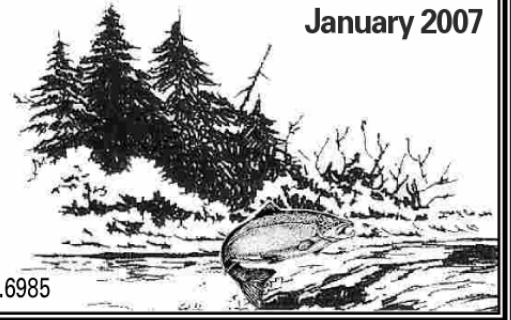


# The Salmon Run



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## *From the President's Corner*

*The format for The Salmon Run is temporarily changed while Tom DeBruin takes a well deserved vacation and RJ Mere attempts to fill in for the layout and printing process. The standard newsletter format will return when Tom resumes with his capable skills.*

By Dan Bonville

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that everybody had wonderful holidays these weeks past. It's time for those New Year resolutions and among them should be some fun plans for the upcoming spring, summer, and fall fishing trips and other types of outdoor adventures.

First come the dreams, then the all important planning, and if everything works and comes together, we'll be up on the Moose River or playing salmon on the Res-tigouche or maybe somewhere out west or up in Alaska with fly rod in hand.

What a wonderful meeting we had on December 13, with a great dinner prepared by Lynn Jackson and a very spirited program featuring Harold Porter and his antique camping and cooking equipment. We had so many members and guests that Skp, Nick, and John Blunt had to make a run for extra munchies to make sure that everybody got their fill.

Mark Woodruff updated us on his work on dam relicensing though there is more work to be done before the agreements can be finalized.

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John Blunt spoke on the readiness of our Atlantic salmon fry hatchery. An evening meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, in the lab at the hatchery for those interested in helping with the eggs when they arrive and for anybody who is interested in helping out with the re-piping of the feeding troughs once that work gets underway.

John Burroughs will also be at the hatchery for a small get together for all who are interested in working with Nick Sibilica, Tyler Wilson, Sue Polands, and Dan Bonville on the Fish Friends Program. Lots of young students will once again raise baby Atlantic salmon in their own classrooms in schools throughout southern Maine and they will need our help especially later in the school year with hatchery tours

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and lessons.

The hatchery classroom will also be busy January 10 with the first of our fly tying and rod making classes. Our first program will be supplied by Neil Townsend. He will show a video by Jim Teeny showing the uses of pheasant feathers in making several outstanding nymph patterns. Neil will also supply the hooks and feathers and you'll need your fly tying kit. Fly tying programs will be held on the second and fourth Wednesday evening of each winter month beginning at 6:30 PM in the hatchery classroom.

I am working on the 2007 Saco River Salmon Club's calendar of events and will have it to each and every member next month with the February newsletter. We've got some great plans for upcoming fishing trips; some are our annual trips to the North Branch of the Dead River, our trip up to the Moosehead Lake area, and a get together up in Rangeley but this year we hope to have more one day outings to fish for everything from bluegills to bluefish in local waters. If you have any ideas for something new please call me at 207-625-7693.

Our next general meeting will be on January 17 with both a dinner and a program with discussions on the plans that Plum Creek wants to put in place up on Moosehead Lake. One of our members, Dr. Tony Owens will fill us in on his thoughts about the proposed plan.

We have a busy winter, spring, and summer planned for our club and I hope that you will all have a chance to enjoy both our work and our play. Happy New Year from Sandy and me!

## *December Social Meeting: Camp Stoves of Yesteryear*

By Mark Woodruff

The December social meeting was unique in several ways. First we had a great meal prepared by

Lynn Jackson and Tom DeBruin. The entrée featured roast pheasant and quail compliments of Paul Brady. Supper was followed by what could be considered Antique Road Show à la Saco River Salmon Club.

Club member Harold Porter brought in a portion of his collection of antique camp stoves and cookware. Stoves manufactured by Coleman and several of its early competitors make-up his collection. Harold has spent twenty-seven years buying, trading, and restoring some of the most unique pieces of early cooking equipment used for week-end picnics or backwoods camping. One of my favorites items was the 1915 drink jug with four cups. Why we're stuck with one cup inserted in a jug I'll never know. Evinrude made the camp stove I found most interesting. Who would have imagined that the maker of boat motors could design a camp stove so portable. (John Cadwallader – you would have been impressed how all the parts fit together economizing space.)

If you would like to learn more about this type of collecting, visit the International Coleman Collectors Club website:

[www.colemancollectorsclub.com](http://www.colemancollectorsclub.com)

## *Happy New Year!*

By Mark Woodruff

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you've had a good holiday season spending time with family and friends or finding time to relax on your own. And how could a new year begin without thinking about the one gone by and planning for the year to come? This couldn't be truer for the Club directors.

The final directors' meetings of 2006 were spent discussing the 2007 hatchery season. RJ Mere's email (like the ball dropping in Times Square), notifying the Club that our first egg shipment will ar-

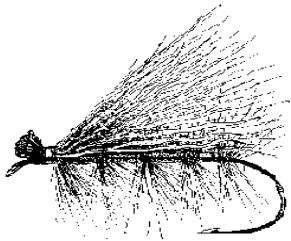
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rive on January 5, started the new season early. Volunteers will still be needed after the delivery to pick dead eggs and prepare for the second batch.

To make sure all volunteers are familiar with the hatchery operation and caring for the eggs, a special meeting will be held Wednesday January 10 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Dave Bean (National Marine Fisheries Service) and Paul Christman (ME Atlantic Salmon Commission) along with veteran hatchery workers will be discussing modifications that will be implemented this year to improve fry survival in the hatchery. This will be a good opportunity for new volunteers to meet some of the more experienced folks that keep the hatchery in such good shape. Volunteers of all experience are encouraged to attend this planning session and also schedule times for egg picking.

Concurrently, a separate meeting will be held in the hatchery classroom with guest John Burrows of the Atlantic Salmon Federation (ASF). We have a new group of volunteers who will be leading hatchery tours and monitoring progress of classroom incubators in conjunction with ASF's Fish Friends program. The meeting, also beginning at 7:00 p.m. on January 10, will be a great opportunity for volunteers interested in helping with egg delivery to area schools and leading spring tours of the hatchery.

The 2007 hatchery season is off to a fast start. Let's make sure that the guy named Someone Else doesn't end up volunteering on his or her own. We're an organization of 200 members; so many hands will make light work. See you at the hatchery.



## Four Noteworthy Websites

By Mark Woodruff

All right, I'll admit I purchased most of my Christmas gifts online, but I'm not want one tell you to spend your time surfing the web. However, here are a few links to interesting websites for organizations addressing Atlantic salmon restoration.

<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/gulfofmaine/index.htm>

<http://www.maine.gov/asc/>

<http://www.asf.ca/>

[www.sacosalmon.org](http://www.sacosalmon.org)

## SRSC Needs to Record Its History

By RJ Mere

In the December issue of The Salmon Run, Dan Bonville wrote a column about some of the people and dates that were important to remember as the beginning efforts for the foundation of the Saco River Salmon Club. Unfortunately, some names were not mentioned and this was entirely by accident. Most notably among these was Ed Laing who bravely went where no one dared to go, namely into the closed business meetings of Central Maine Power and dealing with upstream passage for Atlantic salmon at the state and federal level. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Ed and to the others mentioned (and unmentioned) in Dan's column. They all laid the strong foundation upon which we now exist as a club and as a state of the art hatchery.

We need to record our history - from the conception of John Blunt's dream through the development and organization of our club. There are

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many members today who have never heard the stories of those who have built the SRSC, of those who have spent countless hours working for preservation of the Atlantic salmon, and of those who have made the careful decisions that have served as the navigation for our club all these years. Dan’s column was written with the intention of giving us a glimpse into our past and to let members know that though we have lots of fun with our fishing trips and club outings, we also have a task to which we are committed.

This is a call to everyone who has information about our beginnings be it handwritten notes, old photos, or frayed newspaper clippings. We will need a list of everyone involved in the planning and organization of the Saco River Salmon Club. Send your information to the hatchery address found in the masthead of this newsletter. We will compile the information and include it in future issues of The Salmon Run as well as in print form available to the public.

## The Saco River Salmon Club Membership Form

Name:

Address:

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State:

Zip:

Phone: (     )

Dues are annual - January through December

Single \$30    Family \$25    Student \$5    Senior \$5    Life \$300

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*I would like to volunteer in the following areas:*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hatchery Operations  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydropower Issues   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations     | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Incubators | <input type="checkbox"/> Events and Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising          |  |

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Tom Elliott on a November day on a spring creek in eastern Washington



*Submit your short article for “The Salmon Run.” General interest stories, recipes for fly tying or foods are welcomed. Send to RJ Mere, 9 York St., Kennebunk, ME, 04043 or email to [rjmere@gwi.net](mailto:rjmere@gwi.net)*