



## Newsletter May 2013

### May Meeting on the 15th

The May meeting will be held on **Wednesday, the 15th** at **6:30**. This meeting will feature a casting clinic with Shelia and Bill Hassan. They are FFF certified casting instructors. They will give some group

instruction and then work with any members who want to improve their casting (all of us ...). A brief business meeting will start at 7:30. You can checkout Shelia's website at <http://cast90.com/>.

### Cookout June 9th

The June meeting will be the annual family cookout. The date is Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. This is always a fun event. We get to meet the better halves of members and enjoy a nice afternoon

by the pond. Burgers and dogs will be served around noon. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Kids can fish with worms, subject to the summer fishing rules.

### Contact Information

We've set up a new way for members to contact the club officers, just email to [Officers@troutpond.com](mailto:Officers@troutpond.com). This will send

your email to the President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary.

### Bat Fly?

Recently I was fishing the back side of the pond one evening. As I walked along the bank I saw a large surface disturbance. I thought it might be one of those big rainbows chasing baitfish. I hurried over eagerly, ready to give that fish just what it was looking for: a nice juicy streamer. Much to my surprise, it was not an aquatic animal but an avian animal - a bat struggling in the pond. I couldn't reach it with my net, so I went to the

clubhouse to get the long handled net. When I came back the bat was gone without a trace. Did it make it to shore and escape? Did it quietly slide beneath the water? Did a twenty-two inch brown trout suck it from surface? I like the latter explanation. I'm wondering how hard it would be to tie a 3/0 brown bat; what color hackle matches a bat? I might need more than a five weight to cast it...

## Can I try?

*By Jim Boesel (republished from the November 2005 newsletter)*

My 8 year old daughter loves to fish, but never tried fly fishing. Hearing how well Roy and I did, she asked "Can I try"? Like was I going to say no? I started off with my teaching her how to strip line. She picked it up quickly so I decided it was time she tried her luck fishing. Remembering how difficult a time I had when I first started, I was careful to repeatedly warn her that she probably wouldn't catch anything. She assured me that was okay, so we proceeded to what I told her was my "secret spot". She promised not to ever tell anyone. I cast the line out for her and handed her the rod. As she stripped, with her tip in the water mind you, I noticed she would stop stripping and then suddenly start up again. I asked her why she did this and she said it was to make sure the fish could catch the fly. You can't teach these instincts! After about the third cast she said "Daddy I got something" and jerked

the rod to set the hook like she did with Sunfish. She worked the fish landing a nice 12-13" brown. Okay, I'd rather she hadn't gone ew, ew when I offered to let her hold the fish for a picture.

Talk about your proud father and imagine being able to tell people you started fly fishing at eight years old? Okay, beginners luck but then a couple more casts and she caught a Rainbow, a real tail walker!

Then she offered me the rod and said "Dad, do you want to try"? Knowing how little girls idolize their dads, this was my big moment. On the first cast, I had one on and was she impressed, until she saw it was a Sunfish. "Gee daddy, wouldn't you rather catch a bigger one"? How do you respond when you've just been out fished a cute little 7 year old with a million dollar smile?

## Fishing Report

The fishing has been a little slow lately; there have not been evening hatches bringing large numbers of fish to the surface. There are a few fish feeding on the surface and they can

be caught with small midge patterns but you need to be patient. Some good size fish are chasing minnows and a streamer can be very effective when you see this activity.

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