



Newsletter April 2013



Opening Day, 2013

April Meeting on the 18th

The April meeting will be held on **Thursday, the 18th at 6:30**. The theme of the meeting will be ***Food, Flies and Fishin' lies***. This will be a social meeting; we'll have cold cuts and snacks for those who want to eat and

socialize or eat and fish. Come eat a little, fish a little and lie a little about your recent fishing accomplishments. Some members will present fly tying demonstrations. A brief business meeting will start at 7:30.

Fly Tying

The fly tying night will be at the clubhouse on Tuesday, **April 7th**. It will start around 6:30 PM. This is becoming a very popular activity, with members of all ages and tying abilities.

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.

May Meeting

We hope to have a fly casting clinic with FFF certified instructor Sheila Hassan at the May meeting. The clinic would start at 6:30 PM. Because of scheduling conflicts, the May

meeting may be held on **Wednesday, May 15th instead of Thursday**. Updates will follow when the schedule is finalized.

Property News

Spring cleanup day was March 30th. There was a good turn-out of around 20 members. Trash was picked up, brush was cleared the property generally spruced up. Thanks to Eric Rockwood we have a new back door for the clubhouse - it looks great!

We are looking into getting a load of material to improve the driveway and parking area. When the schedule is finalized there will be a call for volunteers to help spread it and fill the pot holes

Opening Day April 6th

Spring opening day was Saturday, April 6th. Forty members enjoyed the delicious and filling breakfast served up by the team of cooks led by Dennis Martin: Dave Matthes, Mike Herman, Paul McKechnie, & Rollie Johnson. If you got a piece of the French toast you know how good it was; if not, better luck next time!

It was a cold morning. In the first couple of hours there were often more members in the club house warming up with coffee and

conversation than there were fishing. It was time to warm up when the rod guides were too clogged with ice to cast.

The fishing started out fast; almost immediately after the opening bell Richard Howell hooked the first fish. Rollie Stewart and Rollie Johnson followed in quick succession. The action was fast for the first hour or so then things slowed down – most of the willing fish had been caught, but people continued to catch fish throughout the day.

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. You can pay your dues by mailing a check to: Needham Sportsman's Club
PO Box 920191
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If you've paid your dues, your 2013 membership card is on the table in the

clubhouse - please pick it up when you have the chance.

We will have almost reached the adult membership limit (110), if all members from last year renew. If you are not planning to renew, please let us know (boblncs1@yahoo.com) so that we don't have to turn away new members.

Fishing and Boating Rule Proposal

At the March meeting the boating proposal was put to a member vote by secret ballot. The proposed rule change to allow personal watercraft on the pond was defeated by a vote

of 18 to 9. So shore fishing only is still the rule; maybe the casting clinic at the May meeting will help us get to those fish in the middle.

Meeting Presentations

One of the best parts of any of our meetings are the presentations. We need volunteers to share their knowledge and adventures with the rest of the club. Have you taken a trip of a lifetime? Do you have a special skill? Are you an expert on a particular local fishing

spot? We'd all like to learn about this. So, please come forward; it will be fun for you and for the rest of us. Contact Mike Herman (mntmike46@verizon.net) if you have an idea for a presentation or talk about a topic of interest to the club members.

Cookout June 9th

The June meeting will be the annual family cookout. The projected date is Sunday, June 9th. This is always a fun event. We get to

meet the better halves of members and enjoy a nice afternoon by the pond.

Fishing Report

This spring's stocking was more oriented toward large fish than in previous years. Most of the fish stocked were at least 12 inches long. The fish that have been caught are all fat and healthy - very good looking fish. Some very large fish were also stocked and caught. There are some rainbows in excess of 20 inches waiting to break your tippet!

type works better. The usual woolly buggers, wet flies and nymphs have accounted for fish, but some members were also having success with streamers and dry flies. At this point the best advice is use whatever you have confidence in – but don't be too stubborn to change if it's not working that day.

The fish have been taken on almost every fly you can use; it's just that on some days one

Please remember to display your membership card when fishing at the pond.

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