



Newsletter January 2009

January Meeting on the 15th

The January meeting will be Thursday January 15th at 7:30 P.M.

The highlight of the meeting will be the announcement of the nominations for club elections.

December Meeting

At the December meeting we had a great roast beef feast arranged by Paul Defilippo. Thanks, Paul. Former president Dave Matthes was our master of ceremonies for the raffle. Almost every member won something (maybe not what they wanted, but something!). Floyd

Alwon provided the musical entertainment on his accordion. Thanks Floyd, it wouldn't be the Christmas party without it! Floyd was also appointed to lead the nomination committee for the annual elections.

2009 Elections

The nominating committee of three members appointed by President Jon Cave will be announce their nominations at the January meeting. All four officers and three directors are up for election. Other nominations for any of the offices

may be made with the support of seven members. These nominations must be submitted to the Secretary at editor@troutpond.com by January 30th.

2009 Dues

The dues for 2009 will remain \$125 per year for adults and \$50 per year for juniors. This is a great bargain when you consider that a single day of guided fishing costs between \$400 and \$700. The enjoyment available at the trout pond is a real value.

fish in the pond and the fishing for holdovers can be a great cure for cabin fever when we get a few warm days in January and February; don't wait for opening day!

Invoices were mailed to all members in December - please pay your dues as early as you can. Only current members can

Fly Tying Class

Bob Lynch will hold a beginners fly tying class before the January meeting.

We'll start at 6:30 on January 15th. The topic will be tying the woolly bugger. Bring you tying stuff and we'll go over how to tie this basic and very effective fly.

Here are the tools you'll need: Vise, Scissors, bobbin (and thread size 6/0 or 8/0 black), hackle pliers, bodkin or needle (optional), head cement (optional), whip finish tool (optional).

The materials are:

Hook: 2X to 4X long nymph or streamer hook sizes 6 to 12 (such as Mustad 9671 or 9672 or Tiemco 5262)

Tail: Marabou (black or brown or olive), Tail flash (optional): Crystal Flash or Flashabou

Body: Chenille or dubbing (black or brown or olive) or peacock herl

Rib: Wire or fine oval tinsel (silver or gold or copper)

Hackle: saddle hackle or hen neck (Whiting Bugger packs are good too)

If you have any questions contact Bob at editor@troutpond.com.

Saltwater Angler Registry

In June I described a new federal law that would have required saltwater anglers to register with the federal government. The requirement was supposed to start on January 1, 2009. However the federal agency in charge (NOAA) has postponed the requirement for a year, until January 1, 2010. You can see more at http://www.noanews.noaa.gov/stories2008/20081223_registry.html.

Meanwhile, the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries is starting to work on

a state saltwater fishing registry (really a license). As long as the state collects the information about the anglers and shares it with the federal agency, a state license will satisfy the federal requirement. The state claims that by issuing a state license instead of the federal registry the fees generated will stay in Massachusetts and benefit the local fishery. You can get information about the Massachusetts initiative at

http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/recreationalfishing/rec_license.htm#license.

Fishing Report

There's not much to report. Maybe the trout are enjoying watching the hockey games over their heads.

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