



Newsletter October 2007



Ray Capobianco with a 20 inch rainbow caught on Opening day

October Meeting on the 18th

The October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 18th at 8:00 PM. We will discuss the results of the fishing log maintained last spring. A summary of the information gathered in the log is below. We need to decide if the log is worthwhile

and whether it should be continued. We'll review Opening Day and discuss plans for the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. We could use donations of prizes for the raffles (except ducks made of shells, Bill).

Fall Opening Day

The Trout Pond fall season opened on October 13th. The turnout was a little lower than past years. Where were you? The customary excellent breakfast of

pancakes, scrambled eggs, home fries, ham, bacon and sausage was prepared by the team of cooks headed by Paul Defilippo. Dave Matthes and Rollie

Johnson did the shopping. At 7:00 Jon Cave, filling in for Dave Matthes, rang the opening bell. The fishing was slow at first, but after a little while members began catching fish. The back corner by the brook was the hot spot. The identity

of the first to catch a fish was missed by this reporter (sorry whoever you were). Ray Capobianco caught one of the larger new rainbow trout (see the picture above).

Fishing Log Results

By Ray Capobianco

A summary of the fishing log data between March 24, 2007 and June 15, 2007 shows the following:

- 21 different members made 83 entries (all but 5 made multiple entries)
- 373 rainbows were caught and released (25 holdovers taken prior to spring stocking)
- 4 browns were caught and released (holdovers - none stocked in 2007)

Without tagging, fin clipping, etc., it is near impossible to determine holdover status of rainbows. Ken Simmons of the MFW said, in his opinion, we should have good winter holdover of both browns and rainbows but only marginal success through the summer months. He was surprised we had such good results the last 2 or 3 summers. Unfortunately with the drought and low water levels, it will not be the same this year.

The flies of choice for March and April were: wooly bugger (black or olive), hare's ear, pheasant tail, griffith's gnat, and brassie.

For May and June they were: emergers, gnats, midges, (all various colors), ants, and beetles.

Historically, logs of this type are only 5-10% accurate and require the full cooperation of the participants.

Most fish logs are accurate early in the season, dropping off as the fishing slows and interest wanes. Based on the above stats and periodic monitoring of activity at the club, it is safe to say this year's data is only 15-20% accurate, at best.

Feedback from the members will determine what interest the log has and if it should be continued. Thanks to Ray Capobianco for setting up the log and summarizing the results.

Fall Clean up Day

A fall clean up day was held on September 29th. John Donaldson, Rollie Johnson, Ted Van Sickle, Ray Capobianco, Mac Stirling, Jim Boesel, Dave Matthes and others came and did some excellent work.

The firewood in front of the clubhouse was cut and stacked on the right side. The brush around the entry was cleared. The place looks very good. Thanks to all who helped.

Improvements

The work on the clubhouse siding is continuing. The new siding has been stained and Bob Proctor will be putting it up soon. Rollie Johnson had the lawn

mower fixed. It now runs very well and has a freshly sharpened blade.

Fall Stocking



The pond was stocked on October 9th. Jon Cave and Ray Capobianco were there to greet the new residents. Three hundred fish were stocked, mostly rainbow trout but with some brown trout and 50 brook trout. Most of the fish are in the 11-14

inch range. Some of the new fish are up to 20 inches long, so we should have some fun with them. We used a new hatchery this time, the Gilbert Hatchery out of Plymouth, MA. Let us know how you like the fish.

September Meeting

At the September meeting Danny Socci gave a great presentation on his trip to Montana this summer. The scenery was beautiful and the fish looked wonderful. We all wanted to go there too (maybe next year!). Danny's wife also sent a delicious pasta dinner that was appreciated by all the members. Thanks Danny.

was discussed. This was a spirited discussion about the alternatives of enrolling new members instead of increasing the dues. Setting dues is the prerogative of the board of directors, which will set the dues for next year in December. A motion was passed to discuss this matter further at the December meeting

A proposal from the board of directors to raise the annual dues from \$125 to \$150

Ed's Radio Show

If you want fishing advice from Ed Nowak, our recently installed honorary member and columnist for the *The Fisherman*, more often than at our monthly meetings, you can get it on the radio. Ed is doing a fishing report on WATD 95.9

FM Wednesday through Friday at 6:56 AM. If you can't receive the signal on your radio, try in on your computer, <http://www.959watd.com>.

Fishing Report

Members reported good fishing for holdover rainbows before the recent stocking. That's an unexpected bonus considering the hot, dry summer. With the 300 new residents there are plenty of fish for all of us. On opening day the flies that were catching fish were black wooly buggers and small olive emerger

patterns around size 18. You can't go too far wrong with a black or olive wooly bugger. The midge activity should pick up in the afternoons, and that's when the small nymphs, emergers and midge patterns (#16 – 22) fished in the surface film should become very effective.

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