



Newsletter December 2009



December Meeting on the 17th

The December meeting will be Thursday, **December 17th at 7:30 P.M.** with dinner at 7:00. We will have the annual holiday dinner before the business

meeting, so get there early for a good feed.

The clubhouse has been decorated for the holidays by Dennis Martin and Rollie Johnson. Come and join in some holiday cheer on Thursday night.

Membership Renewal 2010

The board of directors has decided to keep the 2010 dues at \$125 for regular and \$75 for junior members. The invoices for next year will be mailed in December.

The club is a great bargain in these tough times. We urge you to renew early in the year. Think of your membership as a Christmas gift that you give to yourself.

Elections for 2010

It's time for the annual elections for club officers and directors. All the officers and two board members are up for election. The process starts with a nominating committee that is appointed by the president. Jon has appointed Ray Capobianco, Bill Hagar and Bob Timmerman as the committee. At the

January meeting they will announce their nominations for all offices. Other nominations may be made by members as long as seven members sign the nomination and it is submitted to the secretary at least 21 days before the February meeting. The election will be held at the February meeting.

New House

The president has appointed a committee to represent the club's interests regarding the new house proposed to be built next the pond. The members of the committee are Doug Donaldson (spokesman), Ray Capobianco, Mike Herman, Rollie Johnson and Bob Lynch. The members have been working hard to understand the developer's proposal and to make sure the Needham Conservation Commission enforces all the relevant protections for the pond and brook. We are very concerned about the impact that this could have on the pond. Members of

the committee have attended two hearings on the developer's application for a permit to develop near the pond and brook. Committee members were present for the site visit by the Conservation Commission. With help from the other members Doug has prepared a letter to the Conservation Commission raising our concerns about the project. We don't know if the project can be stopped but we are at least going to ensure that as many precautions as possible will be required if it does go forward.

Web Site and Email Woes

The club web site has been unavailable for a while because it is in transition to a new provider. We hope it will be back up soon. This also affected emails to any of the troutpond.com email addresses. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

In an unrelated problem there have been issues with distributing the newsletters by email recently. Email recipients did not receive the November newsletter. This newsletter will be available on the web site once it is back up.

Sad News

Long-time member Joe Giampaolo died suddenly on December 11th. Joe left the club a couple of years ago and joined a club closer to his home in Brockton. He was a well-liked member who fished the club pond frequently. When he was a member, I think I saw Joe at the pond every month of the year. He was always willing to share information with other

members. Our condolences go out to Joe's family.

Jack Gartside died on December 5th. He wasn't a member of this club, but he had an impact on many of us through his fly patterns, presentations and writings. He was a unique character in the Boston fishing scene and he will be missed.

Fishing Report

Fishing in the club pond has slowed down with the much colder weather. However, fish can still be caught all winter, as long as there's some open water. As of last weekend, the pond was still ice-free. I was able to get a couple of hits to a small

wet fly, even as I cleared a little ice from the rod guides. So don't give up on fishing for the winter; put on another layer (or two) and look for those warmer days and you can catch fish!

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