



Newsletter January 2012

January Meeting on the 19th

The January meeting will be **Thursday, January 19th** at 7:30. We'll discuss plans for

the upcoming year. The nominations for club offices will be announced.

Tuesday Night Fly Tying February 7th

The Tuesday night fly tying will be on February 7th. 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. This is becoming a very popular activity - Thanks Roy!

Dues for 2012

Please pay your 2012 dues now! **The dues for 2012 are \$150 for adult members and \$50 for junior members.** You can mail your check to the address on this newsletter, see the last page. Note: there are issues with

Paypal collecting the new amount on the web, so please send a check. If we get a thaw in January, you can't fish if you haven't paid your dues!

December Meeting

The December meeting was another great holiday party. We had a delicious roast beef dinner accompanied by Floyd Alwon's accordion. When you have twenty partly

drunk fishermen singing *Silent Night* accompanied by an accordion, that's a holiday party!

Elections 2012

It's time for the annual election process to begin. All the officers and two board seats are up for election. Because of the term limit, we will be selecting a new president this time. The elections will be held at the annual meeting which is the February meeting (February 16th).

At the December meeting President Richard Marshlian announced the members of nominating committee: Floyd Alwon, Dennis Martin, & Ed Van Sickle. At the January meeting, the committee will present a slate of nominees for all the offices.

Members may nominate additional candidates for any office according to the following procedure:

Section 4.05 Nominations from the general membership: Any seven (7) members in good standing may nominate candidates for one or more offices by submitting the nomination,

signed by them, to the Secretary twenty-one (21) days prior to the annual meeting.

If you are interested in making a nomination, please contact the secretary (boblnsc1@yahoo.com).

Pond Committee

The pond committee has been meeting and they have decided to approach the town to see if we can get some movement on projects such as creating a settling basin upstream of the club pond. Here is the text of the letter dated January 5th that is being sent to the Needham Board of Selectmen:

Re: Pollution of "Trout Pond" and the Charles River catchment from storm drains

Dear Chairman Handel:

As you may be aware, the Needham Sportsman's Club pond (which drains into Rosemary Lake then to the town of Wellesley's water supply) was dredged in 2002, due to a broken sewer pipe that ran under the pond, and excess siltation from storm drains located upstream. These problems resulted in poor water quality and reduced the fish carrying capability of the pond.

Although this resolved the sewer pipe problem, the siltation and water quality problem still exists. Silt carried by the water entering the pond from all the storm drains located upstream has reduced the depth from 4 feet to less than 1 foot at brook entry.

The overload of nutrients (decaying leaves and road runoff) has reduced the dissolved oxygen level to a point where it is lethal to the fish population. This observation by the membership was confirmed in a report done last summer by the Water Resource Services Inc. The report is included with this letter.

The Sportsman's Club pond effectively has become a retention basin for the town of Needham's storm water. We at the Club request that the water sewer department diverts some of this storm water and install a silt catching or retention basin upstream of the pond. This would reduce the problems associated with road runoff and restore the pond to what it was prior to all the road development. These improvements would also benefit Rosemary Lake and the Charles River watershed in general. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Fishing Report

Fish were caught the week of Christmas and the first week of this year. If there is enough open water, they can be caught. I saw fish

taking midges (or something), on the surface on January 2nd. Others have gone deep to catch fish.

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