



Newsletter December 2011

December Meeting on the 15th

The December meeting will be **Thursday, December 15th at 7:00.** We'll start with a short business meeting followed by a roast beef dinner. This

annual Christmas party is always a great time, so come down and enjoy some holiday cheer!

Tuesday Night Fly Tying January 3rd

The Tuesday night fly tying will be on January 3rd. Come down to the club house around 6:30 and join in. Bring your

vice, tools and materials and see what you can learn and share. This is becoming a very popular activity - Thanks Roy!

Dues for 2012

The board of directors has decided to increase the yearly dues from \$125 per year to **\$150 per year**, effective for the 2012 membership year. The junior membership will remain \$50, the initiation fees will also remain the same at \$50. Invoices are being sent out this month.

Please pay your dues early. You can mail your check to the address on this newsletter. Note there are issues with Paypal collecting the new amount on the web, so please use a check. If we get a thaw in January you can't fish if you haven't paid your dues!

The Goose Man

Jay Jones is his real name. Our past president, Jon Cave, gave Jay the job of keeping the pond free of geese. If we have no geese, we have no goose poop. Jay has an electric, motorized boat which he designed with a recording that is distressful for the geese and causes them to leave the pond with no harm. Jay has to run the boat when the water is calm and clear of leaves. It may not always be the right time for those who are fishing

but it's the time that is convenient for him. Jay also controls the flow of water at the dam before and after a heavy rainstorm. His services to the club are most appreciated. If at some point you feel you are being inconvenienced, be patient, it beats being ankle deep in goose poop! Thank you very much Jay.

(from Richard Marshlian)

November Meeting

The November meeting was very well attended. We had a delicious cold cut supper arranged by Paul McKechnie. That was followed by the annual turkey raffle, with our inimitable raffle MC, Paul DeFilippo. Three enormous birds (at least that's how Paul described them) were

raffled off along with a lot of items donated by members. Of course the real culinary highlight of the raffle were the cans of baked beans and brown bread – a few lucky members won a great Saturday night supper. Thanks to everyone who donated items and bought raffle tickets.

Elections 2012

It's time for the annual election process to begin. All the officers and two board seats are up for election. Because of the term limit, we will be selecting a new president this time. The elections will be at the annual meeting which is the February meeting (February 16th).

This month the president will announce the members of the nomination committee. At the January meeting the committee will present a slate of nominees for all the offices.

Members may nominate additional candidates for any office according to the following procedure:

Section 4.05 Nominations from the general membership: Any seven (7) members in good standing may nominate candidates for one or more offices by submitting the nomination, signed by them, to the Secretary twenty-one (21) days prior to the annual meeting.

New House

A new construction project next to the club property is proposed. A developer plans to tear down the old gas station facing Great Plain Ave and construct a duplex on the site. Based on a review of

the plans by Doug Donaldson, it looks like there will be little permanent impact the pond.

Website Help Wanted

The club website (www.troutpond.com) needs a new web master. If any members have the skill to take this over, (or if not the skill at least the interest), we would appreciate it. The current web master did

a great job setting it up, but we need someone new to take over and keep it going. Contact Bob Lynch, boblncs1@yahoo.com if you are interested.

Historical Newsletter

Roy Swartz sent in this "blast from the past." It seems that opening day 1990 was pretty good - I wish I had been there! If you have any historical information about the club that you'd like to share through the newsletter or that might not be published but should be saved in the club archives please contact Bob Lynch at BOBLNSC1@Yahoo.com.

Sportsman's Club News November, 1990
by Bill Hagar:

Opening day for the fall season was enjoyable as always. Everyone had a good time: the fishing was simply "marvelous". Bob Hubbell was his usual accommodating self. He prepared all the nifty nuggets of nourishment for us that kept up our energy so we could haul in all those fish that were biting. Wow! Where did they get those trout? Over one hundred and fifty fish were caught on opening day. This must be a club record. Just think how many fish would have been caught if both Rolly and big "D" had spent a full day at the pond. There were too many success stories to list the entire parcel of productive participants; never the less, a partial listing of some other successful fisherman follows: Red Strong (15), Avard Mitchell (10), Ken LaBorne (20), Dick Puttkamer (25), Rolly Stewart (8 - half day), Hubbell & Hagar (8), and Chuck Capone (40).

Nobody caught the tagged fish on opening day. George Duhaime caught the big brown several days later - after a 20 minute fight. Too bad you were not in the pool, George! Next time show up on opening day. That fish was worth \$20. The club meeting on October 11, 1990 went very well despite a drop in attendance. Roy Swartz caught the biggest fish and received the \$25 prize. Didn't he win the prize at the last fishing contest? I should steal one of his flies! Roy also helped coordinate the fly ting demonstrations that were at the center of the club meeting. His specialty is dry flies. Speaking of dry flies, trout were attacking them en masse this week. They were hitting a whole array of different flies including blue duns, midges, and adams. There was no hatching season for these hungry fish. If it looks good, they take it. Get your fly rods and get to the pond before it freezes.

Fishing Report

Fishing became slow in November, but there have been reports that it picked up again the first week of December. Doug Donaldson landed an 18 inch rainbow last

week on a small hare's ear nymph. There is still time to catch some fish before the winter closes in!

Happy Holidays from the Needham Sportsman's Club

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