



Newsletter April 2017

April Meeting on the 20th

The April meeting will be held on **Thursday April 20th starting at 7:00 PM** at the clubhouse.

Armand Courchaine will be our guest speaker. His program is called "I Never Grew Up." It's both a talk and digital slide show. Armand says "At the present age of 73, I can honestly say I NEVER GREW UP."

It's about a small boy growing up in Fall River, MA; at the age of eight he had his first strike at a top water plug. The strike would be

etched in his soul with the obsession of catching fish on the surface.

It's a no nonsense approach to fishing for largemouth bass. The program covers the basics of time used wisely, when to fish, where, safety, what happens when time marches on, to put in words the joys of fly fishing for bass. He will have a very short invitation for members to fish at a neat place for Trout.

Fly Fishing Class April 22nd and 29th

The club is going to offer a beginners fly fishing class to the public. This class will be held in two parts on April 22nd and April 29th at 9:00 AM 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. We need a few volunteers to act as instructors. We will have a meeting for the instructors on April 20th (before the regular club meeting) at 6:00 PM (pizza will be served). If you can help out, please contact editor@troutpond.com.

Fishing Derby May 6th

On Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 Am to noon Needham Parks and Recreation will have their annual kids fishing derby at the Needham Reservoir. The club always has a few members to help out. Rollie Johnson leads

this effort every year. So if you can, stop by and lend a hand to help the kids catch a big one. Note the reservoir will be stocked with trout by the state the week before the derby.

Fly Tying May 2nd

The monthly fly tying session will be on Tuesday, May 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.

Opening Day March 31st

Due to the weather, opening day was postponed a week (at least the grounds was not snow covered on the rescheduled day). Opening day was rough weather-wise but was great food wise. Was it raining, sleeting or snowing? It changed from minute to minute. Twenty two members braved the conditions and had a great breakfast prepared by our head chefs, Dennis Martin and Phil Brown and their helpers. Charlie Wainwright

documented the event in pictures that you can see at the clubhouse.

Rollie Johnson reclaimed his crown as first fish champion within the first five minutes. After that the fishing was kind of slow. But in the clubhouse the coffee was hot and conversation was lively all morning.

Thank you to all those who helped out with shopping, cooking and cleanup.

March Meeting

The March meeting featured a great meal prepared by Paul DeFillipo and Phil Brown. If you've never had brown bread from a can you missed your chance to savor a classic New England meal: Brown bread, Hot dogs and Beans. It took me back a few decades.

The speaker was Dean Clark of "Stripers Forever." He was funny, brilliant and informative. He came despite an illness in his family and we really appreciated having him with us. It was a great evening.

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 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

You can mail your dues to
Needham Sportsman's Club
PO Box 920191
Needham MA 02492

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.

Don't just drop items off at the club hoping someone will take them. If you have something to offer (for money or free) please list it in the classifieds.

Fishing Report

Action picked up the day after opening day. Many people landed double digits of fish. The fish are all very fat and healthy. There are three golden trout swimming around – this may be your best shot to catch one! The fishing has been good. The action will start to

shift to later in the day as the weather warms up but the next few week should be the peak of the season on the pond. Dry flies have been working for some people, #16 elk hair caddis have taken some fish. Nymphs and streamers have also been working.

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