



Newsletter March 2016

March Meeting on the 17th

The March meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 17th starting at 7:00 PM** at the clubhouse. We will have a chili dinner cooked by Denis Martin (I don't know how Irish it will be, if it will green or made with corned beef, but if his French toast is any

indication, it will be delicious). We will plan the upcoming opening day and cleanup day.

Bamboo Rods on the 12th

Ed Christiansen is an experienced bamboo rod maker. Ed has volunteered to describe his craft for us. For those new to the sport, the excellent graphite rods we have today were preceded by rods carefully crafted from natural materials, and a few people are keeping this tradition alive. These bamboo rods were efficient and elegant fishing tools. With assistance from Ray Capobianco, Ed will cover all aspects of bamboo rod building,

from the raw cane, the design of a basic rod, the planing, the gluing process, all the way through to the finished rod.

The presentation will be on Saturday morning, March 12th, from 9:00 AM to approximately 11:00 AM at the clubhouse. This should be a fascinating description of traditional rod making. Come out and learn about the history and craft of our sport.

Opening Day on the 19th

The Spring opening day will be early this year. Due to the warm conditions, the official opening will be **Saturday, March 19th**. The pond will be stocked on March 14th; please observe the "No Fishing" signs between the stocking and Saturday. A hearty breakfast will served starting at 6:00 AM on opening day.

The breakfast seems to get better every year. The charge for the breakfast will be \$7.00 (an increase from the \$5.00 of previous years). The first cast will be at 7:00 AM. We need volunteers to sign up for the cleanup crew after breakfast.

Cleanup Day on April 9th

The spring cleanup day will be **Saturday, April 9th**. There is a lot of tree debris and trash around the pond that needs to be picked up. We will start around 7:30 AM and finish

by noon. Please come by for a few hours and help out. The board has decided to close the pond for fishing on that morning so that the focus can be on the cleanup.

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

Note: 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).

Thanks

A small group of members including Brad Voight, Denis Martin, Mike Herman and others cleared up the worst of the winter debris on March 5th. A fallen birch tree was pulled from the water, and some the logs from the large pine tree were split. You may

notice a lot of tree damage around the property, including a very large pine tree to the left of the clubhouse. Very fortunately this tree caused no significant damage. We had professionals come in and cut up most of it.

Food and Funds

Food at meetings is very popular and we appreciate the members who volunteer to make something tasty for us. The yearly dues don't take paying for this into account. So, the board has decided to set up a donation

bowl at every meeting where food is served. Members who partake of the meal are asked to donate \$5.00 toward the cost of the meal.

Elections 2016

At the February meeting the slate recommended by the nominating committee was approved. The results 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 |

Fly Tying April 5th

The monthly fly tying meeting will be held on April 5th 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.

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 March meeting. The order must be paid in full at the time of the order.

Richard Marashlian

Richard has been a long-time and great member of our club, including serving as President 2010-2011. He asked that this letter be distributed to the members:

Dear Members of the Needham Sportsman's Club,

Janette and I made the difficult decision to sell our home after living here for 25 years. We are going to move to a condo in Southbury CT, which is a 55+ community. This is going to put us nearer to our daughter in New York, who is the proud mother of our six-month old granddaughter. The move is also going to allow me to retire from working a five day week.

I will miss so many of you and the many close friends I have made. I will be keeping up with my club membership, and plan to be here for the opening day, picnic day and special events. It is a 2 ½ hour drive and I have been generously offered places to stay, if necessary.

I haven't moved yet, and we hope to be out in April. I will see you all at the next meeting. Thanks to you all for your friendships!

Richard and Janette.

Thank you, Richard, for all you've done for the Needham Sportsman's Club. We will miss seeing you frequently, but look forward to seeing you when you visit.

Water Management

Jay "The Goose Man" James has been a member of the pond for years. He hardly fishes but he does his best to keep the pond free of geese. His other big responsibility is watching the weather and maintaining the dam. I urge you to let Jay do his job as he sees fit. He knows what he's doing.

Fishing Report

Since the ice left, the pond fishing has been very good. We have a good population of holdover trout. The golden trout is still alive and well; there was a report that he was caught by a skillful young angler on March 5th.

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