



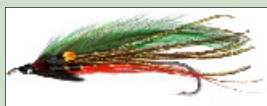
# Maine's Legacy

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Our "Maine" objective is to enhance our most precious and valuable renewable resources, our youth and our wildlife.



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## Annual Dinner - A Fun and Successful Night

The crowd waited with baited breath as WLBZ's Rick Tyler called out yet another winning number from the bucket contest. The winner gave a whoop of satisfaction when his number was called.

There were people in line waiting to buy tickets and the Old Town Elks were slaving in the kitchen to provide enough food for at least 300 attendees. Tables were lined with hungry and excited community members. And with each raffle, the anticipation about the upcoming auction grew.

**Maine's Youth Fish and Game Association's** first annual dinner was a raving success. Everyone left a winner. With donations ranging from limited edition wildlife prints to moose antler gas lights, there was something for everyone to either win or bid upon.

Aside from a continuous stream of bucket raffles and a silent auction, the crowd was

entertained by the local humorists Clyde Folsom and Joe Bennett. There was also a members only raffle which included a youth firearm as well as a fly tying kit and a variety of other youth oriented items. In fact, there were so many community donations that every child left with something from the event.



Another Happy Winner

As Game Warden Dave Georgia points out, "The Community is definitely behind our program. We raised a lot of money for the Club with this event. The Club belongs to the community and the

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## A Legacy Continues

As a youngster, some of my best experiences and most treasured memories took place when I accompanied my father on a day of hunting or fishing. As I write this column, a flood of recollections makes it difficult to concentrate and complete the task at hand. Forged by this unique bond, my father became my best friend. My love for the outdoors grew as I began to learn and appreciate nature and all it had to offer. By age 10, I already knew that I wanted to be a Maine Game Warden. A career that's not just a job, but a way of life in the woods and on the water.

Educating and motivating children to participate in traditional outdoors activities has become more and more difficult for parents. Generating an outdoor interest among our children is sometimes difficult with modern distractions such as telephones, televisions and computers. If you've ever talked with me, for even a few minutes, you know without question my commitment to youth. You can believe me when I say that young people are our number one resource. As evidence

of this, **Maine's Youth Fish and Game Association** is dedicated to encouraging, teaching and reinforcing experiences associated with the joys of hunting, fishing, trapping and participating in the great outdoors.

Maine's Youth Fish and Game Association's board of directors are a dedicated group of sportsmen whose occupations include some of the following: a Game Warden, Legislator, Physician, Attorney, active and retired fish and wildlife Biologist, a Taxidermist, and a wildlife Artist just to name a few. All of us have a genuine interest in preserving our traditional outdoor recreational activities. The "Maine" goal is to maintain and preserve our heritage. Appropriately, the first board member is a youth.

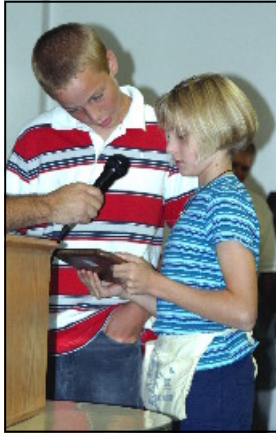
Thirteen year old Matthew Jones of Milford is a young man who reminds me of myself when I was his age. Mathew has an important role that will require a substantial commitment on his behalf. His initiative and persistence will reflect considerable credit to himself, Maine's Youth Fish and Game Association and the State of Maine.

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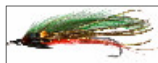


the community is invested.

Another important event was the presentation by Association Vice President, and Fish and Wildlife Chair, Matt Dunlap, of a Maine Legislative Sentiment to Mike Hartt from Northern Log Home and several representatives from International Paper Company. The Sentiment officially thanks both Mike and IP for their investment in the Youth of Maine through **Maine's Youth Fish & Game Association**. Other highlights included a plaque to Dave Georgia which states **"In grateful appreciation to Dave Georgia, Jr. for his vision, commitment, and leadership as Maine's Youth Fish & Game Association's Chapter 1's first president, making a better future for Maine's Youth and the outdoors."** And there was also a very tasty spaghetti dinner was had by all.



Matt Jones and Haley Frenette read the member's thank you to Dave Georgia.



**Maine's Youth Fish and Game Association** would like to thank all of the community contributors who helped to make the first annual dinner a success. Without all of you, the Club could not exist.

### \$10,000 Grant Award

This October, the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation awarded **Maine's Youth Fish & Game Association** a \$10,000 grant to help purchase a variety of clubhouse needs. The top priority was an all enclosed propane generator and the Board is proud to announce that the generator is already purchased and installed at the clubhouse. A special thanks goes to the King Foundation for their generous contribution to our club.

### Board of Directors



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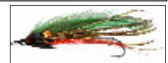
*...Legacy continued from page 1* I am certain that Matthew will rise to the occasion.

And while we know organized events and outdoor activities abound in most communities throughout the state, many young people still perceive there's nothing to do. For only a single dollar, any child can become a member of Maine's Youth Fish and Game Association. This nonprofit fraternity will be a wonderful opportunity to impact our youth in a positive way by offering a variety of traditional outdoor activities to enhance a strong dose of self esteem, confidence, encouragement, teamwork and fellowship between kids and those in the fields of natural resources. These students of nature will become the next generation of Game Wardens, Biologist, Foresters and Guides to act as stewards of our natural resources.

It appears that the whole State is excited about Maine's Youth Fish and Game Association and the potential impact of this unique educational opportunity will have on our youth. Our grass roots heritage of hunting, fishing, trapping and other related activities associated with Maine's legacy will be shared and passed on to our youth for future generations just like my father passed on to me. A half dozen organizations have already heard news of the club's success and have shown interest in starting their own chapter. This is exciting news!

Recently, legislation from Augusta has designated the area at Pickerel Pond in Twp. 32MD as a Maine Youth Conservation Wildlife Management, the first in the State. For the past several years, Pickerel Pond has been stocked with brook trout and is restricted to children only fishing (fifteen and under). Motorboats with more than ten horsepower are also prohibited for safety reasons. We are committed more than ever to serve the youth of our community and extend an open invitation to attend any or all upcoming events hosted by Maine's Youth Fish and Game Association.

**Dave Georgia is a resident of Milford and a founder of the Youth Fish & Game Association there.**

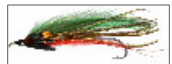


### Dead River Fills Her Up

Dead River Company in Brewer had generously filled the propane tank at the clubhouse. This amounts to 500 gallons of propane. Because of Dead River's donation, the club house can be heated this winter so that more Association activities can take place. Thank you, Dead River for your investment in Maine's Youth.

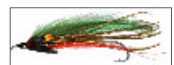


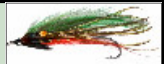
Propane Tank at the Club



### Donation to Bear Baiting Referendum

Maine's Youth Fish and Game Association recently voted to support the fight against the upcoming Bear Referendum by donating \$500 to Maine's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Council. Although we are a small Association, we do have a voice in defending a Maine heritage, which is what we were founded on. "Big things come in little packages".





### Old Town Riverfest Booth a Success

They had the MYFGA new brochures, the fly tying gear, membership forms, and the enthusiasm to greet the invigorated Old Town Riverfest crowd.

On September 27th, 2003, Members young and young at heart recruited new members while manning the MYFGA booth at Riverfest. Riverfest is a daylong Old Town area event that features music, food, and informational booths from local community groups.



Paul Uttormark & Marcus Hale

Was it worth attending? Absolutely!! The total number of members increased to 189 and thousands of Riverfest goers learned about Maine's Youth Fish and Game Association. Thank you to the Board for providing a strong presence in an important Old Town area event.

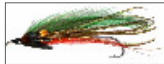


### Building Updates

Thanks to the King's donation, an all enclosed propane generator was purchased from Central Maine Diesel and installed. Board member Bob Wregeneckz gets thanks for his quick response on this project.

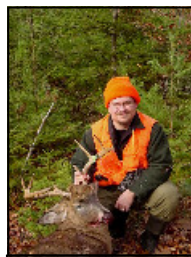
Riverside Heating and Plumbing is currently working on the indoor "facilities" and is expected to be completed by December 1st.

Old Town Canoe has recently donated a generous supply of canoes and kayaks to Maine's Youth Fish and Game Association. Old Town Canoe Representative Jim Sutherland has also committed to seminars instructing proper paddling techniques and water safety.



### Vista Volunteer

The Maine Youth Fish and Game Association is pleased to announce that John Mahoney has joined the organization as an Americorps VISTA. John will work for the Association full-time over the next year helping to develop programming at the Pickerel Pond site and promoting the various opportunities available to youngsters.



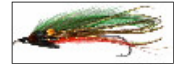
John Mahoney

Funded by the River Coalition and made possible through the state of Maine's Communities for Children Americorps VISTA program, John is one of thirty two people statewide giving a year of service to projects throughout Maine. An avid outdoorsman, John was attracted to the opportunity to share his love of the outdoors with the young people of the area. He enjoys hiking, hunting, archery, fishing, snow-shoeing,

Vista Volunteer... cross-country skiing and photography and looks forward to sharing these interests.

The father of a 20 month-old, Seamus, John is married to Sara Yasner at the United Way of Eastern Maine.

John will work with area outdoor focused associations to develop youth programs and actively promote them with area schools and youth groups. While he will spend most of his time at Pickerel Pond or at area schools promoting



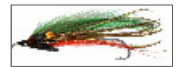
### Lucky Raffle Winners

Maine's Youth Fish and Game Association has had several raffles available to members this fall. The sponsors and winners are as follows:

Guided Bear Hunt: Sponsored by NorthRidge Outfitters, Guide Doug Teal— Winner— Rob Coburn of Milo

Guided Deer Hunt: Sponsor— Hall Hill Guide Service, Guide Robin Avery Winner Nick Leveque of Milford

Hunter's Breakfast Rifle Raffle—Sponsor— Shawn O'Connor—Old Town Rotary Winner—George Spencer, Jr. of Alton



### From the Membership

Below is a photo of a black bear taken by member Jon Rustin, age 13. Bear, moose and deer are a common sighting around Pickerel Pond. Do you have a photo, story, or idea for the newsletter? You can send it to Pam Wells, 32 Gilman Falls Ave., Old Town, ME 04468 or e-mail it to plwells@oakleafs.com



Black Bear Picture submitted by Jon Rustin, age 13

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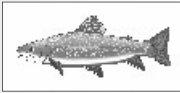
**December 7th, 2003**

**January 4th, 2004**

**February 1, 2004**

**March 7th, 2004**

Board meetings occur on the first Sunday of each month...



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## Calendar of Events

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events. All activities are free of charge. Events will be held at the Pickerel Pond Facility unless otherwise noted.

**December 6th, 2003 - 9AM—3PM—Snowmobile/ATV Safety Course**

**January 4th, 2004 - 8AM - Dead River's Hooked on Fishing not on Drugs Ice Fishing Event**

**January 18th, 2004 - 10AM—Kids building their own Ice fishing tip ups.**

**February 8th, 2004 - 10AM—Duck Box Building for Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge**

**February 22, 2004— 10AM - Field trip erecting their own duck boxes.**

**March 13th, 2003—HOFNOD Certification**

**Reminder!!!!!!** Renew your membership so that you can be eligible for a once in a lifetime lottery provided by the Dept. IF&W Bear Research Crew. A winner from all updated members will participate this winter in a day long bear den study recording biological data on hibernating black bears. Drawing March 2004.

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