



## Newsletter December 2016

### December Meeting on the 15th

The December meeting will be held on **Thursday December 15th starting at 6:30 PM** at the clubhouse.

This will be the annual holiday party with good food and good cheer.

We'll start with a roast beef dinner at 6:30, followed by a brief business meeting.

### Donations for Needham Community Council

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

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

### Fly Tying January 3rd

The monthly fly tying session will be on Tuesday, January 3rd. It starts around 6:00 PM or whenever you can get to the club house. This is a fun evening of tying

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

### Richard "Putt" Puttkamer

It is with great sadness that I have to relay the news that a long time member (in fact a life member) of the club has died. Putt Puttkamer passed away last month. He moved to the West coast several years ago and so has not been active in the club for a while. I don't have an obituary to offer more details at this time. Jim Boesel offers this remembrance:

Many, too many, years ago, I was just learning fly fishing. Me and Putt were in the back roll casting like crazy. He kept catching fish and I couldn't get a tap. Finally I swallowed my pride and asked him what fly he was using. Standing on the rock he looked down at me over his glasses, looking Santa Clause and clipped the fly right off his line, YES!! I asked him where I should fish, he got off the rock,

said here ya go and gave me his spot, YES!!! Then he walked over to where I'd been casting.

I got the fly, I got the spot, gonna catch some fish! Hmm, bout 20 minutes later I didn't get a tap and he'd caught two fish where I'd been fishing before. Are you kidding me!! I finally walked over and with great humiliation asked him what I was doing wrong. He looked at me, thought for a second then, reeling up his line, he just said, "Son, you haven't paid yer dues yet", and walked off.

I learned so much from that SOB's humiliating comments but ya know something, I never regretted a moment. Great fisherman, great guy but a humiliating teacher!! Gonna miss him.

## Dues for 2017

The board of directors has decided to leave the dues for 2017 the same as 2016:

**\$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 scheduled and organized, (clean-up day), 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.

## Tools for Sale

A member has a set of tools that he'd like to sell. The details are below. This is a package deal. It's great deal for someone who wants to start building furniture. The price is \$700.

Contact [Editor@troutpond.com](mailto:Editor@troutpond.com) if you are interested.

Here's the list of tools

1. Craftsman 10" Table saw w/ base, Reliant fence, 7 blades (Forrest) & jigs
2. 1.5HP Porter Cable router w/ all bases (D ring, plunge & fixed)
3. Complete DeWalt laminate trimmer kit
4. Speilman router table w/ 3HP Porter Cable router & jigs
5. Over 30 router bits, bearings etc
6. 6" Craftsman Jointer w/ chip bag (Extra knives & alignment tool)
7. 1HP Reliant dust collection system
8. 12" Delt plainer w/ extra knives
9. Scroll saw
10. Sears 25 gal air compressor w/ reel up house
11. Bench oscillating drum sander (Never used)
12. Mortice drill press jig with two sizes
13. Air filtration system

Plus, hard wood, hand tools, DMT sharpening stones, chisels, dovetail jig, Porter Cable palm sander, belt sander, furniture scrapers w/ hones, too much to list.

## 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](mailto:editor@troutpond.com) or speak to one of the officers about your ideas.

## Fishing Report

Fishing was hit and miss through November; some days the fish were in the mood, others they weren't. But it was great to get out anyway. Wet flies, nymphs, eggs and streamers (even a dry fly!) all worked at various times. This winter is unlikely to be as mild as last, when the pond barely froze over

for any length of time. So take advantage of the available opportunities; before the water gets too hard; take an hour or two and give it a shot.

**Happy Holidays from the Needham Sportsman's Club**

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