

Presidents report for March.

Hello to all my fellow members and I hope you are staying warm, it looks like old man winter will finally let go of his grip on us. The temperature is warming up and we sure deserve it. Our auction is about a month away and Gerry and Mary are working really hard to make it another success so if you have any trips, walk and wades or any other thing you would like to donate please contact them.

I am trying a new seating arrangement and would like your feedback on it whether it is positive or not. We will be having the pre meeting smoky night again weather permitting and I will keep you informed on that. We have a number of events coming up so if you would like to attend or participate please check the web site for dates and info and get out to a meeting and sign up.

I have survived my first year as your President and I want to thank all of you for your support and your feedback I can tell you I have enjoyed it and look forward to my second year.

I want to thank all of you who have supported the clubs fly bank; it brings great joy to see our flies on display at auctions and other charitable programs. I am asking that you still ty your quality flies for the good causes that we donate these flies too.

I want to thank Gerald Stern for his commitment to our club as the Librarian; he has informed me that he is retiring as librian at the end of June. We do have another member Richard Oishi who has volunteered to help out but I would like to get another person to assist him so we can have the library open every meeting.

Congratulations to Doug Hamm who at our last meeting tied the winning flies for the prestigious John Riezebos Memorial Trophy. He follows in the footsteps of other winners such as Ruth Zinc, Art Mikulak and the first winner Jim Crichton in 1969. Also thank you to the other contestants Robert Eagleson who came a close second, Carl Anderson, Louise Stension, Don Snow and Arnie Hillis. We will change the tying format for next year just to spice it up a notch.

It is great to see all the members that show up for meetings I try to keep the business part short so that there is more time to try and socialize and like myself I do not try at the meetings but that should not stop you from attending either. There is always great conversation and member interaction plus the great coffee. I am trying to get a rod building course to start off in September so if anyone is interested please let me know, I would like to get at least 6 members including myself to build some great rods we could all use another rod yes.

We'll take care of everyone and if you have any suggestions or ideas please do not hesitate to contact me.

Daniel Young