



Newsletter November 2007



There is still time to fish and relax on the bench in the sun (and tell a few stories while you're there)

November Meeting on the 15th

The November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15th at 8:00 PM. Before the meeting, we'll have some Pizza. The highlight of the meeting will be the annual turkey raffle. This has always been a great evening with lots of

laughs and good food, and sometimes even good prizes! We could use more prizes for the raffle, so donations are welcome. We will also have another raffle at the December meeting.

Improvements

Bob Proctor is still working on the siding. He has recommended that we replace the two windows on the left side of the club house because they have deteriorated

badly. The board has approved the new windows, which will be installed with the new siding.

Membership Status

John Cave and Joe Biotti have completed an up-to-date membership list. The latest count is 82 members for this year. This includes the 12 life members. This is a pretty good number of members. We

need to keep everyone, and there is room for more. If you know former members who've left the club in the last few years, please contact them and ask them to consider re-joining us.

Fishing Web Sites

I have come across a few fishing related web sites lately that may be of interest to other members. Some these have information that I haven't found anywhere else (at least for free). If you have a site you think others would like, send me an email with the site and what's good about it and I'll publish it in future newsletters.

A site with a set of uncommon information that is very helpful to fly tiers is the hook conversion chart provided by Anglers Workshop. This cross references the various models of hooks from different manufacturers. It's a big help when you want to try tying that new pattern from a magazine, but you don't know if you have an appropriate hook.

The hook chart is at:

http://www.anglersworkshop.com/aw/article_html/Hook_Type.doc.html

Another site that I like is the USGS stream flow site. This site provides stream flow information from all over the country. You can see how that recent thunderstorm affected the river you want to fish tomorrow because the data is updated in "near real time." The page for Massachusetts is:

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ma/nwis/current/?type=flow>

Another useful example of our tax dollars at work is the NOAA marine forecast. If you want to see whether it will be too windy to fish in Boston Harbor go to: <http://weather.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/fmtbltn.pl?file=forecasts/marine/coastal/an/anz230.txt>

Fishing Report

Members have reported some large fish caught since opening day. The numbers are a little low, but most of the fish caught have been good sized. The flies that have been catching them have been varied, including black wet flies, small nymphs

and even a gray ghost. Based on past years, there will be fishing all the way until the pond completely ices over, so get out there and get some action before the snow flies.

Correction

I need to correct the name of a member who was identified last month as one the major contributors to fall clean up day. His name is Doug Donaldson, Not John. Sorry, Doug. But in any case, I understand you did a hell of job at the clean up.

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