



## Newsletter January 2014

### January Meeting on the 16th

The January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16th. The meeting will start with some of Rollie Stewart's (of Natick Outdoor Store) famous fish chowder. Dinner starts at 7:00. This is good stuff - there won't be any left-overs! The business meeting will

start at 7:30 and will include the announcement of nominations for club offices.

We will have a presentation by Rich Frantz of the Saco River Salmon Club.

### Fly Tying February 4th

The monthly fly tying class will be on Tuesday, February 4th. The fun starts around 6:30 PM. Those who want to can kick in a few dollars to share some pizza. Instructor

Roy Swartz leads the gang in tying a few of his favorite, effective patterns. This is a very fun evening - and everybody learns something too.

### Dues for 2014

The annual dues will remain unchanged for 2014. Renewal rates are \$150/year for returning adult members and \$50/year for returning juniors. Junior Membership is for an individual between the ages of 14 and 17 who will not attain age 18 by October 1st of the billing year or until he or she ceases to be a full-time undergraduate student, whichever is later.

Invoices were mailed at the end of December. Payment can be made by check or PayPal.

Checks can be mailed to the club post office box or handed in at a monthly membership meeting.

You can mail your dues to  
Needham Sportsman's Club  
PO Box 920191  
Needham MA 02492

**You must pay your dues before you can fish in the club pond in 2014.**

## Elections 2014

It's time for the annual club election. The election will be at the February meeting. As usual all the officers are up for election. This year an unusual number of seats on the board of directors will be elected. This is due to a departure, the way the terms are staggered and because the Treasurer (Doug Donaldson) and Secretary (Bob Lynch) are giving up their seats on the board to allow more members to participate.

So, there will be 4 board members for a two year term and 2 board members for a one year term to be elected.

This year's nominating committee is Floyd Alwon, Phil Trotter, & Brad Voight.

The committee will propose a slate for all offices at the January meeting. Additional nominations may be submitted by members to the Secretary: "Any seven (7) members in good standing may nominate candidates for one or more offices by submitting the nomination, signed by them, to the Secretary twenty-one (21) days prior to the annual meeting." (by laws, Section 4.05) For this year that means the deadline is January 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in making a nomination, please contact the Secretary at [BOBLNSC1@yahoo.com](mailto:BOBLNSC1@yahoo.com).

## By Law Review

The board of directors has established a committee to review the club by-laws and recommend changes. The intention is to see if we can clarify the rules and make sure they

are appropriate for current circumstances. The three volunteers for this task are Roy Swartz, Floyd Alwon and Bob Guttentag. Thanks for taking this on.

## Property News

The board of directors has approved two projects for the club house: 1. Replacing three of the windows (thanks to Eric Rockwood for leading this). 2. Replacing the key dead bolt on the front door with a key-

less key pad lock (Thanks to Richard Marashlian and Doug Donaldson for leading this). Over the next couple of months these improvements will be implemented.

## Fishing Report

Fish were caught where there was a little open water at the end of December. So, if you've paid your dues and we have a thaw, give it a try.

Our friend Rollie Stewart has moved from Orvis in Dedham to the Natick Outdoor Store. So if you're looking for some more tackle, (and who isn't?), stop by the Natick Outdoor Store and Rollie will help you out.

### Needham Sportsman's Club

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*Happy New Year from the Needham Sportsman's Club*

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