



## Newsletter October 2011



*Scenes from opening day, October 15, 2011*

### October Meeting on the 20th

The October meeting will be **Thursday, October 20th** at 7:30.

We'll discuss opening day and plans for the holiday season. Another topic will be the condition of the pond and what can and should do about it.

## Tuesday Night Fly Tying November 1st

The Tuesday night fly tying will be on November 1st. Come down to the club house around 6:30 and join in. Bring your

vice, tools and materials and see what you can learn and share.

## Clean up Day

On October 8<sup>th</sup> we held the Fall clean up day. We had a good turnout of around 15 members, despite the rainy start of the day. A lot of trash was picked in and around the pond. Brush on the trail

around the pond and adjoining the parking lot was cleared. The parking lot side of the clubhouse was power washed, to prepare it for painting.

## Property Improvements

The decking of the front porch was replaced last month. It looks great. The team of Bob Proctor, Brad Voight, Eric Rockwood and Shane Yellin did a great job. The front door and trim have been repainted by Richard and Janette Marashlian, which is a big improvement. Paul DeFilippo replaced the florescent

lights inside the clubhouse which will make those winter meetings a lot brighter. Paul also helped in replacing some rotten siding on the clubhouse. Bob Lynch painted the parking lot side of the clubhouse. Thanks to all who helped out; the property is looking very good.

## Fall Opening Day

Fall opening day was October 15<sup>th</sup>. The pond was stocked with approximately 250 fish on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The fish were mostly rainbow trout with some brown trout and a few brook trout. Some of the fish are in the 18 inch size range; these are very good looking fish. We had the customary delicious and filling breakfast before the opening bell, thanks to our team of cooks: Dennis Martin, Bob Timmerman and Dave Matthes. The French toast introduced last spring was a big hit again. The fishing was quite slow in the morning; it took about 40 minutes for the first trout

to be landed. Jamie Brown landed the first trout on a green (almost chartreuse) and black woolly bugger. Jamie went on the catch three more trout. For the rest of us, it was pretty slow all morning. But the talented anglers in the club eventually started to figure out what the fish wanted and people started catching fish. The heavy rains of the preceding days made the water turbid and visibility in the water was poor. I'm sure there would have been many more strikes if only the fish could have seen our flies! (at least that's my excuse)

## Pond Analysis

Late last spring the Town of Needham commissioned an investigation of Rosemary Pond by Water Resource Services, an environmental consulting firm. The club's pond is part of this watershed and some analysis was done of the club pond as part of this effort. Thanks to Rollie Johnson, we have a copy of the report on Rosemary Lake, which includes some analysis of the club's pond. The report raises issues about the quality of the environment of the club's pond. The report describes a situation that is not conducive to the long term holdover of

trout. The pond has issues with oxygen levels and the health and diversity of the insects, fish and amphibians that can live in it. These findings and what we should do about them will be a major concern for the club over the next few months. This is not a new issue, but the analysis done by the town provides an objective basis for taking action. If you are interested, we will try to make copies of the report available on the club web site, or contact the secretary ([boblncs1@yahoo.com](mailto:boblncs1@yahoo.com)) for a copy.

## Fishing Report

There are some very nice looking large rainbows, browns and brookies in the pond. Now the challenge is to catch them! As the water clears after last weeks' rain, the old reliable wooly bugger will work. Some members reported success on opening day with a hornberg. As time

passes, the fish will start to become more focused on the prey available in our pond: midges and shiners. Small (# 16 -22) nymphs, wet flies and midge emergers will be effective and streamers or bucktails that imitate minnows will work too.

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