



## Newsletter September 2012



*A view of the new aerators in operation*

### September Meeting on the 20th

The September meeting is on **Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM.** Dinner will be served! Note the early start time! We'll start with a discussion of kayaking techniques by Shane Yelin (of the newly formed Lateral Drift Outfitters of Cape Cod). After working up an

appetite, we'll have the famous beer can chicken for dinner, courtesy of Rollie Johnson and Bill Hagar. We'll cap the evening with a business meeting. Come check out the new aerator in action!

### Fall Opening Day

Fall opening day will be Saturday, **October 6th.** This is always a great time, and sometimes some fish are caught! The bountiful breakfast buffet is served at 6:00 AM to build your energy for the morning's fishing. It's probably the best meal you can get for \$5. There will also be plenty of coffee to wake you up for the main event, the

fishing starting at 7:00. This is a great chance to interact with other members; to learn something new; or show off in front of everyone (can you catch the first fish?). The pond will be stocked during the week of October 1st. Please observe the "No fishing" signs after stocking.

## Pond Committee

The new aerator has been in operation since August 22<sup>nd</sup>. A permanent electrical connection and an enclosure are in the works. Thanks to everyone who worked on this - Richard Howell who led this effort, Rollie Johnson and Mike Herman who dug the trench for the air lines - and the other members of the pond committee: Bill Hagar, Danny Soggi, Rollie Stewart, & Raymond Copobianco . There are three units at the bottom of the pond, each spewing a stream of small bubbles. You can't miss it if you come

down to the pond. We hope that this will help alleviate the problem of very low oxygen in the water. Raising the oxygen levels should improve the environment for all creatures in the pond, including the trout. The club has spent \$718 on permits and fees for this project, \$500 for labor for installation and \$2,940 on the equipment, for a total expenditure so far of \$4,158. Members of the pond committee will monitor the oxygen levels in the pond to measure the effectiveness of this project.

## Fall Cleanup Day

The Fall cleanup day will be on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. We need to clear the path around the pond and spruce up the grounds. Opening day is the following week and we want the place to look good. We will start

around 7:30 AM. Bring rakes and clippers. This is an important activity for the club and we urge members to participate. Many hands will make light work.

## Tuesday Night Fly Tying

Tuesday night fly tying will resume at the clubhouse on Tuesday, **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. It will start around 6:30 PM. Roy Swartz is leading this again. It's an opportunity to learn from one of the best tiers around. So, bring you

tying stuff and enjoy a fun and informative evening. Those who want to eat and tie can throw in a few dollars for pizza.

## Flies for Sale

Our late friend and member Bob Proctor left behind a large collection of high quality flies. The club has acquired these flies from Bob's family for \$250. Ray Capobianco sorted and identified the flies. Janette Marashlian

organized and bagged them in sets of 6. You can buy 6 high quality flies for \$5. The flies will be available at all meetings until they are sold out.

## Fishing tournament

In October, (unfortunately opening day weekend), there is a charity fishing tournament at Montauk on Long Island organized by Jerry Nigro. It benefits the Wounded Warrior project. It sounds like a

great time and a worthy cause. Consider participating if you want to fish in saltwater instead of the club pond. For more information:  
<http://www.montaukhookandslice.com/>

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