



Newsletter May 2015

May Meeting on the 21st

The April meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 PM** at the clubhouse.

After a brief business meeting we'll have a presentation from Ray Capobianco on his secrets of fishing in Boston Harbor. Ray is

one the best anglers in the club and he knows saltwater fly fishing as few do. If you fish the salt (or want to learn), you don't want to miss this!

Opening Day

Opening day on April 18th was much anticipated after the long winter. Our team of chefs prepared another outstanding breakfast to fortify the members to take on the newly stocked fish. The action was fast after the first cast. Several people competed for the honor of landing the first fish. Cynthia from the Orvis shop was the winner. But almost

every member had a good morning. It was the warmest opening morning (spring or fall) in a long time and the turnout was high; with many members bringing their kids to join the fun.

June Picnic on the 7th

The June meeting will be the annual picnic on **Sunday, June 7th** starting at **noon**. There will be no Thursday meeting in June. The club will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks etc... Members are welcome to bring side dishes or desserts. Thanks to Bob Timmerman, we have a Weber grill to cook on this year.

This is a family event and spouses, kids, grandkids, etc... are welcome. The summer fishing rules are in effect for kids 12 and under.

We encourage junior members to come and bring a friend interested in fishing.

Summer Work Day

There is some work that needs to be done on the property this summer. The deck on the porch needs to be repaired, sanded and refinished and the fence on the stream needs to be re-arranged. **Saturday July 11th and**

Sunday July 12th will be the days. The rain dates will be July 18th and 19th. The plan is to repair, sand and paint (1 coat) the porch floor on Saturday and then do one or two more coats on Sunday. We will need help on either

or both days. The work on the fence will be on Saturday. After work is done the club will provide lunch. Please mark your calendars and when the date is closer we need members

to sign up for specific tasks on specific days. Updates will be posted on the website.

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 at \$50.

Members cannot fish in the pond until their dues are paid. If you haven't paid your dues, the absence of a 2015 membership card is a reminder to pay soon!

Rod Raffle

The shop that led the rod building class in February, Cote's in Leominster, has donated a custom built 9 foot 6 weight rod to the club as a raffle prize. The drawing will be held at

the May meeting. The club will be selling raffle tickets at the March, April and May meetings. The tickets are \$5 each. This is a beautiful rod just right for our local waters!

Firewood Available

During the cleanup day we sorted through the wood pile on the back, right side of the clubhouse. The rotted wood went into the dumpster, the wood that might be usable was left in the pile. Members are welcome to take this wood for their own use. Some of it needs

to be dried, and some needs to be split - feel free to take it to use in your wood stove or fire pit. This does not apply to the wood under the black tarp on the left side of the clubhouse.

Orvis Classes

The Orvis shop in Dedham is sponsoring a fly fishing 201 class this spring. The classes will be held at the club pond on May 17th, 24th

and June 14th. The store pays the club for the use of the pond. So if you stop by to fish on those mornings you may see some visitors.

Summer Fishing Rules

The same rules as last year will be in force for summer fishing in the club pond:

1. Children 12 years old and under may fish by methods other than fly fishing.
2. The only bait allowed is worms or night crawlers. No live fish (shiners, etc...) or power bait allowed.
3. Fishing with anything other than flies (i.e., bait) is allowed only within 10 feet of the shore.
4. Children must be accompanied by a member. These rules are not a public invitation to fish in the pond. It is still members only.
5. Trout caught must be released immediately.
6. Sunfish caught must be released into the brook below the driveway bridge (bring a bucket).
7. These rules are in effect from June 7th through August 31st.

Fishing Report

The fishing after opening day was very good. Things have gotten tougher in the last couple of weeks. Even the supplemental stocking on

May 5th didn't produce a lot of new action. The fish are still there, the best action is reported at dusk.

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