



Newsletter February 2017

February Meeting on the 16th

The February meeting will be held on **Thursday February 16th starting at 6:30 PM** at the clubhouse. We'll have a pasta dinner to start the meeting thanks to Bob Timmerman. A business meeting will follow

dinner featuring the elections for 2017. The evening finale will be a presentation by the Harrison brothers who are fishing guides in Western Massachusetts.

Fly Tying March 2nd

The monthly fly tying session will be on Tuesday, March 2nd. 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.

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 2017. 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.

Elections 2017

President Timmerman appointed the nomination committee of Bill Hagar, Rollie Johnson and Floyd Alwon. This committee made the following nominations at the January meeting:

Office	Nominee	Term Expires
President	Bob Timmerman	3/1/2018
Vice president	Bob Lynch	3/1/2018
Treasurer	Tony O'Leary	3/1/2018
Secretary	John Aurelio	3/1/2018
Board	Mike Herman	3/1/2019
Board	Bill Dello Russo	3/1/2019
Board	Brad Voight	3/1/2019
Board(term not up for election)	Paul Defilippo	3/1/2018
Board(term not up for election)	Phil Brown	3/1/2018
Board(term not up for election)	Denis Martin	3/1/2018
Board(term not up for election)	Roy Swartz	3/1/2018

No other nominations were received by the Secretary.

Classifieds

As a new feature the newsletter will print classified ads for members looking to sell or give items (or seeking items). Contact Classified_ad@troutpond.com to list something.

Diamondback Graphite Model DGS-800, 8/9 wt. 9', 2 pcs
This is very desirable rod for those that do not like ferrules, also has a custom detachable fighting butt. New-in-the-box, comes with aluminum tube, original cost \$239 asking \$150
Contact
Classified_ad@troutpond.com

Temple-Fork, IM6 graphite, 2 wt. 6', 2 pcs
New-in-the-box, comes with Temple-Fork tube and Cortland WF-2F line
original cost \$176 asking \$125. Contact

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Orvis TL, 9 foot, 5 weight, tip flex in excellent condition, with a rod cloth and fancy case.

Green blank, fancy wood reel seat with gold components. NICE

One of the best trout rods ever made by Orvis. Price: \$150 or best offer

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Brad Voight Sportsman of the Year

Brad Voight was named the 2017 Ed Novak Sportsman of the Year. Brad is a long-time member and helps out in the club in many ways. He is also one of the most successful anglers on the pond.

Last fall he repaired the parking lot side of the clubhouse. Thanks for all your work Brad!

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.



Doug Donaldson (left) with his life member plaque, presented by Mike Herman (photo by Bill Hagar)

Doug Donaldson

In a special honor the board has awarded Doug Donaldson a lifetime membership in the club. Doug was our long-time treasurer and has helped the club in many other ways. He'll be moving to North Carolina later this year (apparently he wants one more snowy

winter). A plaque was presented to Doug at the January meeting. Thanks, Doug and congratulations!

Fishing Report

There isn't much happening lately, but in a few weeks we and expect open water again.

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