



Newsletter December 2012

December Meeting on the 20th

The December meeting will be held on **Thursday, the 20th at 7:30 PM.** This meeting will feature the annual holiday party,

with a roast beef dinner, music and lots of fun!

Fly Tying

The fly tying night will be at the clubhouse on Wednesday, **January 2nd.** It will start around 6:30 PM. This is becoming a very popular activity with members of all ages (see below).

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

Website Update

For more than a year the club website was not being updated, but a sucker (I mean volunteer) has been found to take this over. Bob Lynch has started managing the website. It's a work very much in progress, but, the main page now reflects up-to-date information and the newsletter archive is up-to-date. I hope to at least to maintain those two features going forward. I will also try to get the other areas of the site current again,

including the member-only area and a blog or some other method for members to communicate with each other. With help from Doug Donaldson, we are trying to get the PayPal connection working. This will take time, and since I don't know what I am doing, I ask for your patience.

We need a couple of volunteers to help decide on a direction for the club's website.

2013 Dues

The Board of Directors has set the dues for 2013 at **\$150 for adults** and **\$50 for juniors.** This is unchanged from 2012. Bring a check to the December meeting or you can pay your dues by mailing a check to:
Needham Sportsman's Club
PO Box 920191
Needham MA 02492

PayPal payments through the website will be accepted with an additional charge to cover the PayPal fees (\$154.50 and \$51.67). This difference is only to cover the fee that PayPal charges the club. New members will *not* be assessed a PayPal fee.

Invoices will be sent in January, but if you pay in December, you will save the club the postage costs, so please renew now!

2013 Elections

It's time to start the annual election cycle. There won't be any high stakes debates, big name donors, or political ads, (I think we had our fill of these this year), but it's still important for the operation of the club to choose officers and board members. The nomination committee will be announced at

the December meeting. Additional nominations from members are welcome, with the support of seven members. The nominations will be announced at the January meeting. The elections will be held at the February meeting.

Starting Out Right

By Ed Novak (from The Fisherman, 11/15/2012)

I must tell this tale! Encouraging youngsters to participate in or favorite fishing sport is prime motivation of Needham's Sportsman's Club. Though our club is devoted to fly fishing only, we exchange fish tales of fresh an saltwater at our monthly meetings. Last week, young John Benner, a 14 year old angler and freshman at Needham High, paid his membership stipend; joined our club on a monthly Tuesday evening fly tying session. Tuesday's interested members bring their fly tying kits to our clubhouse and learn from each other and often form a guest professional fly tier, how to use fly tying gear to create, copy, and collect various fly patterns. This was the first time John had ever see flies tied and he was fascinated! Members offered to lend him a fly tying vice

and feathers and teach him the basic technique to tie simple patterns. Young Benner proved amazingly proficient! With nimble and gifted fingers he delighted all hands with his quick ability to learn and tie patterns he was taught. John plans to buy his own vice and fly tying gear and members will donate lots more. We look forward to teaching him and other junior members how to use their creations to hook and release trout in our well-stocked pond. Perhaps he is as lucky as he is dexterous and he might win one of the three big turkeys to be raffled at our next meeting! Also at our next meeting the club members bring their retired or new fishing gear to be offered for bid; always a fun event. This Fishin' Pole offers Johnny Benner a hearty Na zdrowie!

Tackle Swap

Based on a suggestion from Jim Boesel, there will be a tackle swap or sale before the January meeting. Come early to the January meeting,

around 6:30, and bring that tackle you just don't use anymore. Maybe you can swap it for something you will use.

Fishing Report

Fish are being taken in the club pond. Most success has been with streamers or larger flies, but small nymphs and wet flies have accounted for a few fish too. As it has been all this season, the trick seems to be finding the fish. Once found, they are willing. Lately

the back half of the pond has been seeing the most action, but good fish have been caught all over. Some of the larger fish stocked (20 inches) have been landed in the last couple of weeks. They're waiting for you; give it a try before the ice closes in!

**Happy Holidays from
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