



Newsletter December 2014

December Meeting on the 18th

The December meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 PM.**

The December meeting will feature our annual roast beef dinner. We'll share a good

meal, a little music and some holiday cheer. The clubhouse is decked out for the holidays, so come and enjoy a fun, relaxing evening.

Fly Tying January 6th

The Tuesday evening fly tying session for January will be on the 6th at 6:00 PM. This is a chance for experienced and inexperienced fly tyers to share knowledge. All levels of experience are welcome. If you get a fly tying kit for Christmas, this is the place to figure out how to use it!

Bring your fly tying tools and a selection of materials (everyone shares whatever they have to make the evening's patterns).

Members chip in for some pizza so you don't have to miss dinner.

Dues for 2015

The board of directors has decided to set the **dues for 2015 at \$150** for adults, the same as for 2014. Junior members' dues will remain \$50.

Dues are payable by January 1st. Members cannot fish in the pond until their dues are paid. You can pay by check through the mail, or in person at a meeting, or use the PayPal account on the club website.

The board has also approved a voluntary fee of \$25 for adult members who do not wish to participate in some of the work to run the club. This is proposed in place of a rise in dues. An adult member who does not plan to participate in any of the work activities for the benefit of the club is asked to add \$25 to their \$150 dues for 2015. The work activities

can be organized, (like cooking breakfast on opening day, clean-up day, painting day, giving a presentation or class), or unscheduled (like spending an hour or two clearing branches from the path, or stocking the clubhouse wood box with firewood).

New members and members who are physically or financially unable to contribute labor or money are not expected to make the additional contribution.

Members have a duty to participate in the activities of the club (bylaws, Section 2.05). There is a core of members who do most the work activities around the club: clean-up day, cooking, teaching, work around the clubhouse; we see the same people and we appreciate all that they do. But there are others who rarely participate in these essential

activities. In many cases this is a matter of available time and that is a member's choice, but the work still must be done to maintain the property and run the club activities. The

board feels that this additional fee will provide needed revenue for the club and help make what all members contribute towards support of the club more equitable.

Rod Building Workshop

This winter a rod building workshop will be offered at the club. The date is to-be-determined based on participant preferences. The workshop will be a one day event lead by an experienced rod builder. The cost is \$100 which includes the cost of materials for one

rod of the member's choice. There are a limited number of seats for the workshop. If you are interested, please see Mike Herman at the December meeting or contact officers@troutpond.com.

Fishing Report

The fishing picked up at the end of November and beginning of December. As long as the water was open, the fish were hitting. Nymphs, wet flies and streamers all

accounted for fish. The key seemed to be getting below the surface. This bodes well for a good winter season (ice permitting!).

Happy Holidays from the Needham Sportsman's Club

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