



Newsletter January 2016

January Meeting on the 21st

The January meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 21st starting at 7:00 PM** at the clubhouse.

Rollie Stewart will make his famous fish chowder for us and Bill Dello Russo has promised some calamari and oysters – it should be real seafood treat!

The business of the meeting will focus on the elections for club offices for 2016. After the

nominations, Brad Voight will give a presentation on the History and Evolution of Fly Rods and Reels in North America. This will be very interesting.

Membership cards will be distributed to those who have paid their dues for 2016.

Dues for 2016

The board of directors has decided to leave the dues for 2016 the same as 2015:

\$150 for adults,

\$50 for juniors

Dues are payable by January 1st. Members cannot fish in the pond until their dues are paid. You can pay by check through the mail, (see the return address on the newsletter), or in person at a meeting (see Tony O'Leary, treasurer). The board has also approved a voluntary fee of \$25 for adult members who do not wish to participate in some of the work to run the club. This is proposed in place of a rise in dues. An adult member who does not plan to participate in any of the work activities for the benefit of the club is asked to add \$25 to their \$150 dues for 2016. The work activities can be organized, (like cooking breakfast on opening day, clean-up day, painting day, giving a presentation or class), or

unscheduled, (like spending a few hours clearing branches from the path, or stocking the clubhouse wood box with firewood).

New members and members who are physically or financially unable to contribute labor or money are not expected to make the additional contribution.

Members have a duty to participate in the activities of the club (bylaws, Section 2.05). There is a core of members who do most of the work activities around the club: clean-up day, cooking, teaching, work around the clubhouse, etc.; at these events we see the same people and we appreciate all that they do. But there are others who rarely participate in these essential chores. The board feels that this additional fee will provide needed revenue for the club and help make what all members contribute towards support of the club more equitable.

Elections 2016

The president appointed the nomination committee of Phil Trotter, Paul Defilippo, Bill Hagar. This committee will be looking to fill all the officer's positions and four board seats.

If approached, we hope all members will be open to serving.

Club Shirts

At the January meeting Bob Timmerman will have information on embroidered club shirts and jackets that may be purchased by

members. These items have been very popular in the past.

Fly Tying February 2nd

The monthly fly tying meeting will be held on February 2nd starting at 6:00 PM. Bring your own tools and materials; you can learn a lot

and have a good time doing it. If you want to eat and tie, you can chip in \$5.00 for pizza.

Ice Fishing

If the pond is frozen enough in mid February, we hope to organize an ice fishing event. We'll drill a few holes and take turns watching them. Meanwhile everyone else will be in the

warm clubhouse socializing, watching a game or playing cribbage. Details will follow.

Pond Committee

The Pond Committee has been re-invigorated by Richard Howell. Richard has developed some great ideas for improving the pond. He is going to approach the Needham Conservation Commission and find out what kind of permits we are likely to need and obtain for the work. Once there is clear

understanding of what we can do, more information will be distributed to the membership. If you'd like to get involved early and help with this critical initiative, please see Richard or one of the officers.

Fishing Report

The fishing was good for early January. Fish were caught. If there is no ice (or at least a decent sized ice-free area) the fishing can be

good all winter. Please remember that to fish in 2016 you must have paid your 2016 dues.

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