



Newsletter March 2012

March Meeting on the 15th

The March meeting will be **Thursday, March 15th** at **7:30**. We will discuss opening day plans and have a presentation by Charlie

Shadan of the Evening Sun Fly Shop. We'll have a raffle for any fishing items you'd like to pass on to someone else.

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 to the address on the

last page. You can't fish if you haven't paid your dues!

If you've paid your dues, your membership card is on a table in the clubhouse, please pick it up.

Opening Day March 31st

The spring opening day will be Saturday, March 31st. The board has decided to move the date up due to warm weather and the holiday weekend. We'll kick things off with a hearty breakfast. Dennis promises more of the very popular French toast this time. It was all eaten early last time so if you want some don't come late! Breakfast will be served starting at 6:00 AM; the opening bell for fishing will be at 7:00 AM.

The pond will be stocked early on the week of March 25th. The "No Fishing" signs will be posted after the stocking.

If mother nature throws us a curve in the form of an early spring blizzard, breakfast will be postponed for a week, but fishing can commence on schedule (if you can get there!).

Clean up day March 24th

Clean up day will be Saturday, March 24th. The property looks pretty good, but there are branches and trash to pick up. Come around 7:30 AM and we'll get the place looking good for opening day. Besides, it'll be good

practice for opening day to be at the pond early on a cold Saturday morning. We will probably schedule another clean up day later in the spring as well.

Committees

We would like to get broader member participation in doing things for the club. As part of this effort, we are forming committees to work on various issues. The pond committee has already been created and is working on pond issues. The proposed

committees (which may be revised at the March meeting) are: Building and Property, Program and Events, Communication and Education. At opening day, we will have signup sheets. The club is doing well now, and it can be better, but only with your help!

Guest Speaker on March 15th

By Mike Herman

Charlie Shadan will be our guest speaker at the Club's March 15th meeting. Charlie is a veteran fly fisherman who has been extensively fly fishing his home waters of the Nissitissit and Squanacook Rivers, in North Central MA, for over 40 years! Charlie will be showing us his video called, "You Don't Need a Tee Time to Fish! This wonderful, highly acclaimed, video will show us an above and below water perspective of the Nissitissit and the Squanacook Rivers.

Charlie will cover places to put in and what flies to use!!!! If we behave Charlie may even tell us when and where they stock trout!!!! Charlie runs a full service fly shop in Pepperell, MA called the Evening Sun Fly Shop. Charlie's shop carries only top quality equipment and supplies for both the freshwater and the saltwater fly fisherman! This promises to be a very enlightening and fun evening.

DVD Library

We are proposing to set up a DVD library for the club. Where members can borrow outdoors related videos. To start we will be

looking for donations. It's a good way to share that DVD you got as gift two years ago and watched once.

Tuesday Night Fly Tying April 3rd

The Tuesday night fly tying will be on April 3rd. Attendance seems to get bigger each month. 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. We'll chip in for pizza and have a great evening. It's great to catch fish on the fly you tied yourself; come down and try it!

Elections 2012

The annual elections for club offices were held at the February meeting. All the officers and two board seats were up for election.

No nominations were received from members. The slate presented by the nomination committee was elected by unanimous vote.

President: Paul McKechnie

Vice President: Mike Herman

Treasurer: Doug Donaldson

Secretary: Bob Lynch

Board of Directors (2 years term):

Rollie Johnson

Roy Swartz

Bob Timmerman.

Note, Richard Marashlian will be serving a one-year term as a director in his capacity as past president.

February Meeting

The February meeting featured the club elections for 2012 and a presentation by Bob Lewis, the Assistant Director of Public Works for the Town of Needham. The presentation was about town's plans to start mitigating storm water runoff into the brook that feeds the club's pond. The club appreciates the time he took to visit with us. The town plans to install "stormceptors" on two of the storm drains on Perry Dr and Marked Tree Rd that feed Rosemary Brook upstream from the club pond. These structures will collect some of

the "junk" that winds up in storm drains and washes into the pond. These structures will deal with a small percentage of the total drainage to the pond. It is the start of a solution, not a complete solution, but this is all the town has money to do at this time. He suggests that the club get creative about working town organizations such as the Conservation Commission and Trails Committee to build support for more extensive projects in the future to protect and improve the watershed.

Fishing Report

The pond has not iced over completely for any length of time this winter. The fishing has been pretty good all winter. There are a lot of holdover trout and there has been frequent

surface activity. This warm winter has been a real treat for the members who managed to get out there.

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