



Newsletter December 2015

December Meeting on the 17th

The December meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 17th starting at 7:00 PM** at the clubhouse. After a short business meeting, the holiday festivities will begin with a roast beef dinner.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Needham Food Pantry.

Dues for 2016

The board of directors has decided to leave the dues for 2016 the same as 2015:

\$150 for adults,

\$50 for juniors

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, (see the return address on the newsletter), or in person at a meeting (see Tony O'Leary, treasurer).

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 few hours 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 of the work activities around the club: clean-up day, cooking, teaching, work around the clubhouse, etc.; at these events we see the same people and we appreciate all that they do. But there are others who rarely participate in these essential chores. 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.

Clubhouse Improvements

There have been several improvements to the clubhouse recently. A new woodstove was installed by Phil Brown and Tony O'Leary. This is a smaller, more efficient model which will open up some floor space. Bill Dello Russo built and installed new paper towel holders (he is also working on some shelving

and cabinet improvements). Rollie Johnson, Bill Hagar and Mike Herman decorated the clubhouse for the holidays. Richard Marashlian cleaned up and vacuumed the clubhouse. Thanks for all the work to improve the place and to make it ready for the holidays.

Fly Tying January 5th

The monthly fly tying meeting will be held on January 5th starting at 6:00 PM. Bring your own tools and materials; you can learn a lot

and have a good time doing it. If you want to eat and tie, you can chip in \$5.00 for pizza.

Barry Levine

The club lost a very popular member on November 23rd. Barry "one-fly" Levine died suddenly. Barry was one of the nicest people you could meet at the club. He helped out on many projects and was a member of the board of directors. He was well known for fishing only one fly, a black woolly bugger. I'm not sure the fly was ever removed from his leader.

We'll miss Barry's sense of humor and common sense in the board of director's meetings. The bench in front of the clubhouse on the right side will be named in Barry's memory. Barry's seat on the board will be filled in the 2016 election.

Pond Committee

The Pond Committee has been re-invigorated by Richard Howell. Richard has developed some great ideas for improving the pond. He is going to approach the Needham Conservation Commission and find out what kind of permits we are likely to need and obtain for the work. Once there is clear

understanding of what we can do, more information will be distributed to the membership. If you'd like to get involved early and help with this critical initiative, please see Richard or one of the officers.

Fishing Report

The fishing has picked up over the last couple of weeks. Fish are not feeding consistently on the surface but they can be seen from time-to-time. Fishing blind (not to a sighted fish) has also produced. Many different flies have

been working; there is no clear favorite – use one you have confidence in. Roy Swartz and Bob Lynch have caught the golden trout within the last week; it's a big one, 21 inches, and still out there waiting for your fly.

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