



Newsletter April 2015

April Meeting on the 16th

The April meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 PM** at the clubhouse.

After a brief business meeting we'll have a presentation from Shelia Hassan, FFF

certified casting instructor on tackle and rigging. Shelia has provided casting clinics in past years that were great.

Opening Day April 18th

Spring is finally here! The board has selected **Saturday, April 18th** as spring opening day. The pond will be stocked with trout on April 13th - please observe the "No Fishing" signs posted after the stocking. The day will start with our traditional hearty breakfast at 6:00 AM. This is the best breakfast you'll get

anywhere for five bucks. The first cast will be at 7:00 AM.

A supplemental stocking of trout is planned for May 4th.

Fly Tying May 5th

The Tuesday evening fly tying session for May will be on the 5th at 6:00 PM. This is a chance for experienced and inexperienced fly tyers to share knowledge. All levels of experience are welcome.

Bring your fly tying tools and a selection of materials (everyone shares whatever they have to make the evening's patterns).

Members chip in for some pizza so you don't have to miss dinner.

Dues for 2015

The board of directors has decided to set the **dues for 2015 at \$150** for adults, the same as for 2014. Junior members' dues will remain at \$50.

Members cannot fish in the pond until their dues are paid. If you haven't paid your dues, the absence of a 2015 membership card is a reminder to pay soon!

Thanks, Doug

Doug Donaldson completed his term as our Treasurer last month. Doug served seven years, since 2008. He did very important but largely unnoticed work to keep the check book, pay the bills, track membership and

keep the government filings up-to-date. All the officers and board member who have served with Doug will attest that he is a true gentleman and an excellent colleague. Thank you, for doing so much for this club.

Elections 2015

The 2015 elections were held at the March meeting. The four officers plus four directors were up for election. The nominated slate was elected. For 2015 the officers are:

President: Mike Herman
Vice President: Bob Timmerman
Treasurer: Tony O'Leary
Secretary: Bob Lynch

Board:
Phil Brown
Rollie Johnson
Barry Levine
Richard Marashlian
Roy Swartz
Eric Rockwood
Bill Dello Russo

Rod Raffle

The shop that led the rod building class in February, Cote's in Leominster, has donated a custom built 9 foot 6 weight (which is a correction to last month's newsletter) rod to the club as a raffle prize. The drawing will be

held at the May meeting. The club will be selling raffle tickets at the March, April and May meetings. The tickets are \$5 each. This is a beautiful rod just right for our local waters!

Clean up Day April 11th

Spring cleanup day was a great success. We had one of the best turnouts in recent years. Around 25 members spent most of the morning picking up sticks, cleaning the

clubhouse and repairing the driveway (your car will be grateful). Thanks to all who participated!

Firewood Available

During the cleanup day we sorted through the wood pile on the back, right side of the clubhouse. The rotted wood went into the dumpster, the wood that might be usable was left in the pile. Members are welcome to take this wood for their own use. Some of it needs

to be dried, and some needs to be split - feel free to take it to use in your wood stove or fire pit. This does not apply to the wood under the black tarp on the left side of the clubhouse.

Orvis Classes

The Orvis shop in Dedham is sponsoring a fly fishing 201 class this spring. The classes will be held at the club pond on May: 17th, 24th

and June: 14th. The store pays the club for the use of the pond. So if you stop by to fish on those mornings you may see some visitors.

Fishing Report

Once the ice cleared, fishing was good in the club pond. The trout held over well from last fall. Many flies and techniques have been working and some large, healthy trout (as well as some smaller, healthy ones) have been

landed. Mike Herman proved that the golden trout survived the winter by catching it on a small nymph. On May 4th, more fish will be added to the pond to supplement the initial stocking on April 13th.

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