



Newsletter March 2008



The newly elected officers, Bob Lynch, Dong Donaldson, Richard Marashlian, Jon Cave

March Meeting on the 20th

The March meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20th at 8:00 PM. There will be brief a business meeting with the new leadership team of the club to plan opening day. We will have a presentation from Jennifer Stritzel

Thomson, an Aquatic Biologist with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries. Jennifer is part of the Sportfish Angler Collection Team project. This project enlists anglers to collect samples and data from the fish they catch.

Membership Renewal

The renewal reminder letter was mailed to all current and recently lapsed members in December. The board has decided that dues will remain unchanged for 2008 (\$125 for adult members). Most of us

realize what a bargain this is; don't forget to renew - you need the membership card to fish the club pond. As of February 21st we had 60 paid members. Please renew as soon as possible.

Elections

The election for club offices for 2008 was held at the February meeting. The slate nominated was elected in a single vote.

So the new officers and directors are:

President – Jon Cave

Vice President – Richard Marashlian

Secretary – Bob Lynch

Treasurer – Douglas Donaldson

Roy Swartz,
Rollie Johnson,
Danny Socci,
Ed Van Sickle,
Dave Matthes,

Congratulations and best wishes to the new leadership team. Let's help them out by suggesting activities and participating in club events.

The non-officer members of the Board of Directors for 2008 is:

NSC Day at Orvis March 15th

Volunteers Needed!

Orvis Boston has invited the club to participate in a program where clubs and other outdoor organizations set up a table in their store and tell the public about the organization. This is scheduled for

Saturday, March 15th. We need a few members to staff the table throughout the day. A few hours of your time would help out. Contact Jon Cave for more information (President@troutpond.com).

Clean-up Day March 22nd

A pre-opening clean up day is scheduled for Saturday morning on March 22nd. Starting bright and early at 7:30 AM we'll clear some of the winter debris and spruce up the grounds and clubhouse for the spring season. Please come and lend a hand in this important work. When the facilities are well maintained, it makes

coming to the club that much more of a pleasure.

The rain date for the clean-up day is March 29th.

Opening Day April 5th

Opening day of the spring season is almost here! The first Saturday in April is our traditional opening. The customary hearty breakfast will be served starting at 6:00 AM. This always a great start to a fun morning of fishing. Come early and enjoy a hot meal before the opening bell at 7:00. Volunteers to prepare breakfast and clean up afterwards are needed. This will be planned at the March meeting.

The pond will be stocked with trout the week of April 1st. As usual, no fishing is allowed after the stocking until Saturday morning.

There are also some wily hold-overs that have been waiting for you all winter. Considering the large size of some of the fish caught last fall, there should be some very exciting fishing this Spring!



Terry Smith and Jack Sheppard of the Office of Fishing and Boating Access

February Meeting

The February meeting began with the election of the nominated slate of officers and directors. The main event of the evening was a very interesting presentation by Jack Sheppard of the Massachusetts Office of Fishing and Boating Access (<http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/pab/index.htm>). With Terry Smith of the Office, Jack described the Board's important work in providing access to the waterways

of the Commonwealth. These activities include designing and constructing boat ramps and fishing access sites. Jack distributed copies of the Department's book that lists the public access sites available to us. We thank Jack and Terry for joining us for this informative evening. Now we just need a little spring time weather to get out there and enjoy the fruits of their hard work!

Club Publicity

In the February 21st issue of the Needham Hometown Weekly newspaper a cartoon promoting the club appeared. We don't know who inspired this, but we appreciate the publicity. Jon Cave has had some very

nice business cards printed up. These are available in the clubhouse. Come and take a few to hand out to friends who might be interested.

Fishing Report

It's been a pretty slow winter for fishing in the club pond. The fish will be well rested after ice-out (which should come any day now).

Needham Sportsman's Club

President: Jon Cave
president@troutpond.com,
Vice President: Richard Marashlian
vicepresident@troutpond.com,
Treasurer: Douglas Donaldson
treasurer@troutpond.com,
Secretary: Bob Lynch
secretary@troutpond.com

Board of Directors : Roland Johnson,
Roy Swartz, Ed van Sickle, Danny Socci,
Dave Matthes
Web master: Jon Cave
Newsletter editor: Bob Lynch

Send comments on the newsletter or articles for the newsletter to editor@troutpond.com
If you received this by regular mail but can receive it by email, please send your email
address to editor@troutpond.com.

Needham Sportsman's Club
PO Box 191
Needham MA 02492