



## Newsletter March 2014



*New President Mike Herman and new Vice President Bob Timmerman*

### March Meeting on the 20th

The March meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. The meeting will feature a presentation by Jennifer Stritzel Thomson of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries. She will talk about the Angler Data

Collection Program. The Sportfish Angler Data Collection Team (SADCT) program is a group of volunteer anglers collecting biological samples of selected recreational fish species in Massachusetts marine waters.

### Clean up Day March 29th

Clean up day will be on Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>. We start around 7:30 AM and go until we run out of work or energy. It's been a tough winter and some cleanup work is definitely needed. If we want the place to look good for

opening day, we need to work at it. With any luck it will be warm, sunny morning, but if not the work still has to be done, so rain or shine come down and help us out!

## Opening Day April 5th

Opening day will be on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. We will start with the legendary Sportsman's Club breakfast at 6:00 AM. Some people don't even fish, they just come for the best 5-buck breakfast you can find. Family members are welcome too! The fishing kicks off with the ceremonial ringing of the start bell at 7:00 AM. It must be the combination of good

food and lots of caffeine, because no matter what the weather when the bell rings there are two to three dozen anglers ready to cast and catch the first fish.

The pond will be stocked on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please observe the no fishing signs between the stocking and opening day.

## Fly Tying April 1st

The monthly fly tying class will be on Tuesday, April 1st. The fun starts around 6:30 PM. Those who want to can pay a few

dollars to share some pizza. 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.

box or handed in at a monthly membership meeting.

You can mail your dues to

Needham Sportsman's Club  
PO Box 920191  
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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

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

## Elections 2014

The annual club elections were held at the February meeting. A complete slate for offices was presented by the nomination committee at the January meeting. No other nominations were received from the membership. At the February meeting the membership voted that the Secretary cast a single unanimous vote for the entire slate. Therefore the officers and board for the club for 2014 are:

President: Mike Herman  
Vice President: Bob Timmerman

Treasurer: Douglas Donaldson  
Secretary: Bob Lynch  
Board of Directors (elected this year): Roland Johnson, Roy Swartz, Richard Marashlian, Phil Brown, Barry Levine. Plus the two directors not up for election: Paul McKechnie as past president and Eric Rockwood with one year remaining on his term.

Congratulations and thanks to the new club leadership.

## Raffles

A new program for this year is going to be holding raffles at most meetings. We expect to receive donated items from various sponsors. Half the raffle proceeds will go to the club;

the other half will go to a charity for the year designated by the president. This year's charity is the Saco River Salmon Club <http://www.sacosalmon.com/index.html>.

## Thank You

Paul McKechnie stepped down as of March 1<sup>st</sup> as president after two years leading the club. Paul has been an outstanding president for the Sportsman's Club and we all owe him a debt of thanks. One of the major changes Paul helped lead the club to was adding the aerators to the pond. He has also done a lot of unsung work in fixing up the club grounds.

Prior to his two years as president, Paul served two years as vice president. After four years of service, Paul is not stepping away from the club, he is going to stay active on the board of directors. We are fortunate to have people of Paul's caliber step to help our club and we are grateful for his service.

## New Lock

The installation of the new combination lock for the clubhouse has been delayed. We hope it will occur this month. After the lock is installed, we will distribute the combination at

meetings and at opening day (this will save us postage costs). After that we will send out the combination to any paid members we have missed.

## New Fishing Rule

The board of directors has approved a new fishing rule which is effective immediately. No one may fish from the bridge over the

stream. This means you cannot stand on the bridge and cast or dap or jig a fly to fish in the stream.

## Stripers Extinct?

Roy Swartz brought this to my attention and I want to share it with the whole membership. The decline in the abundance of striped bass has been noticed by most of us who fish for them. Stripers Forever is a group trying to do something about it. Please read the article from the link below and respond to it.

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/2014/03/11/podium-bass/ieYsaf8jNzfQhIX9Wz1HnO/story.html>  
The link for Stripers Forever is <http://www.stripersforever.org/>

## Fishing Report

The fish are probably as anxious as we are for winter to end and the ice to disappear. We expect some healthy holdovers to be available

before the spring stocking, so when the ice finally melts get out and give it a try!

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