



## Newsletter April 2007



### Spring Opening Day on April 7<sup>th</sup>

Opening day for the Spring season was on April 7<sup>th</sup>. It was **cold** outside, but the coffee and the great breakfast were hot and delicious in the clubhouse! After filling up on pancakes, eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, and kielbasa, (a welcome addition to the traditional menu), the first cast was made at 7:00. The first groan of "It's \*%\$\$^& cold!" came at 7:02.

The newly stocked rainbows didn't seem too put off by the cold morning, and trout were soon landed. Bob Bagdasarian caught the first fish right in front the clubhouse. As usual, the hot fly was a wooly bugger in black or olive usually with a bead head.

There were traces of ice on some the margins of the pond and there were plenty of iced rod guides. Around 9:00 the sun

started to warm up the day and fewer retreats to the clubhouse to thaw out were needed. Several members went back in for seconds on breakfast - fishing works up an appetite!

As the day went on most members caught at least a few fish. According the log book Rollie Johnson had the highest total with 13 fish. Floyd Alwon had the best advice of the day, "The best way to

prevent ice in the rod guides, is to fish in July." Wise words.

Around 30 members participated on opening day. Thanks to all those who organized and cooked the breakfast and who cleaned up afterwards.

In the afternoon another club regular came by to enjoy opening day - the heron. He (or she?) left without dinner, but he'll be back.



*President Dave Matthes enjoyed the opening day breakfast*

### **April Meeting on the 19th**

The April meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19th at 8:00 PM. There will be a presentation by Ed Novak on boat ramps. Ed's lat presentation was excellent, so don't miss this one. Next

month we expect to have a discussion with a biologist from the Massachusetts DFW.

### **Clean up Day**

The Spring clean up day will be Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>. There's quite a bit to do around the property, so we need everyone's help to make the place look its best, so please

come out and lend a hand. The exact time and task list will be discussed at the April meeting.

### Club House Repair

The Board has authorized Bob Proctor to proceed with the purchase of the siding material for the South East side of the clubhouse. He will initiate the repair work

upon getting the shed relocated and depending on the availability of the siding stock.

### Fishing Log

Please update the fishing log in the clubhouse after every visit to the pond. This will provide valuable information about how our investment in stocking is working. It's also a good way to find

what's working lately, so it's a good idea to check it when you arrive. The tagged fish was not caught on the first day, maybe it's your turn to win the pool, give it a try!

### Fishing Report

Fishing since opening day has been very good. Even before opening day there were reports of good numbers of holdover fish being caught.

afternoon. But, as the air and water warm this is sure to pick up. Dave Matthes reported catching a couple, though there are rumors that he said "power bait is a fly isn't it?"

On opening day there wasn't a lot of surface activity, even later in the

### Needham Fishing Derby

On May 12<sup>th</sup> the Town of Needham will hold its annual Fishing derby at the reservoir. Save the date if you would like to help out and represent the club at this

event. The derby is held at the Needham Reservoir, on Dedham Avenue at 9:00 AM. In case of rain the derby will be on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Visit the Website ([www.troutpond.com](http://www.troutpond.com))

Jon Cave has updated the web site and it looks great. The forums are back in business too. So log on and give it a try. Back issues of this newsletter are available on the web site too.

### 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.

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