



Newsletter March 2006

Club Elections for 2006



NSC's new officers and board of directors. Rear, left to right: Ray Capobianco, Roy Swartz, Dave Matthes, Roland Johnson, Jon Cave, front, left to right, Mac Stirling, Joe Biotti. Missing: Bill Hagar, Paul DeFilippo

We elected new leadership for the club on February 16th. Dave Matthes is our new President. Be sure to offer congratulations (or condolences) the next time you see him. Due to a prior commitment, Dave was unable to attend the meeting in February, but he asked Ray Capobianco to read a letter at the meeting. This letter is reproduced later in this newsletter.

There was only one contested race, for vice-president. In a close race Jon Cave defeated Jim Boesel for the second spot.

The other officers elected without competition were Joe Biotti as Treasurer and Mac Stirling as Secretary. The nine member board of directors was completed by electing a slate of four Directors to join Paul DeFilippo and the officers. The new Directors are: Ray Capobianco, Bill Hagar, Roland Johnson, Roy Swartz.

We should congratulate, thank and help the members who have taken leadership positions for the club. We can help the

officers and the board make the club better by contributing ideas about the direction we want the club to take.

March Meeting on the 16th

The March meeting will be March 16th at 8:00PM. Come and talk with the new officers and board members about what's next for the Needham Sportsman's Club. The new leadership needs to hear what the members want the club to be and any ideas to improve the club.

At the March meeting the board will announce new committees to focus on specific aspects of club activities. If you have an interest serving on a committee

come to the March meeting and make your interest known.

The committees are:
Finance, Pond, Building and Grounds, Membership, Events, Government.

In addition volunteers are needed for the following tasks for opening day:
Shopping, Breakfast cooks, Clean up.
Sign up at the meeting.

Thanks Paul

Paul DeFilippo stepped down as President at the February meeting. We all owe Paul a debt of gratitude for his years of service to the club. He was responsible for keeping the club going during some tough

years. Thank him the next time you see him. Paul is staying involved. As a past president he remains on the Board of Directors. He also is arranging the spring stocking of the pond.

Opening Day April 8

At the February meeting Saturday, April 8th was set as the date for opening day. Two thousand dollars worth of rainbow and brown trout will be stocked the week before. Most fish will be in the 12 – 14 inch size range. As usual, fishing in the pond is prohibited once it is stocked until 7:00 A.M. on opening day.

Join your fellow members for the traditional opening day breakfast at 6:00 on the 8th. Catching fish is not assured but strong coffee, good food and good

company are guaranteed. Maybe you'll get a tip from one of our local experts on the hot fly for this year.

Family members are welcome at opening day. Show your wife or kids why you are willing to get up at the crack of dawn for this great event.

Volunteers for are needed for opening day activities, sign up at the March meeting. For updates on planning for opening day go to www.troutpond.com.

Please pay your yearly dues of \$125 by opening day

You can pay at in person at the March meeting, by mail to the address on the first page, or on the web at www.Troutpond.com. (note junior member's dues are \$50).

President's Letter

This letter from Dave Matthes was read at the February meeting

February 16, 2006

Fellow members of the Needham Sportsman's Club:

I must apologize for not being with you this evening, as I am out of town on a personal matter that was arranged a couple of months before I was asked to run for president of the club.

If elected, I accept your decision and pledge to do my best to serve as you mandate. We will reconfirm this at the March Meeting and expect to put forth an agenda for your approval at that meeting. We will call for a meeting of the officers and the board of directors elected at the February meeting to create that agenda. We will also endeavor to get as much information as possible out to you in the Newsletter.

We sincerely encourage and solicit your active participation in the club's operation and value your input.

We belong to the NSC because we want to, not because we have to. Nobody forces us to be members. We come willingly to enjoy the friendship, the interaction with the membership and our mutual interest in fishing. The club belongs to the members.

We all have other lives to lead and we understand when family and our livelihood require us being elsewhere. However, like everything else in life, this is our organization to run and if we do not participate, we must accept the decisions of others.

I feel that the camaraderie and fellowship of the organization is of equal importance as the opportunity to fish in great surroundings. I freely admit to likely being the most inept fly fisherman at the club. However, I intend to participate with a sense of humor.

The first order of business that I have is to express my personal gratitude to Paul DeFilippo who has carried the club on his shoulders for the last ten years and has contributed far beyond what anyone should be expected to do.

We sincerely hope that Paul will continue as an active member and we will call upon him to share his knowledge and experience going forward.

I look forward to being at the March meeting and planning for opening day.

Sincerely,
Dave Matthes

Thanks

Thanks to Jim Boesel for the newsletters for the last few months. He's helped me get started as the new editor. I hope I can do as well.

Thanks to Joe Biotti who led a group of members in installing a new stovepipe for the wood stove in the clubhouse. Bob Procter provided the scaffolding for the job.

Updated Website (www.troutpond.com)

The new and much improved website is fully operational. This will become a major source of information about club activities. We can provide more detail on the website for far less cost than with a newsletter. The newsletter will still be distributed by email or regular mail. But, more detail about all aspects of the club will be on web site.

Check out the new forums in the members area, they're a great way to stay in touch with members between meetings. It's easy to sign up and start using the forums. This will become an important way to interact with other members.

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