



Newsletter November 2017

November Meeting on the 16th

The November meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 16th starting at 6:30 PM** at the clubhouse.

We'll have cold cuts for sandwiches before the annual turkey raffle. Rollie Johnson is procuring three of the biggest, juiciest birds you can imagine as prizes!

We need other items, so please consider donating some good useful outdoors oriented items to the raffle – something you would like to win!

There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

Community Council Collection

At the November and December meetings we will collect non-perishable food and toiletries

to donate to the Needham Community Council. Your help is much appreciated.

Fly Tying December 5th

The monthly fly tying session will be on Tuesday, December 5th. It starts around 6:00 PM or whenever you can get to the club house. Now is the time to switch from fishing flies to tying flies. If you need help

getting started, this is your chance. 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.

One Fly Tournament November 5th

The fourth annual one-fly fishing tournament was held on Sunday, November 5th. We only had four competitors and the fishing was kind of slow. Ray Capobianco caught the only

trout on a size 10 sparrow nymph. It's been suggested we call this the "one fish tournament". Ray donated his winnings back the club. Congratulations Ray and thank you!

Elections for 2018

The president has appointed three members to the nominating committee for next year's elections: Floyd Alwon, Ray Thibault and Eric Rockwood.

From the Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee is in the process of preparing a slate of candidates to present to the Membership for a vote at the meeting in February. All members especially those who are not officers or on the board of directors are strongly encouraged to consider whether they would be willing to serve in a leadership position for the NSC. Members should also think of other individuals who they consider a good candidate.

At this point, it looks like we will have a few open positions. The good news is we know we will have a stable group of experienced leaders.

However, a healthy organization always benefits from "new blood" (i.e., bodies, hearts, and minds). It is no longer a hidden secret that the NSC has an ageing problem (few of us get carded much these days). So, one priority is to diversify our membership and leadership by bringing on to the board younger members (younger here could mean those who have not yet had both cataracts removed).

So, please consider volunteering yourself or someone you have seen around the club who you feel could make a solid contribution. To volunteer or nominate someone else, send an email to flyfish@troutpond.com

Fresh Fish

The board has authorized supplemental stocking on the week of November 12th. We hope that the stocking will improve the current fishing and provide a boost for

holdover fishing early next spring. The new fish will include a few tiger trout (brook trout x brown trout cross breed).

Dues for 2018

The board of directors has decided to increase the dues for 2018 for adult members by \$25 to **\$175** per year. This is to help fund the ongoing property maintenance. The

voluntary \$25 fee for non-participation in club work projects will remain the same. Junior memberships and Life memberships are not affected by the change.

Membership Committee

A new committee has been formed to oversee recruiting new members and retaining existing members. Mike Herman will be

leading the committee. He needs help. We'll be asking for volunteers at the November meeting.

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 or respond.

Native or Non-native

Do you ever wonder where the fish we love to catch originated? What fish really are native to our area? Here's a very interesting article that may surprise you about what's

available locally and what the first settlers were catching (or not catching): [On the Water Alien Fish](#)

Fishing Report

Fishing was been kind of slow lately (see the results of the one-fly above). But fish are being caught now and then. There is no pattern of what's working in the last week;

fish have been caught on dry flies, nymphs and streamers. You just have to come to the pond and give it your best shot.

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