



Newsletter October 2006



Roy Swartz with the first fish of opening day

Fall Opening Day

Opening day was October 14th. A great breakfast was cooked by the volunteers, who got up extra early to prepare it for us. Some of the preparation takes place the night before, so these guys are really putting themselves out to get this together. Thanks for another great job.

There was a good turn out. It was a clear and cold morning. The pond was covered in fog when Dave rang the opening bell,

but that did not deter the intrepid anglers, fortified with a hearty breakfast.

Apparently the fish had also breakfasted well, because they weren't too hungry. After about an hour, Roy Swartz caught the first fish on a small nymph. The cold morning and the slow fishing provided excuses for extra cups of coffee and for catching up with members about their Summer exploits.



Preparing breakfast, it smelled great

October Meeting on the 19th

The October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19th at 8:00 PM.

Bill Hagar (a.k.a. William Hagar, Ph.D. of the UMass Boston Department of Biology) will give a presentation on caddis

flies. This is sure to be enlightening and entertaining.

At the meeting, we will discuss plans for maintenance projects on the clubhouse and around the property.



What's in this truck? – It's the new, larger residents of the pond (photo by Dave Matthes)

Pond Stocking

The pond was stocked on October 11th with several members assisting. 250 pounds of rainbow trout was put in the pond. These are all larger fish, (approximately 14-16 inches), so this translates to about 150 fish. Jon Cave, Ray Capobianco, Joe Giampaolo, Rollie

Johnson and Dave Matthes helped with the stocking. One of the largest fish was tagged with a numbered tag. There is a pool for catching the tagged fish. The first to catch the tagged fish, wins the pool! Good luck to all - or maybe it's all skill...

Updated Constitution and By laws

The updated version of the club Constitution and by-laws were approved by the membership at the September

meeting. There were no amendments to this document, which was distributed with the September newsletter.

Property Maintenance

A cleanup day was held on Saturday, September 30th. Rollie Johnson, Jim Boesel, Mac Sterling, Ray Capobianco, Bill Hager and Dave Matthes participated. They did a great job clearing brush around the pond, providing us with improved access for opening day.

While a lot was accomplished, more needs to be done. Another clean up and maintenance day will be discussed at the October meeting.

Fishing Report

The fishing at opening day was slower than normal. The fish did not seem interested in the usual opening day flies – various shades of woolly buggers. It took over an hour for the first fish to be caught. Several more were also caught during the morning. All of the fish were caught among the leaf debris in the back

corner. The successful flies were small nymphs and caddis emergers.

To help discourage trespassers, members should display their membership card outside their clothing while fishing. This will help identify who belongs on the pond and who does not.

A Sad Loss

I'm sorry to announce the recent death of a member, Doug Foreman of Needham, who was killed in a car accident on September 10th. Most members may not have known him because he only became a member this past Spring. Doug leaves a wife and four children.

We are very sorry for their loss and regret that we didn't have a chance to get to know him better as a member. In lieu of flowers memorials in Doug's name may be made to Hope 4 Kids Int'l, PO Box 5268, Glendale, AZ 85312-5268

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