



## Newsletter February 2009

### February Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>

The February meeting will be Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.

were announced at the January meeting (see below)

We'll hold the annual elections for officers and board members. The nominations

### 2009 Elections

The nominating committee headed by Floyd Alwon announced their nominations at the January meeting. All four officers and two directors are up for election.

The incumbent officers were all nominated and the incumbent board members were also nominated for re-election.

The nominees are:

President: Jon Cave,  
Vice President: Richard Marashlian,  
Treasurer: Dou Donlson,  
Secretary: Bob Lynch  
Board for two years: Rollie Johnson and Roy Swartz.

No other nominations from the membership were received.

Thanks to the nomination committee and to the nominees for agreeing to serve.

### 2009 Membership Renewals

The dues for 2009 will remain \$125 per year for adults and \$50 per year for juniors. This is a great bargain when you consider that a single day of guided fishing costs between \$400 and \$700. The enjoyment available at the trout pond is a real value.

Invoices were mailed to all members in December - please pay your dues as early as you can. Only current members can fish in the pond and the fishing for holdovers can be a great cure for cabin fever when we get a few warm days in February and March; don't wait for opening day!

## Coming Events

**March 28 – Clean-up Day.** We need everyone's help on this. For the past few clean-up days a small, dedicated core has been very reliable about turning out. This core is mostly older members. We need some young blood (and strong backs) to help carry the load. With a few hours from enough members we can have the grounds looking great for opening day.

**April 4 – Spring Opening Day.** It seems hard to believe, but its only seven weeks away! We'll need volunteers to prepare and clean up breakfast.

**April 16 – April Meeting.** We'll have a special presentation and film by Dwayne Shaw, Executive Director of the Downeast Salmon Federation about the Atlantic Salmon restoration program in Maine.

## Club History Part III, continued

By Ray Capobianco

When the story left off in the June 2008 Newsletter, the club had purchased Macintosh pond (our current trout pond) in January, 1954.

Opening day, March 20, 1954 at the new pond, was a major success. Enough brush had been cleared to allow limited parking, areas on the north and west sides had been cut away to give a reasonable backcast and a screen was installed across the outlet to prevent trout escapement. The old shack from Sharp's pond was dismantled and relocated to the site of the present clubhouse. The April newsletter reported that 83 paid-up (\$10 each) trout pond members had enjoyed catching 619 fish of which 229 were kept.

In October 1954 the club leased the property on either side of Rosemary Brook from where it enters the pond up to Mark Tree Road. This was a strategic move because it gave the club control

over water flowing into the pond. More importantly, the club was able to permanently acquire the property (price unknown) two years later from the owner, William Kahler, a member of the club.

Through the efforts of Red Stockbridge, Conservation Chairman, access to 250 acres of farm land in Southborough was made available for the club's private use. The procurement of 100 pheasants at \$1.25 each was authorized for the 1954 fall stocking. Use of the property lasted two more years at which time it was sold and subdivided for housing. This effectively ends the club's activities with hunting except for one short note in a 1957 newsletter where members assisted the state Fish and Wildlife Department in its fall stocking program.

## Fishing Report

It has been a tough winter. I haven't heard of anyone fishing what little open

water has been available. By the time the ice finally melts the trout will be hungry!

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