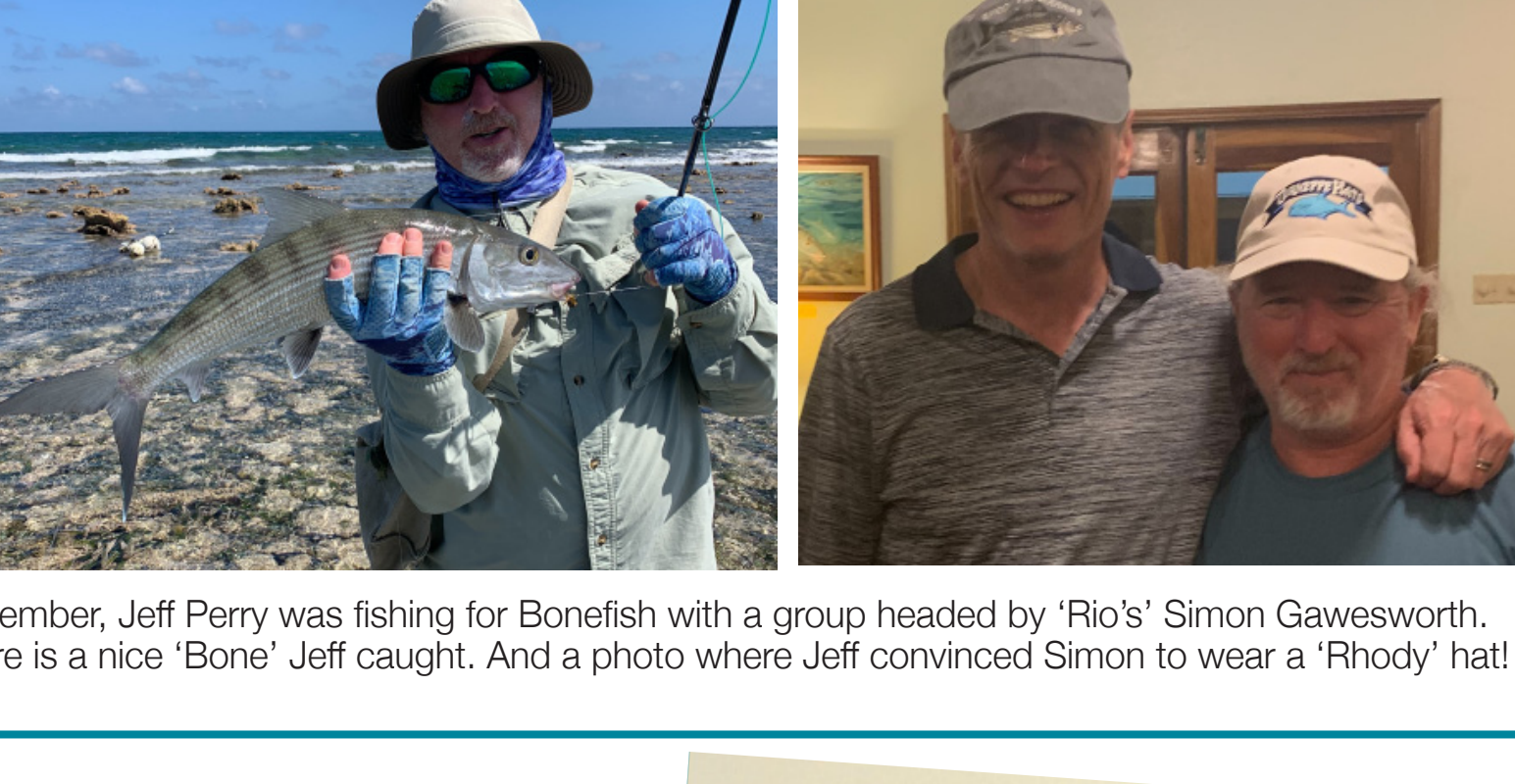
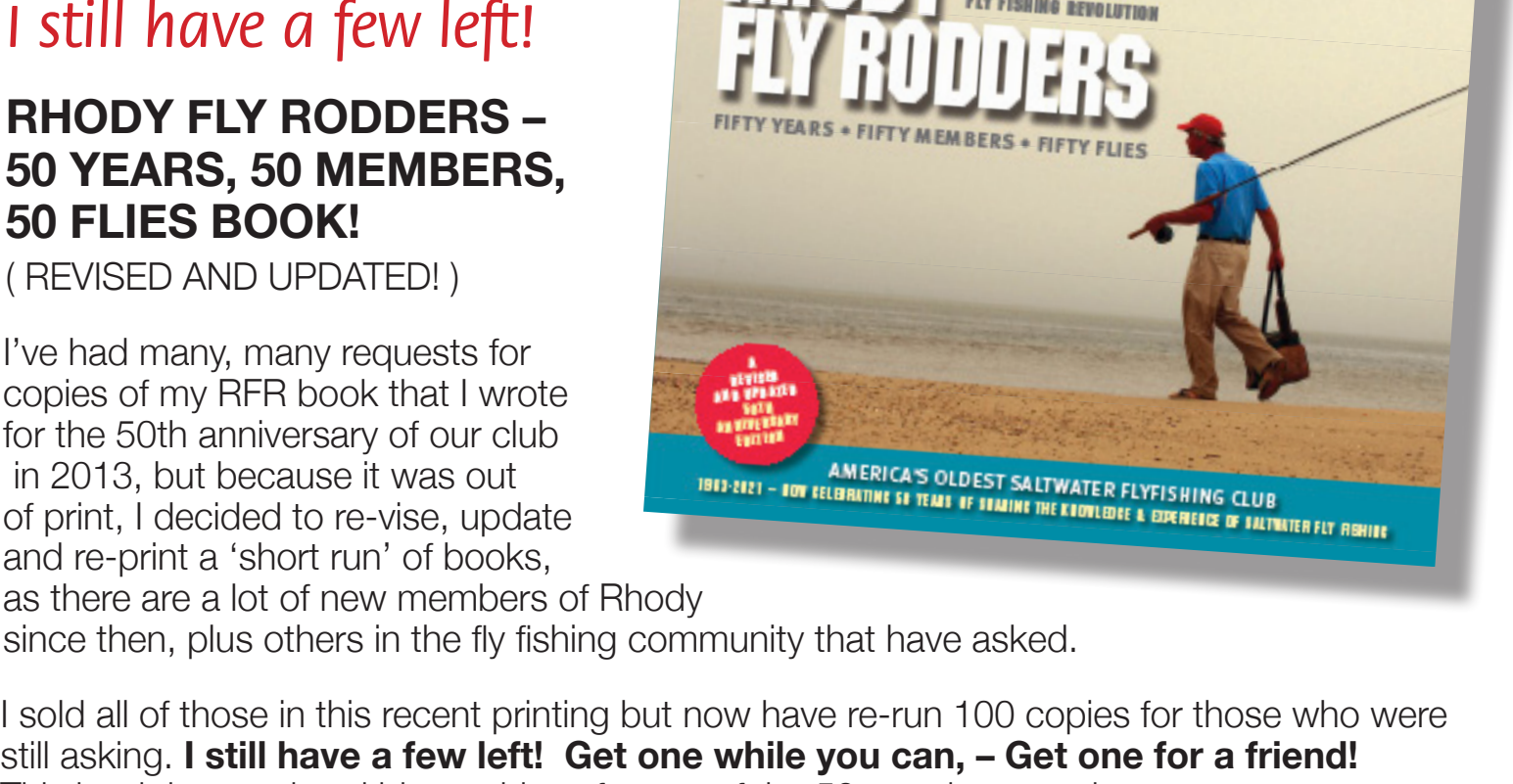
- **CABELAS, HDT Fly Rod** – 9' 10wt. 4 pc in tube. Like new \$100
- **REDELING TFS Fly Rod** – 9' 10wt, 4 pc. Like new \$120
- **DIAMONDBACK Meeker Glass Fly Rod** – 8'6", 6wt, 3pc in matching fiberglass tube. \$140
- **ECHO RIVER Glass Fly Rod** – 8' 5wt, 4 pc. Blue color S glass, Un-fished, Matching fiberglass tube with sock. \$150.
- **G LOOMIS NRX- Fly Rod** – 9' 6wt, 4 pc. With tube and sock- Only once. \$400
- **LL MOONLIT LUNAR S Glass Fly Rod** – 8' 6" 4 pc 8wt- lawn cast only. \$225
- **LL BEAN, Double L Fly Reel** – Size 4 (10-11 wt) With spare spool, Fully machined, anodized with sealed drag. New / unused in boxes. \$200 for set.

CONTACT – DAVE AGUIAR – weehooker@charter.net 508-493-1117

• HARDY JET Switch Fly Rod 'Sinxtrix' – 11' 8/9 wt. Complete w/ Sock and Tube. Excellent Condition. Asking \$225.
CONTACT – BARRY RIDEOUT – barrys490@aol.com

THE FISH ARE HERE!

Ever since Ed Lombardo gave his 'Narrow River' presentation last month, he, Susan Esterbrooks, and Geno Rapa have been catching quite a few during March, exactly where Ed said they would be! Ed said the Stripers were taking 'Mummychugs' for a few days. When the bait was gone, so were the fish! That's why they call it 'fishing!' Should be a bit better when the water warms up!

Member, Jeff Perry was fishing for Bonefish with a group headed by 'Rio's' Simon Gavesworth. Here is a nice 'Bone' Jeff caught. And a photo where Jeff convinced Simon to wear a 'Rhody' hat!

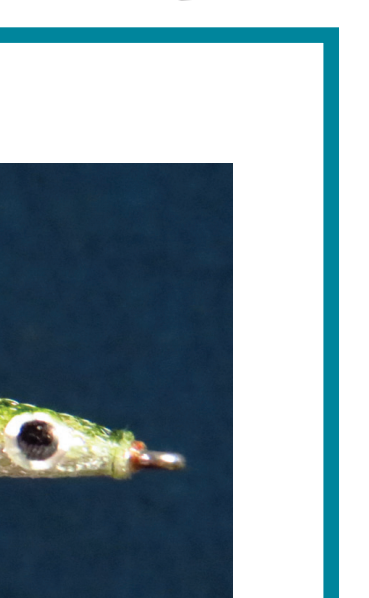
Get yours now! I still have a few left!

RHODY FLY RODDERS – 50 YEARS, 50 MEMBERS, 50 FLIES BOOK!
 (REVISED AND UPDATED!)

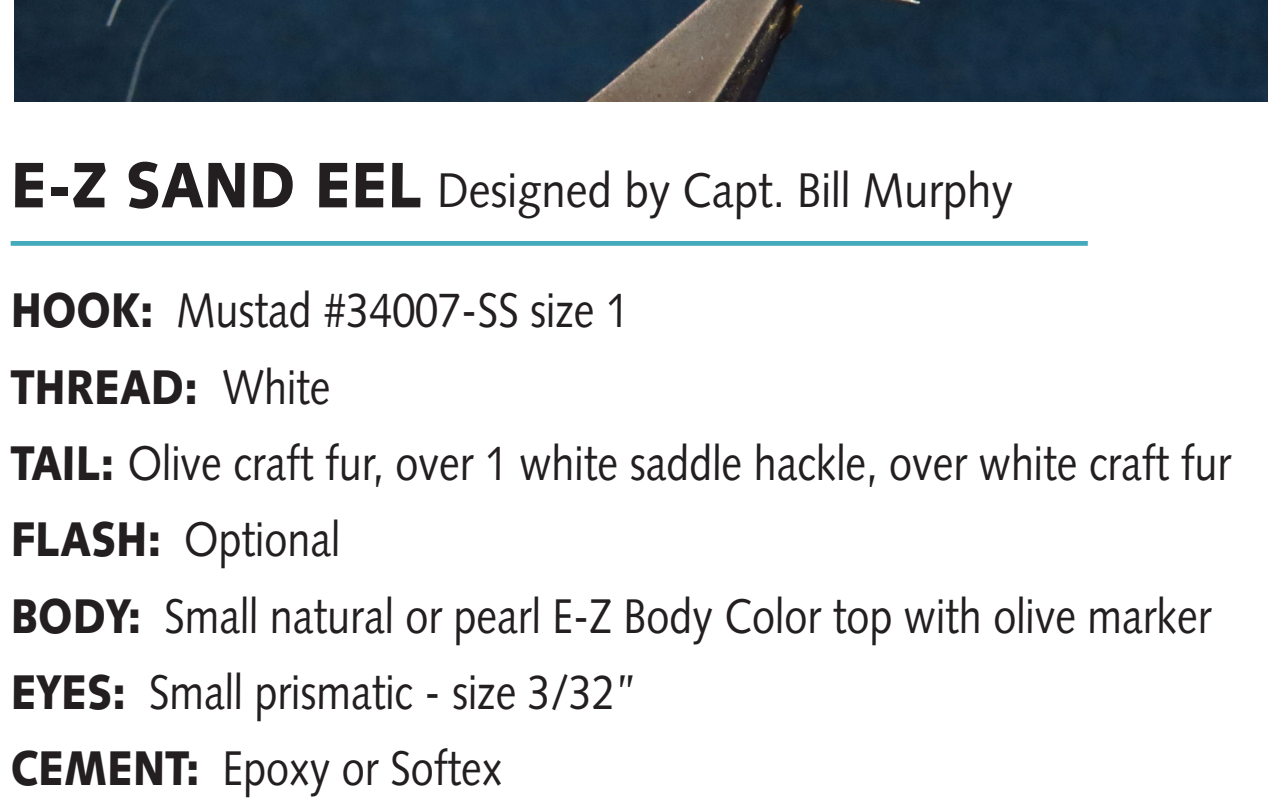
I've had many, many requests for copies of my RFR book that I wrote for the 50th anniversary of our club in 2013, but because it was out of print, I decided to re-write, update and re-print a 'short run' of books, as there are a lot of new members of Rhody since then, plus others in the fly fishing community that have asked.

I sold all of those in this recent printing but now have re-run 100 copies for those who were still asking. **I still have a few left! Get one now while you can, – Get one for a friend!** This book has updated biographies of some of the 50 members, and a new cover featuring Kenney Abrames, and a special page tribute dedicated to our fallen comrade, Armand Courchainet!

The price is \$32.00 – **\$30.00 for members!** If shipped, add \$3.00. They are also available at The Bears' Den and The Saltwater Edge.




FLY OF THE MONTH



E-Z SAND EEL Designed by Capt. Bill Murphy

HOOK: Mustad #34007-SS size 1
THREAD: White
TAIL: Olive craft fur, over 1 white saddle hackle, over white craft fur
FLASH: Optional
BODY: Small natural or pearl E-Z Body Color top with olive marker
EYES: Small prismatic - size 3/32"
CEMENT: Epoxy or Softex

Roll Back technique: Variations of it are used when creating Bullet Heads, Poppers, Reverse Heads, Sliders, etc. Easily performed once the end of the tubing is neatly secured using the "Draw Down" technique. Then roll the tubing in reverse, or over itself. Think of it as turning a pair of socks inside out. Create Bullet Heads by turning the tubing completely inside out, you must however pre-measure the desired head size before doing so.



Oh, the fly in your soup, sir?...I'd recognize that fly anywhere. It's the world famous 'Illusion fly,' tied by that famous fly fisherman, Geno Rapa.

On behalf of the Officers and Board members, of Rhody Fly Rodders, I want thank you for your patience during this past crazy Winter meeting season! As this will be our last indoor meeting till October, I hope you will join us this month for our 'Pizza Party Kick-off!' We also hope you join us during the Summer fishing season as we will be getting together many times, at many places throughout the area as we chase our elusive 'Striped Bass!' Check out the fishing schedule for times and places!
 Have a great Summer!

Peter Nilsen, President