



Newsletter May 2010



Rollie Johnson and the first fish landed on opening day

May Meeting on the 20th

The May meeting will be Thursday, **May 20th at 7:30 P.M.** Before the meeting we'll have a demonstration of spey casting starting at 6:30. This is great opportunity to learn about this a classic technique that is growing in popularity

Opening Day

Opening Day was on April 10th. The morning was cool, but not too damp. The breakfast crew did a great job of preparing a hearty start to the day. Dave Matthes and Rollie Johnson did the shopping for breakfast. Dennis Martin and Bob Timmerman did most of the cooking. Many hands helped with clean up; Bob Proctor took on the dirty pots and pans. Thanks to all of you for helping to make this a great day. We had one of the better

recent turnouts for breakfast, 35 members came for breakfast.

The fishing was good. Rollie Johnson landed the first trout, a beautiful brown. As the day went on many fish were caught. Overall, it was one of the best opening days in recent memory. Paul McKecnie prepared a display of excellent photos in the clubhouse - come check them out before the May meeting.



Joe Borelli and Doug Donaldson with some nice opening day fish (photos by Paul McKecnie)

June Cookout

The June meeting will be on **Sunday, June 13th** starting at noon. There will be no Thursday meeting in June. It will be a cookout on Sunday afternoon. Bring your

family and join us for some burgers and hot dogs and a little fishing. We'll discuss plans for this at the May meeting.

Property News

Over the weekend of May 8th a tree at the corner of the parking area was damaged in the storm. The trunk broke about 15 feet from the ground and the top of the tree was hanging into the parking area. The tree will be removed shortly (maybe before the meeting). The board has

decided to do some repair work on the dam and driveway. Materials to fill in some gaps in the dam and to re-grade the driveway will be purchased. We'll be looking for some volunteers to help spread the materials at the May meeting.

Fishing Derby

On May 1st Needham held its annual fishing derby for kids at the old town reservoir. The state stocked the reservoir

with about 400 trout. Half a dozen members turned out with Rollie Johnson to assist the kids.

New Angler Registry for 2010

The federal law that requires individuals fishing for migratory saltwater fish to register with the government became effective January 1st, 2010. If you fish for migratory species in saltwater, which includes striped bass and bluefish, you are required to register with the National Marine Fisheries Service. For more information on this federal program go to https://www.countmyfish.noaa.gov/faq_registry.html

It's free to register for this year. You can use a web site or by telephone.

To register on the web go to:

https://www.countmyfish.noaa.gov/faq_registry.html#2

To register by telephone call (888) MRIP-411 seven days-a-week between the hours of 4:00 am and 12:00 am (EST).

For 2011 the Commonwealth plans to have a saltwater fishing permit program in place which will cost each angler \$10. http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/recreationalfishing/rec_license.htm

Fishing Report

Fishing has been very good since before opening day. The action has been even better since opening day. Lately, the fish have become a little pickier, maybe they've been caught enough to recognize a black woolly bugger when they see one. Several members have commented on

how healthy and strong the fish are this year. The fish have been taking midge imitations (emergers), small wet flies and streamers. So the fishing is still good at the pond and you should come and check it out.

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