



Newsletter February 2016

February Meeting on the 18th

The February meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 18th starting at 7:00 PM** at the clubhouse. A beef stew dinner will be served before the business meeting. The business meeting will feature the elections for

2016 (see below). We will have a presentation from Phil Trotter on fishing in Montana.

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 an 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 nomination committee of Phil Trotter, Paul Defilippo, Bill Hagar presented the nominations for 2016. The nominees are:

Office	Nominee	Term Expires
President	Bob Timmerman	3/1/2017
Vice president	Bob Lynch	3/1/2017
Treasurer	Tony O'Leary	3/1/2017
Secretary	John Aurelio	3/1/2017
Board (past president's seat, 1 year, no election)	Mike Herman	3/1/2017
Board	Paul Defilippo	3/1/2018
Board	Roy Swartz	3/1/2018
Board	Phil Brown	3/1/2018
Board	Denis Martin	3/1/2018
Board (term not up for election)	Eric Rockwood	3/1/2017
Board (term not up for election)	Bill Dello Russo	3/1/2017

No other nominations were received by the Secretary.

Club Shirts

Bob Timmerman has arranged for embroidered club shirts that may be purchased by members. These items have been very popular in the past. A portion of the proceeds will go back into the club. The items and prices are:

Item	Colors	Price
Short sleeve tee	White, Grey, Navy, Black, Maroon	\$20.00
Long sleeve tee	White, Grey, Navy, Black	\$22.00
Super heavy weight sweatshirt, crewneck	White, Grey, Navy, Black	\$40.00
Super heavy weight sweatshirt, hooded	White, Grey, Navy, Black	\$50.00
Long sleeve denim buttoned shirt	Blue	\$33.00
+\$3.00 for XXL, +\$4.50 for XXL, +\$6.00 for XXXL		

You can submit your order at the February meeting. The order must be paid in full at the time of the order.

Fly Tying March 1st

The monthly fly tying meeting will be held on March 1st 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 later this month, 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 on TV or playing cribbage. Details will be discussed at the February meeting.

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