



Newsletter March 2013

March Meeting on the 21st

The March meeting will be held on **Thursday, the 21st at 7:30**. We will have some club business followed by a presentation by Adrian Bandoni of the Orvis store in

Dedham on fishing the Farmington River in Connecticut. This is a top destination in Southern New England and it will be very interesting to learn more about it.

Cleanup Day March 30th

We'll have the spring cleanup day on Saturday March 30th. Come as early as you can (the early birds show up around 7:30 AM). Bring tools like rakes, pruners, etc. We'll spruce up

the club grounds in anticipation of opening day. We could use the help, so come out and help out and we can all be on our way after a few hours.

Opening Day April 6th

Spring opening day will be Saturday, April 6th. The tradition of eating well (or badly according to your cardiologist) and fishing early continues! The best breakfast around for five bucks starts at 6:00 AM, followed by

the first cast at 7:00 AM. The pond will be stocked early on the week of April 1st. Please observe the "no fishing" signs between stocking day and opening day.

Fly Tying

The fly tying night will be at the clubhouse on Tuesday, **April 2nd**. It will start around 6:30 PM. This is becoming a very popular activity, with members of all ages and tying abilities. 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.

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
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If you've paid your dues, your 2013 membership card is on the table in the clubhouse - please pick it up when you have the chance.

Fishing and Boating Rule Proposal

At the February meeting we decided to table the proposal to allow the use of personal watercraft on the pond. A vote on the proposal will be held at the March meeting.

The proposal (which is open to amendment at the meeting) is:

Personal watercraft will be allowed on the pond subject to following rules:

1. There shall be no watercraft usage on or soon after opening days (spring and fall). Usage may begin two weeks after the spring opening day and one week after the fall opening day.
2. Watercraft shall be limited to self-propelled, single person craft, such as kayaks, belly boats and kick-boats with a maximum length of 12 feet.
3. Only adult or life club members may use watercraft, and a suitable PFD (life jacket) must be worn.
4. Watercraft must be cleaned prior to each use, to prevent transfer of invasive species.
5. Members seeking to use watercraft must be properly trained and informed about invasive species, in a manner determined by the board of directors.
6. There shall be a maximum of three craft on the pond at any time, and watercraft shall not interfere with shore anglers or with each other.
7. The bottom of the pond may not be disturbed, except when launching or landing. The shallowest parts of the pond are off limits to watercraft. No anchors may be used.
8. All other club rules for fishing apply: Flies must be cast; trolling or jigging is prohibited.
9. There will be no watercraft use before dawn or after dusk.
10. The club is not responsible for the safety of members using watercraft or for the consequences of related unsafe actions.
11. These rules apply only to calendar year 2013. To permit use of watercraft after 2013, the rules must be re-authorized (with amendments as desired) by a member vote after 2013.

2013 Election Results

The slate proposed by the nominating committee was elected without dissent:

President: Paul Mckechnie

Vice President: Mike Herman

Treasurer: Doug Donaldson

Secretary: Bob Lynch

Board of Directors:

Shane Yelin (2 year term), Richard Marashlian (1 year term), Eric Rockwood (2 year term).

Tackle Sale

The tackle sale held on January 26th brought in \$239. There is more fly tying material for sale. Some of it will be available at the next meeting. If there is something you are

particularly interested in, please ask Paul Mckechnie or Richard Marashlian if it's available.

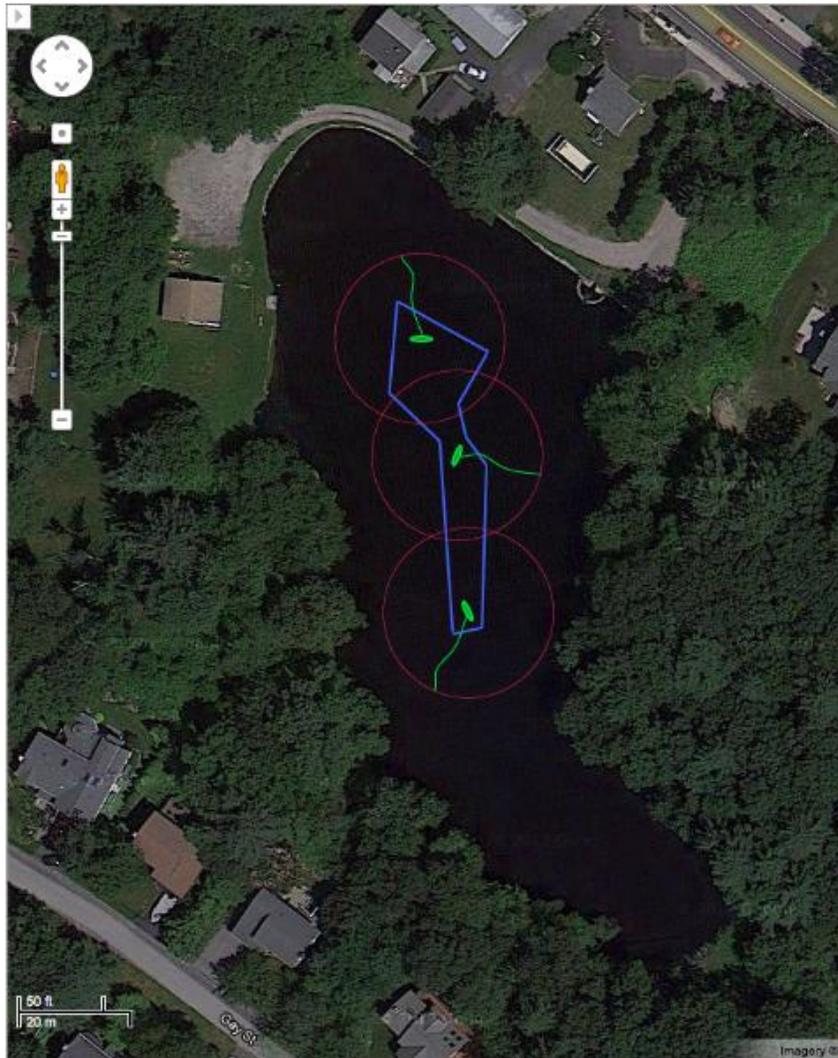
Fishing Report

There have been reports of trout being caught in the pond. Fish have been seen active on the surface. The fish are there waiting for you - it's time to get out there!

Comments and Map from Paul Linsay. Nice job Paul!

After our discussion of the use of small boats on the pond at the last meeting, I made up a picture of the Trout Pond with an area marked out that would be legal under the rules. The blue area is approximately where the boaters could fish from. The boundaries are about 70' from the pond edges. I've put in three kayaks/canoes that are 12' x 3' to get an idea of how they would interact with each other and the shore. The red circles have a 50' radius, a good cast when sitting down in a canoe or kayak.

It seems to me that the area for boats is quite restricted though it would give access to the east edge of the pond near the dam which is not fished much. It would also give access to the area just south of the club house east of the rock outcrop that is also not fished much.



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