



Newsletter November 2012

November Meeting on the 15th

The November meeting will be held on **Thursday, the 15th at 7:30 PM.** This meeting will feature the annual turkey raffle with Master of Ceremonies, Paul Defilippo. This is always a lot of fun. Where else can

you have great time and perhaps, win Thanksgiving dinner (or maybe just beans and brown bread)? If you have any items for the raffle, donations are welcome. A cold cut dinner will be served at the meeting.

Fly Tying

Tuesday night fly tying will continue at the clubhouse on **December 4th.** It will start around 6:30 PM. It's an opportunity to learn from Roy Swartz, one of the best tiers around.

So, bring your tying stuff and enjoy a fun and informative evening. Those who want to eat and tie can throw in a few dollars for pizza.

2013 Dues

The Board of Directors has set the dues for 2013 at \$150 for adults and \$50 for juniors. This is unchanged from 2012. Last year the dues were raised by \$25 for pond improvements. This went a long way towards paying for the new aerators. We anticipate doing more work to improve the pond in the future. You can pay your dues by mailing a check to:

Needham Sportsman's Club
PO Box 920191
Needham MA 02492

Note: there are issues with Paypal collecting the correct amount on the web, so please send a check.

Flies for Sale

Our late friend and member Bob Proctor left behind a large collection of high quality flies. The club has acquired these flies from Bob's family for \$250. Ray Capobianco sorted and

identified the flies. Janette Marashlian organized and bagged them in sets of 6. You can buy 6 high quality flies for \$5. The flies will be on sale at the monthly meetings.

Know Your Tides

By Floyd Alvon

“Pretty Mary, oh what class,
When she goes into the water,
The water is up to her ankles.

It doesn't rhyme now, but it will when the tide comes in.”

You may remember this little poem from fourth or fifth grade. I have had more than my share of fish episodes – bear scares, falling down a steep river bank in Oregon, car broken into on a fishing trip, etc.

This fall has been fairly mild and I have been lucky enough to take several day trips to the Cape and have even had a few multi-fish days fishing from the shore. Word got out about my luck and a fellow member of the NSC asked me if I wanted to buddy up and cast our lines to the wind. I took him to one of my favorite estuaries and left my car in a spot where I typically park. We walked the long distance to the good fishing holes and fished hard for four hours. We caught our share and walked back to the car. As we approached the car, we noticed that my emergency lights were flashing. I suspected something was up

because they were not on when we left the car.

On closer inspection, we saw that the tide had come in much higher than I had ever seen it in this spot and the floors of my 2008 Subaru Outback were flooded. Apparently, not all high tides are equal and we fell victim to what I later learned was an “astronomically high tide”. I tried to start the car - It was dead. Triple A eventually came and towed me on a flat bed to a garage thirty miles away and we had to abandon my car there and wait for Enterprise to come to the rescue with a rental. Short story long, four days later, the insurance investigator declared it a total and we negotiated what seems to be a decent settlement. A few weeks later, I am now the proud owner of a 2009 Subaru Forester – a more flood proof vehicle – my new “used car”.

Tackle Swap

Based on a suggestion from Jim Boesel, there will be a tackle swap or sale before the January meeting. Come early to the January meeting,

around 6:30, and bring that tackle you just don't use anymore. Maybe you can swap it for something you will use.

Fishing Report

Fishing has been very uneven. The fish have been hard to find, but when found they are hitting. Most of the action has been at the half of the pond nearer the mouth of the brook. Last weekend the area around the mouth of the brook was fishing very well.

Fish were taken on wet flies, small nymphs and streamers. The key to success is to find the fish; they have not been distributed throughout the pond, but are concentrated in small areas.

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