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There was a great breakfast on opening day

October Meeting on the 17th

The October meeting will be held on Thursday October 17th at 7:30 PM. We will recount our stores form opening day – what was the hot fly (and more importantly will it continue working)?

The meeting will feature a presentation from member Kevin Walsh about his recently

published book *The Perfect Catch*. Several members who have read the book liked it. Kevin donated a copy to be shared at the club, but that's no reason you shouldn't by a copy of your own!

Clean up Day

The fall clean up day October 5th accomplished a lot of needed work. We filled a good-sized dumpster with logs and brush.

The dozen members who turned out worked hard, and the results look very good. We all owe them a debt of gratitude.

Fall Opening Day

The fall opening day will was October 12th. We had a great breakfast prepared by Dennis Martin and his team of assistant chefs: Mike Herman, Bob Timmerman, Bill Hagar and Paul Mckechnie. Rollie Johnson and Paul Mckechnie did the shopping. The French toast was a big hit again, and there was plenty

of it. If you missed this meal, I suggest you get there for Spring opening day.

The fishing started out slow. The first fish caught was a shiner, but we don't count that. Ted Cannie caught the first trout at around 7:30.

One Fly November 3rd

On Sunday, November 3rd we'll try something new for the club. We will hold a one-fly fishing tournament. The basic idea is that each angler chooses one fly (not one pattern, just one single fly) and fishes with it all afternoon. Numbers of trout caught and length of fish earn points for the angler. If the fly is lost, the angler can no longer accumulate points. The tournament will run 12:30 PM until 4:00 PM. We'll have snacks and beverages in the warm clubhouse to revive participants. At 4:00 PM we'll tally up the results and watch the Patriot's game (4:25 start).

This will be a members only event. The regular rules for fishing apply. Members and guests not participating who want to fish the pond are free to do so during the tournament.

We'll discuss the plan and rules in more detail at the October meeting. The final rules will be posted with the newsletters on the club website before the tournament.

Fly Tying November 5th

The monthly fly tying class will be on Tuesday, November 5th. The fun starts

around 6:30 PM. Those who want to can kick in a few dollars to share some pizza.

Property News

Thanks to Richard Marashlian, we have a new stack of good quality firewood. Richard arranged the delivery of the seasoned firewood and had it stacked neatly on the side of the clubhouse. We are looking into replacing all the old windows in the clubhouse. The pond committee headed by

Richard Howell is developing options for the next round of pond improvement projects. The general consensus is that the aerators installed last year have improved the pond, but there much left to do.

Proposed Change to Junior Membership Rules

The board of directors proposes to amend the by-laws to encourage junior members to remain active in the club after they reach age 18. The proposal is to change Section 2.03 which currently reads as follows:
“Junior Membership: There shall be a Junior Membership for individuals 14 to 17 years of age who will not have attained their 18th birthday by October 1st of that year. Junior Membership shall carry all the privileges of full membership except participation in club management.”

The proposal is to allow junior members to continue to pay the junior dues while they are full time students, even after their 18th birthday. The proposed change is to alter the first sentence to read: “There shall be a Junior Membership for individuals 14 to 17 years of age who will not have attained their 18th birthday by October 1st of that year or until they cease to be a full-time undergraduate student.”

This proposal will be discussed put to a vote at the October meeting.

Fishing Rules

As a refresher, here are the current fishing rules:
Fly Fishing only,
Catch release for trout (please be gentle);
Barbless hooks only (crushed hook barbs are OK);
One hook (fly) at a time;
No boats, floats or wading.

The immediate family of adult members are always welcome as guests at no charge (when the member is present). Two weeks after opening day a member may bring other guests; there is a \$5.00 guest fee per day, with a limit of two guests per day.

Fishing Report

Fishing has been hot and cold. Some members did quite well later in the morning on opening day. Sunday, the 13th proved lucky for those who were at the pond in the

morning with very good fishing; it was quieter in the afternoon. There is no clear pattern of what is working, although bright visible flies seem to have an edge in effectiveness.

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