



## Newsletter April 2006



*There are trout rising now at the pond, with more to come.*

### Opening Day is April 8th

Opening day at the club is Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. The first cast is at 7:00 AM. Come join the fun!

Don't be put off by some grouchy sleep deprived fishing addicts; their mood (and yours) will brighten with the first fish of the day.

Breakfast will be served starting at 6:00. Be ready for strong coffee and the best eats five bucks can buy. The usual fine fare will be prepared by our team of chefs headed by Paul Defilippo.

Family members are welcome at opening day. Show your wife or kids why you are willing to get up at the crack of dawn for this great event.

For updates on planning for opening day go to [www.Troutpond.com](http://www.Troutpond.com)

One of the largest fish stocked will be tagged. The first to catch him (or her) wins the usual bragging rights!

The "comfort station" will be set up for opening day. The station will remain in place until June.

## Dues

**Please pay your yearly dues of \$125 before opening day**

You can pay by mail to the address on the first page, or on the web at [www.Troutpond.com](http://www.Troutpond.com). (note junior member's dues are \$50).

## Pond Stocking

The club pond will be stocked on Wednesday April 5th. **No fishing is allowed from Wednesday until Saturday morning.** The stocking will be with rainbow trout and brown trout.

Most of the fish will be between 12 and 14 inches. There will be a few big ones too!

## April Meeting on the 20th

The April meeting will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00PM. We'll discuss activities for this Spring. We'll review opening day. Who

caught the big one? Who ate the most pancakes? Who got skunked? Who got on TV?

## Fishing Conditions

There are plenty of hold-over trout in the pond. They seem to be rising to midges. The fish are cruising along the debris lines formed by the wind on the surface of the pond. They work the edges where the wind is blowing leaves and the midges up against the shore. Small griffith's gnats

(18 – 22) are a good bet, if you can see them on the water.

The water boatmen are active too. I caught one fish on a size 10 water boatman and had a few more hits (which I missed, I need some more practice to get my timing back).

## We are not Alone

Members are not the only ones enjoying the fishing at the pond. An osprey visited the pond on April 1. If this was an April Fool's joke I would have said "eagle." He was good sized bird, with a wingspan around four feet. The bird was cruising back and forth over the pond higher than the trees. He did this for around ten minutes. Then, he spiraled in lower, on the right hand side of the pond at the widest part. With a big splash, he hit the water. Lucky for us, he missed this time.

He came up out of water shaking his feathers to get rid of the water. He resumed his station, primarily cruising over the back half of the pond. After ten more minutes, he left.

I'm sure he'll be back, the pond is a great fishing spot for him. In fact, the ospreys (and herons) are probably almost as excited as the club members about the upcoming stocking.

## New Committees

The new committees were announced at the March meeting. These committees will help the club address the needs of members more effectively. We always need member participation in the work of the committees. If you have an interest in

servicing on a committee, let one of the members know. Even if you cannot commit to becoming a permanent committee member, you can help out on the projects initiated by the committees.

As announced at the March meeting the committees and nominated members are:

<b>Finance</b>	Joe Biotti, Mac Sterling, Jon Cave
<b>Pond</b>	Bill Hagar, Ray Capobianco, Roy Schwartz, Bob Rifchin
<b>Building and Grounds</b>	Bob Proctor, Rollie Johnson, Joe Giampaolo, Teddy Vansickle
<b>Membership</b>	Jon Cave, Mac Sterling, Bob Lynch
<b>Events</b>	Roy Schwartz, Ray Capobianco, Jim Boesel
<b>Government</b>	Dave Mattes, Ray Capobianco, Rollie Johnson

## Help Needed

The club needs help from members with professional skills to provide assistance with some legal and financial issues facing

the club. So, if you are a lawyer or accountant, please contact one of the officers (see the list on the last page).

## Club History

Ray Capobianco has written an interesting history of the club since the 1950's. The first two parts are posted under the History tab on the web site ([www.troutpond.com/Public/History/history.htm](http://www.troutpond.com/Public/History/history.htm)). Ray describes several locations that the club has called home over the last

50 years. The history is also interesting because it shows how the development of Needham has affected the club. I don't think I will look at the area around Route 128 and Highland Avenue the same way again knowing that there was once a trout pond there.

## Keep Us Updated

When you move or change email addresses please keep the club informed of how we know how to contact you. Why would you want to miss receiving the latest club news? It also saves the club

money and the editor time when we need to distribute the newsletter. Send updates to [editor@troutpond.com](mailto:editor@troutpond.com) or NSC PO Box 191 Needham MA 02492

## Visit the Website ([www.troutpond.com](http://www.troutpond.com))

The new website has public and members-only pages. You can register for

the members-only forums and keep up with everyone between meetings.

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