



Newsletter May 2006



Opening day: Floyd and the first fish and kids learning how to catch their first fish

Opening Day Was a Great Success

Opening day on April 8th was a great day for the club. The turnout was the best in several years – and the fishing was good too! The day started with an excellent breakfast of eggs, pancakes, bacon, ham and sausage washed down with generous cups of coffee.

Thanks to the shoppers there was plenty to eat and nobody when hungry. Thanks to Paul Defilippo and his crew of pre-dawn chefs who made the preparations the night before and were at the club well before the crack of dawn (4:30) to make the breakfast – it was delicious! Forty-one people paid the \$5.00 for the breakfast, which makes it the largest turnout in recent memory. Jon Cave did a great job

of greeting everyone at the door and shaking them down for the breakfast donation.

At 7:00 Dave Matthes performed the President's most important duty—ringing the bell to start the fishing. There were many lines in the water and the first fish was quickly caught (see the photo above). The first fish fell for Floyd Alwon's olive wooly bugger. For the next couple of hours the action was fast and furious.

Several members brought their kids (even a dog came). Everyone had a great time – and everyone caught fish!

Go the Gallery section of the web page to see more photos of opening day.

Past President Honored

At the April meeting Dave Matthes presented Paul Defilippo with a token of appreciation from the club for his 10 years of service. The club gave Paul an Orvis Battenkill fly reel with a 5 weight line. Word has it that Paul has a new rod that this will fit quite nicely. Paul, be sure to show off the new outfit at the trout pond. (photo by Roy Swartz)



May Meeting on the 18th

The May meeting will be on May 18th at 8:00PM. We will be making plans for the June meeting's cookout and discuss cleanup projects around the property.

With fishing season in full swing, there are sure to be some good tips to be had from other members. Come and share your latest fish stories...someone might even believe you.

Driveway Improvements

Thanks to Joe Biotti for the improved driveway and parking lot. They've been re-graveled and smoothed. It looks great. My truck's suspension is also very grateful.

There's more to do on the club property. More information on this will come out in the monthly meetings.

Fishing Report

Fishing in the club pond has been very good. That's not to say it's been easy. Sometimes the fish are tough to catch. There is no doubt there are a lot of trout in the pond. And most of them look very healthy and put up a determined fight when hooked.

There has been no single technique or fly that consistently catches fish.

At various times the following have been effective: midge emergers (18-20), small wet flies (16), small bead head nymphs (16-18), pheasant tail nymphs(16-18), dry flies (16-20), water boatmen / back swimmers (10), inch worms, woolly buggers (8-12), marabou muddler minnows (6-8). So, almost anything is catching fish at one time or another. Grab your favorite flies and give it a try.

Right Place, Wrong Day

One member was reported to be anxious to participate in the opening day festivities. He rose well before dawn, braved the early morning chill and headed over the trout pond, ready to help make a

great breakfast for his fellow members. There was only one problem - it was Sunday, April 9th! At least he had all the fish to himself.

Galleries Updated

The galleries on the website have been updated with pictures from opening day. I'd like to expand the gallery to hold other pictures of members fishing. It's a great way to share your triumphs large and small with other members. The requirement is that the photo is original

(either you are the photographer or the subject). No pasting your face on Lefty Kreh's body standing next to the 100 pound tarpon. If you have any photos you'd like to share send them to editor@troutpond.com.

New Policy for Lapsed Members

The club has a new policy on lapsed memberships. Due to the decline in the quality of the fishing at the club pond before the dredging, some members allowed their memberships to lapse. After the dredging, the fishing has come back and is very good now. For the last two years members who were lapsed three

years or less could reinstate their membership by paying their current year dues (no initiation fee). After Fall opening day this year this policy will end. After Fall opening day lapsed members must pay the \$50.00 initiation fee.

Keep Us in the Loop

When you move or change email addresses please update the club list so that we can get information to you.

Send updates to editor@troutpond.com or NSC PO Box 191 Needham MA 02492

Visit the Website (www.troutpond.com)

The new website has public and members-only pages. You can register for the members-only forums and keep up with everyone between meetings.

To access the members-only pages, use the user name and password

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