



Newsletter November 2016

November Meeting on the 17th

The November meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 17th starting at 6:30 PM** at the clubhouse.

This will be the annual Thanksgiving turkey raffle. We'll start with a cold cut dinner at 6:30, followed by the raffle.

The raffle will feature some turkeys for your thanksgiving dinner and we are looking for donations of other items for the raffle – bring something you would want to win.

There will be an auction for an Orvis spey rod, donated by Carl Borromeo.

Donations for Needham Community Council

At the November and December meetings we will collect non-perishable food and other goods (toiletries etc...) for the Needham

Community Council. Please bring your donations to the November or December meeting.

Fly Tying December 6th

The monthly fly tying session will be on December 6th. It starts around 6:00 PM pr whenever you can get to the club house. This a fun evening of tying and

instruction. Chip-in \$5 and you get a pizza dinner along with a couple of new flies.

Fall Opening Day October 22nd

The fall opening day was on Saturday, October 22nd. Our crew of volunteer chefs were at work early and produced a fantastic breakfast before the first cast. The club house looked great after a thorough cleaning by the cleanup crew. The weather was about as good as you can get in late October - not too cold

and the previous night's rain had ended. The fishing started a little slowly, but soon picked up and most members came away happy.

Thank you to all the members who helped out with clubhouse preparation, breakfast cooking, and cleanup afterwards.

One Fly Tournament November 6th

The third annual one-fly tournament was held on November 6th. Fourteen competitors matched their fly selection and fishing skills. Fishing was little slow. In the end, after three hours Roy Swartz was a repeat winner after catching two good sized rainbows. The

winning fly was size 14 bead-head wet fly. The biggest fish was caught by Ray Capobianco (who came in second), a 19 inch beauty, also on a size 14 bead-head. Maybe the rest of us should take note of this fly selection.

Speakers and Articles

We need speakers for the monthly meetings. If you have something to share, we'd love to hear from you! If you have an idea for someone else to present please let us know. Also the newsletter editor is always looking

for articles by members to share an experience or a fishing technique. In either case, contact editor@troutpond.com or speak to one of the officers about your ideas.

Dart board and other activities

Thanks to Phil Brown, the clubhouse now has a dart board. It is to the right of the door as you enter the clubhouse. If you are having little luck with the fish maybe you can win at darts! This winter we hope to have some

Sunday afternoon darts and cribbage gatherings. This will be a great way to pass a wintery afternoon. Details will appear in later newsletters and on the website.

Improvements

There has been a lot of work lately on improvements to the club house and property. Thanks to Tony O'Leary and Phil Brown, new tables were purchased and set up in the club house. The new tables, along with a rearrangement of the furniture makes it easier to move around. Brad Voight is

repairing some of the rotted siding on the club house. Bob Timmerman arranged for the donation and spreading of gravel to repair the pot holes in the driveway. Thanks to everyone who is helping out with these important improvements and repairs.

Donation in Memory of Barry Levine

The family of our late member Barry Levine has made a generous donation to the club of \$200 in memory of Barry, who passed away suddenly last year. We are grateful for this gift.

Sad News

It is with deep sadness that I must pass on the news that Scott Donaldson, son of long time member and former treasurer Doug Donaldson, passed away in October. We send our deepest condolences to Doug and his family. The club is making a donation to a charity in Scott's memory.

Newsletter archive

This is a reminder that the club newsletters back to 2005 and other documents are available on our website: <http://www.troutpond.com/Public/Newsletters/newsletters.php>

Fishing Report

Fishing has been good since opening day. Many members are catching a few each day, but the fish are tough to locate. There hasn't been much surface feeding lately. Based on the results of the one-fly tournament on November 6th, smaller bead head nymphs and

wet flies might be the solution. The winner and runner-up both used size 14 bead head flies.

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