



Newsletter January 2011

January Meeting on the 20th

The January meeting will be Thursday, January 20th at 7:30 PM. We have several business items to discuss and vote on. The nominations for club offices will be announced by the nominating committee. One item we need to discuss is what types

of programs do members want this year? Outside speakers or presentations from club members? For both types, does any member have any specific ideas?

Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your membership. The board is leaving the dues unchanged for 2011: \$125 for adult members, \$50 for junior members.

Invoices will be sent out later this month to those who have not renewed. Please renew by the January meeting and we can save on the costs of mailing invoices. Membership cards will be distributed to those who renew.

Elections

The annual election cycle for club offices began last month with the appointment of the nominating committee headed by Floyd Alwon. The nominations will be announced at the January meeting. The election will be at the February meeting. Other nominations can be submitted by members. Any seven members in good

standing may nominate candidates for one or more offices by submitting the nomination, signed by them, to the Secretary twenty-one days prior to the annual meeting. This would be January 27th. Email nominations will be accepted by the secretary if followed up with written signatures.

Membership Reinstatement

The board of directors has decided to address the issue of the reinstatement of lapsed members by creating a different initiation fee for reinstated members. The fee will be \$25 for lapsed members and will remain \$50 for new members.

According to the club by-laws "If a member fails to pay annual dues by October 1, his membership will be considered to have lapsed." (Section 3.04).

Amendment to the By-laws

The board of directors will recommend a change of the club by-laws at the January meeting. The change is to clarify the limit on the number of members by excluding life members from the count of members. The proposal is to change Article II Section 2.01 from "Limitation of

membership: The membership of this Club shall be limited to 100 full adult memberships." To "Limitation of membership: The membership of this Club shall be limited to 100 adult, dues-paying memberships." This will not reduce the rights of the life members.

Web Site

The web site is back! It looks much the same as before. It has all the old newsletters available (in case one a month is not enough for you!). Thanks to Jon

Cave for doing this. We realize that it's been a struggle and we appreciate the effort.

Massachusetts Saltwater Permit

Starting this year a new state law requires people fishing in state saltwaters to carry a state issued permit. This is in addition to your freshwater fishing license. The permits cost \$10 and are available over the web, by mail or in person at selected state offices. This program replaces the federal permits required in 2010. According to the state web site "In order to fish recreationally for finfish in Massachusetts marine waters, saltwater fishermen must have: A MA Recreational Saltwater Fishing permit, or

A recreational saltwater fishing permit from a state that has a reciprocity agreement with Massachusetts" New Hampshire is the only state with a reciprocity agreement with Massachusetts. Which means your Massachusetts saltwater permit is valid to fish in New Hampshire .

The web site is
http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/recreationalfishing/rec_permits.htm

Club History Part V By Ray Capobianco

As we enter 1959 and the next decade, it appears all the Club's energy is being directed to the trout pond and surrounding property. Few members were surprised when Sam Loomis presented plans for a new club house. The Club's

popularity and publicity had driven membership to an all time high in excess of 225. Of these 103 were trout pond members, rapidly approaching the by-laws imposed limit of 110.

The Building Project

A "Use & Occupancy Certification" was applied for and received from the Town of Needham on Oct. 8, 1959, calling for a "Shelter, log cabin type with an open porch." There are no plans available from the archives; however, newsletters indicate it would be of one room construction with a fireplace on the north side. It is not known why, and there is no information, but it must be noted there were no provision for water or a lavatory. It can only be assumed the cost to run water and sewer lines several hundred feet along Club property lines, without going across an abutter's property, would have been prohibitive.

The estimated cost of construction was \$2,800 and this was for the basic materials, labor being provided by several members, who were experienced builders. (As a comparison, a 3 bedroom, home with garage, located two streets from the Club was selling for \$19,000.)

In June 1959 there is reference to a well being drilled adjacent to the proposed club house site. This was stated as an attempt to find "clean cold water". It is not known if the well was ever used for human consumption (at least not by today's standards); however, at some point water was pumped into the pond in hopes of lowering the pond's temperature.

Cement footings, (pilings), were finally pored in November; construction continued through the winter and was completed in April 1960.

Provisions for electrical power took almost a year of negotiations with abutters. It appears, in return for allowing the lines to cross their property; the abutters wanted the Club to provide drainage of a swampy area adjoining the

two properties. Authorization was not received until Oct. 1960.

The Funding Drives

Historically finances of clubs such as the NSC always appeared in a precarious state; however, it must be put in the perspective of the times. Club dues were \$2.00, trout pond participation an additional \$15.00 (recently raised from \$10.00), the annual banquet roast beef dinner \$3.50 per person. The \$2,800 construction cost was a sizable amount when compared to a home being built locally.

To assist the building fund, "six skillful members started building a wooden fishing boat in the fall of 1958"; this was raffled off at the annual May family night. A total of \$1500 was realized in raffle tickets and dedicated to the new building.

The Trout Pond Committee asked each pond member to make a "voluntary assessment" of \$5.00; this was in addition to their annual dues and went directly toward the building fund.

As they had in a previous financial situation, (i.e. dredging), Club members were asked to make no-interest loans in any amount possible. These would be paid back with-in a specified time, with funds from a special account set aside utilizing pond dues.

At the annual meeting in Feb. 1959 the Pond Committee announced that Lee Wulff had agreed to return with his highly entertaining show. His previous appearance in 1957 was a sell out and a financial success.

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