Start time: 7:45pm End time: 9:00 pm

Treasury: The club's account is in strong shape. Upcoming expenses forecasted include the spring dinner.

Club Dues: A polite reminder to all members that dues for 2019 are being accepted. The cost is \$50 for annual membership. The cost for new members is \$35 for annual membership.

Upcoming Meetings: If you have any ideas about welcoming guest speakers (guides, tyers, etc.) to any of our 2019 meetings let the board know. If you want to share what you do (fishing, conservation, fishing hobby, outdoor recreation related) or have interest in something fishing related :) let the board know! Fresh ideas are welcome & needed...

Fly Tying Nights: Fly tying nights, lately, are being held at Belford Brewery located at 84 Leonardville Road. Belford, NJ. Tying Nights are on the last Thursday of the month. Email reminders will be sent in advance. All are welcome so come on down...

Club Dinner: On Sunday April 7th the club will hold a dinner at Bahr's Restaurant in Highlands, NJ from 1pm-5pm. The cost is \$35 and includes appetizers, buffet style dinner, beer, and wine. A tricky tray auction will be held as well. The location is ideal and the ambience for a fly fishing club dinner is simply perfect. Put this one on your calendar!

Prizes are needed for the tricky tray auction. Gift certificates, fishing stuff, liquor, perhaps some boutique items...We ask members to ask for donations from the establishments they patronize and offer them as prizes in the tricky tray auction at the dinner. A donation letter was sent via email & is on the website. Thanks in advance for all donations.

Spring Fishing: In March & April, John Gillis will be offering members the free opportunity to learn some of the tried & true"on the water" spring fishing techniques & tactics. He is putting together a list of participants that will meet up along the Raritan Bayshore in the spring as the Striped Bass awaken, arrive and begin to feed & become active. Bait, Lures, Flies and local insight. See John Gillis for details. Thanks in advance for offering members your wisdom John!

Fly Vise: Tony Stranick has a high end Renzetti Presentation Fly tying vise for sale. His asking price is \$500. See Tom Melville for details or to make a serious offer.

Library: A comprehensive library of DVD's and fly fishing literature is available to members to borrow at \$1/ item.

Here is a link to what is available: http://bayshoresaltwaterflyrodders.com/about-us/clublibrary/ Contact the club's librarian, Sean Gavin, at <u>reelfinatic68@yahoo.com</u>. Let him know what book or DVD you want a few days before a meeting and he will bring it to the meeting for you.

Social Media: Check out Bayshore Saltwater Flyrodders on Facebook. Share photos, reports, funny stories, etc. Thanks to Kenny Ecklund for technical guidance and his support for keeping the facebook page updated. Thanks to the members who keep it fresh and interesting...

Club Website Support: We are truly thankful to have member Jon Hsia's help with the club's website. The future is brighter with ideas to develop the club's website into a tool to connect members, enhance membership, an offer a sense of the clubs camaraderie, charity, and welcoming nature.

Tight Lines Fly Shop: This fly shop in Parsippany is a supporter of ours. A visit to their shop is a worthwhile trip. Check out their website: <u>http://www.tightlinesflyfishing.com/</u>. Check them out at the fly show too...

Saltwater Registry: Sign up for New Jersey Saltwater Registry Program online. NJ & NY are both free. Keep in mind for those traveling to out of state, you have to register accordingly. Here is the link to register http://www.nj.gov/dep/saltwaterregistry/index.html

Merchandise: Get a club logo hat or a custom print t-shirt. \$15.00 each. Club merchandise is on hand at our monthly meetings.

New SPF long sleeve performance shirts with new striped bass artwork & club logo are available \$25/shirt grey or blue see Jon Pulaski for details on these.

BUZFLY: Thanks to Brad Buzzi for offering his knowledge and access to premium fly tying materials. He's got what you need; in terms of items for tying. He can bring what you want to the meetings (bucktail, hooks, UV Cure products, etc). He can be reached at: Buzfly.com. Check out the Brad & Buzfly Products at their booth at the fly show... GET YOUR ORDERS IN FOR BOB POPOVIC's NEW JIGGY HEADS...

Dry Bags: Member Jeff Abrams has a few new items for sale. They include dry bags and duffle bags in various sizes. Dry Bags: (15L) \$10, (30L) \$20. Duffle bag/backpacks: (M) \$30, (L) \$40. See him or email him (jeff.abrams@comcast.net) and get yours ASAP.

Fly Vines: is a Montana based company that uses old fly line and recycles it into crafty lanyards, bracelets, sunglass retainers, key chains, etc. <u>www.flyvines.com</u>. The club would like to take up a bulk donation of old unused fly line from members and send it to this company. We hope in return to receive some products from them that we can raffle off and giveaway as prizes at our meeting or events. FEEL FREE TO BRING IN YOUR OLD FLY LINE NEXT MEETING> or get in on the company's recycling program for yourself.. Cool products for sure!

Veterans Boat Trip: The club hopes to organize a party boat trip with veterans and also Project Healing Waters soon. Stay tuned for a date and details.

Fishing Reports: Striped bass are becoming more active . Backwaters with shallow mud bottoms will warm first and show the first signs of life. Worms and clams are catching already and so are lures worked slowly. Freshwater opportunities are endless. Ponds and lakes late afternoon on a sunny day hungry largemouth bass and pickerel come alive. Small wooly bugger flies are magnets for both. Tight lines! Check for TICKS!!!

Secretary,

Timothy Semler