



Newsletter March 2017

March Meeting on the 16th

The March meeting will be held on **Thursday March 16th starting at 6:30 PM** at the clubhouse. We'll have a dinner of hot dogs and beans with brown bread to start the meeting.

Dean Clark will be our guest speaker. He will put on a slide show about fishing Cape Cod, and follow it up with a report on the current status of striped bass. This is certain to be both entertaining and informative as Dean is Co-Chair of Strippers Forever, Massachusetts and a seasoned veteran of both fresh and saltwater fly tying and fishing. His first fly rod caught striper was taken in 1946 on a fly he tied himself! Dean has been a presenter and given seminars at sports shows throughout the east coast. The program he will share with

us has been very well received and was presented at the Boston Fly Casters just last month. Dean's slides will show some of the more unusual fly rod caught fish from our local waters and take us on a tour from stealthy sight fishing the flats to casting into blitzing pods of crashing stripers. He will briefly go over hard-tail fishing (bonito and false albacore) and explain to us why wild striped bass need to be better managed and how to make that happen. Dean has a lot to share with us.

If you have friends interested in fishing the Cape, invite them to join us for an informative and entertaining evening.

Cleanup Day March 18th

Spring cleanup day will be Saturday, March 18th. We will start around 7:30 AM, but come anytime you can. We need to pick up debris from the winter and get the property ready for

opening day the following week. Many hands make light work. In case of inclement weather, we may postpone the cleanup, check the website for updates.

Opening Day March 25th

Spring opening day will be Saturday, March 25th. We will start with a great breakfast at 6:30 AM and the first cast will be at 7:30 AM.

The pond will be stocked sometime during the week of March 20th. Please obey the no fishing signs after stocking.

Fly Tying April 4th

The monthly fly tying session will be on Tuesday, April 4th. 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

You cannot fish in the pond if you have not paid your dues for 2017. Display your 2017 membership card to show that you have complied with the rule.

Membership cards can be picked up at a meeting, at opening day or in the clubhouse.

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.

Fly Fishing Class

The club is going to offer a beginners fly fishing class through Needham Community Education.

http://rwd1.needham.k12.ma.us/community_education/NCE_Adult This class will be held in two parts on April 29th and May 6th at 1:00 PM at the club pond. This is part of the Club's mission to promote the sport. The class will cover the basics for complete

beginners, with an emphasis on the basic skill of casting. The Club will receive a small fee for the class. We need a few volunteers to act as instructors. We will have a meeting for the instructors sometime during the week of April 17th to work out the details. If you can help out, please contact editor@troutpond.com.

Help Wanted

We need one or two volunteers to do an important task for the club. We need to get permission from the Needham Conservation Commission to do maintenance around the pond. This is a "Determination" from the commission that allows us to do the things like patching the driveway and maintaining the

path around the pond. Our current determination expires on March 31st, so the club needs to apply for a new one. Applying involves filling out some paperwork, notifying abutters and attending a Commission meeting. If you can help with this task, please contact the officers.

Elections 2017

The elections for club officers and board occurred at the February meeting. The slate presented by the nomination committee was unanimously elected.

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 in 2017)	Paul Defilippo	3/1/2018
Board(term not up for election in 2017)	Phil Brown	3/1/2018
Board(term not up for election in 2017)	Denis Martin	3/1/2018
Board(term not up for election in 2017)	Roy Swartz	3/1/2018

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.

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
Contact
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Rules for Fishing the Pond

With the start of spring fishing its worth reviewing some of the rules for fishing in the club pond:

1. A valid membership card should be displayed while fishing.
2. A single fly with a barbless or de-barbed hook is required.
3. Fish must be quickly and gently released. The best handling of the fish is no handling. Unhook the fish in the water or in the net and release them without handling. Every fish does not deserve a photo.
4. Guests are allowed under the following circumstances:
 - a. The member is present at all times and is responsible for the behavior of their guests.
 - b. Immediate family can be guests at any time with no fee.
 - c. Other than immediate family, guests are welcome starting two weeks after opening day. The guest fee of \$5 per guest per day is payable at the next meeting.
 - d. Junior members may not bring guests.

Book Recommendation

Denis Martin recommends *Fish On, Fish Off* by Stephen Sautner. According to Amazon.com: "*Fish On, Fish Off* is the angling version of Bill Bryson's *A Walk in the Woods*. Through a series of nearly 50 personal essays, the author explores what happens when the self-taught, DIY angler sets out to

fish the world." For a video about the book: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/x5g5updiei8wkq5/Fish%20On%20Fish%20Off%20Final.mp4?dl=0>

Fishing Report

Action has been quite good lately. Several members have reported double digit days. The holdover fish look great. They are fat and healthy. The two golden trout have survived the winter and have been caught (Brad Voight caught them both in a single

day!) If Mother Nature cooperates, it will be worth your time to hit the pond before the spring stocking! Fish have been caught on many patterns, woolly buggers, wet flies, nymphs and egg flies have all accounted for fish.

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Voight, Phil Brown, Bill Dello Russo, Paul
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