



## Newsletter March 2011



*The officers and directors of the Needham Sportsman's Club, left to right: Mike Herman, Shane Yellin, Roy Swartz, Doug Donaldson, Richard Marashlian, Bob Lynch, Paul Mckechnie, Bob Timmerman*

### March Meeting on the 17th

The March meeting will be Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. The business part of the meeting will include planning for

the cleanup day and opening day. We'll have a presentation on rod and reel balance by Roy Swartz.

### Cleanup Day April 2nd

The spring cleanup day will be Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. After the winter we've had, there is a lot to do to get the club property

ready for the spring season. Bring tools for brush clearing and cutting. We'll start at 7:30 AM. Come down and help out!

### Opening Day April 9th

Spring opening day at the club pond will be Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> (not the 10<sup>th</sup> as reported last month). It has been a very long winter but spring is around the corner and this promises to be a great way to start it. We'll need help cooking the fantastic breakfast and cleaning up afterward. Breakfast is served bright and

early at 6:00 AM, with the first cast at 7:00 AM. Mark your calendar!

The pond will be stocked the week of April 4<sup>th</sup>. There is no fishing from the stocking date until Saturday morning. Signs will be posted after the stocking.

## 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 were sent out in late January to those who had not renewed already.

Membership cards will be distributed to those who renew. To fish on Opening day, you need to renew.

## Elections

The annual election for club offices was held at the February meeting. The slate nominated was elected:

President – Richard Marashlian

Vice President – Paul Mckechnie

Treasurer – Doug Donaldson

Secretary – Bob Lynch

Board of Directors (1 year term):

Bob Timmerman

Board of Directors (2 year term):

Mike Herman

Shane Yellin

Thanks for serving the club.

## Fly Tying

The fly tying sessions on the first Tuesday of the month have proved very popular.

The next session is on April 5th at 6:30 at the clubhouse. It's time to get ready for spring fishing with some new flies.

Novice and experienced tiers are welcome. Bring your vice and tools and come to share techniques and patterns.

Thanks to Roy Swartz for leading these sessions.

## Fishing Report

There has been a report of some excellent ice-out fishing, (when most of the ice was still in), on March 5<sup>th</sup>. It will on improve through opening day. It's time to get out there!

## Favorite Flies



The Hook-up Wooly Bugger was inspired by an article in Fly Tyer magazine several years ago about how to make bead head caddis flies drift with the hook point up. This style of wooly bugger is much less prone to snagging the bottom, which is a benefit when fishing a sinking line. This

is basically a mini-jig. The bead is not as firmly attached as when it is on the hook shank, so some care is warranted when releasing fish (don't grab the bead with forceps and try to wiggle the hook out). The bead on the stalk can be bent slightly out of the way to aid in tying the fly on.

Hook: 2XL wet fly or streamer, down eye

Thread: 6/0 to match the body

Tail: Marabou, with a little Krystal Flash

Body: Dubbing, chenille, peacock herl, etc...

Rib: Wire or oval tinsel (optional, but it can improve the durability if counter-wrapped over the hackle)

Hackle: Grizzly, black olive, etc... for smaller sizes and still water I use hen hackle for more movement.

Head: Brass or tungsten bead on a stalk of heavy monofilament (with super glue).

This fly is a standard wooly bugger except for how the bead is attached to the hook. The bead is slid onto a stalk which is attached to the hook over the hook eye. In this position it acts as a counter-weight to the hook bend and causes the fly to ride with the hook point up. The stalk is made of heavy monofilament, melted at one end using a lighter or match to form a knob. I recommend having a cup of water handy when you do this. I use 30 lb or 40 lb Maxima monofilament; you can

use the butt ends of old leaders. The bead is slid onto the stalk to the knob and the stalk is tied on top of the hook shank with the bead over the eye. I find that putting super glue on the knob before sliding the bead on increases the durability. Apply some super glue to the thread wraps and let it dry. My favorite version is a size 10 hook with an olive marabou tail, and root beer Krystal Flash, peacock herl body, copper wire rib, grizzly hen hackle with a gold or copper bead.

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