



Newsletter April 2008



Justin Cordonnier with the first fish caught on opening day

April Meeting on the 17th

New meeting time 7:30 PM on the 3rd Thursday!

The April meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17th at 7:30 PM. At the March meeting the members decided to move the monthly meeting from 8:00 PM

to 7:30 PM on the third Thursday of the month.

We'll review opening day and plan a cookout for June.

Opening Day April 5th

Opening day of the spring season was very successful. A great breakfast was prepared by Dennis Martin, Jon Cave, Dave Matthes, Richard Marshalian, Rollie Johnson and Bob Lynch. Twenty-nine people had breakfast. Several members brought their kids. This is a great way to introduce kids to fishing as most of us

knew it growing up - rising early on a cold April Saturday for opening day.

New president Jon Cave rang the opening bell at 7:15 (the breakfast was so good we needed more time to finish up and get ready to fish). The fishing was very good early. Just about everyone caught some

trout. Most of those who didn't reported getting hits but running out of luck before they could land the fish. Justin Cordonnier caught the first fish on a bead head olive woolly bugger. Now that he

no longer has to ring the opening bell, past president Dave Matthes did very well in the first hour.



Dave Matthes with a fish caught early on opening day

Membership Renewal

The club is at its largest membership in the last several years. We have 92 members, including the 12 life members.

This also includes 8 junior members. If you haven't renewed, do it now! The fishing is great at the pond.

Clean a Little

About a dozen members helped clean up the property on March 22nd, but after only a couple of weeks there is a noticeable amount of trash around the property. Most of this is from non-members

walking around the pond or washed down by the stream. When you're here fishing, pick up a couple of pieces and take it home to dispose of it. If we each do a little, it will help a lot.

Clean-up Day March 22nd

The pre-opening clean up day held on March 22nd was successful. Two large bags of trash were picked up along the shore. The interior of the clubhouse received a thorough cleaning. Several truckloads of brush were removed from around the pond and around the

clubhouse. Maintenance like this will keep the club property in good condition. We will need to do this a couple of more times this year, so if you missed the last one you'll have more opportunities.

March Meeting

The March meeting was the first for the new leadership of the club. We reviewed old business and planned for opening day. A motion to move the start time of the monthly meetings from 8:00 to 7:30 was approved unanimously. Jennifer

Thomson of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries was scheduled to speak to us, but she had to cancel at the last minute. We hope to have her attend a meeting in the Fall.

Club Records

If you have any old records of the club (meeting minutes, financial documents, newsletters older than 2006, etc.), please contact Doug Donaldson

(treasurer@troutpond.com) or Bob Lynch (editor@troutpond.com). We'd like to get all the records together in one place for safekeeping.

Fishing Report

Fishing has been very good. Newly stocked rainbows and brook trout have been caught along with some beautiful holdover rainbows. Woolly buggers have been a successful fly, but many other patterns have been working, including egg

flies, small, dark wet flies and nymphs. Surface action has been slow, (at least over the first week), but we can anticipate that it will pick up soon - then you can break out the tiny midges.

Condolences

The members of the club send their deepest sympathies to long-time members Ed Calitri and Danny Socci and their families. Last month Ed lost his wife Florence and Danny lost his father Mario.

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