



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 9, 2023, Courtyard by Marriott Nashua

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 13, 6 PM at Courtyard by Marriot!

See information/directions below.

Speaker: Dianne Timmins, Inland Fisheries Division Chief of The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

Diane will be joined by one of her associates, who will help field questions.

Members and guests in attendance: Matt Blanchard, Bob Broadhurst, Bob Cox, Steve Descoteaux, Bob Kelley, Candice Kelley, Ray Menard, Harry Mink, Molly Mink, Jack Ogden, Brenda Philippon, Ray Philippon, Alan Plum, Paul Randazzo, Fred Roedell, Dale Seiberg, Tim Stoodley, Troy Nickerson, George Rollend, Mark Samsel, Greg Samsel and presenter Steve Angers

Club President Ray Philippon led off the proceedings at approximately 6:39 pm with the playing of the Star Spangled Banner. The minutes from the February meeting were accepted, seconded and approved by all in attendance.

2023 Club officers:

President: Ray Philippon

Vice President: Mark Prolman

Treasurer: Ted Pelletier

Secretary: John (Jack) Ogden

Dinner Raffle winner: Tim Stoodley (credit for next month)

Fly drawing winner: Molly Mink

February 9, 2023, Treasury report from Ted Pelletier presented by Jack Odgen

Cash Balance: \$5,102.57

Expenses:

Marriot – Nashua \$500.10

Donation/Lefty Kreh \$100.00

Triangle/Porta-potti \$150.00 (4/1/23)

Total Expenses: \$750.10

Income:

Total Income: \$928.00

Membership: 73

Active singles: 69

Life time: 4

Families: 3

April Meeting Location will be at the Courtyard by Marriot!

Thanks to our club member Fred Roedell, owner of the Courtyard, for hosting us.

The address: 2200 Southwood Dr., Nashua, NH 03063. Phone number: 603-880-9100

Directions to the Marriot:

Heading North take exit 8 and then a left at the first set of lights. As you head up the hill bear to the left at the fork and the hotel will be on your left.

If you are heading South, take exit 8 and then a left at the first set of lights. At the second set of lights, proceed straight and as you head up the hill bear to the left at the fork and the hotel will be on your left.

When you enter the building turn left out of the lobby to the Atrium room, next to the bar. Cash bar.

The cost for the meal will be \$30/person. Dinner will be buffet style, including rolls, butter, salad, dinner entrée, coffee or Pepsi and dessert and will include gratuities for the service. At NCC members were paying \$27/person plus the club was chipping in \$5/person bringing the total cost per club member to \$32/meal. Then we had to provide our own dessert and gratuity.

Reservations/meal count are still **REQUIRED** for each member planning to attend and take part in the meal. Reservations need to be made with Ray no later than the Thursday before the meeting! Please e-mail Ray to make your reservation and he will confirm your reservation with a responding e-mail. If you do not get a response, you are not confirmed so please e-mail Ray again. No confirmation = no meal. **Also, if you commit to attend the meeting and order a meal, you are responsible for the cost of that meal whether or not you attend, so please double check your calendar before committing.**

Ray announced that club member and owner of Evening Sun Fly Shop in Pepperell, MA, Charlie Shadan, has graciously donated six dozen of his finest flies to the club to be auctioned/raffled off at our monthly meetings. Thank you, Charlie, and Evening Sun Fly Shop.

Also, at the Meeting Ray posed the following question to all in attendance and to the club in general. As a club, what do members want to see the club offer to the membership? Case in point, many people expressed an interest in inviting casting instructor Mike Jones back, so we did. Are there other things you would like to see, presentations, demonstrations or classes? Please e-mail Ray with your suggestions.

Opening Day

The club pond is still TENTATIVELY set to open on April 15th. Obviously, the date is dependent on the weather. This also means that stocking should be happening the week before. Please stay tuned for firm dates once we get closer. Again, this year there will be an Opening Day raffle. The Opening Day raffle this year will be a guided trip booked through North Country Anglers, like last year. You will have your choice between wade trip or a drift boat trip. You get to choose which trip you would like. Raffle tickets are available from Ted Pelletier at a cost of \$25.00/each or 5 tickets for \$100.00.

Our guest speaker was Steve Angers, Owner of North Country Anglers. He gave an extremely informative presentation on flies and fishing in the North Conway area. He covered details as which flies he uses, with great success, at which bodies of water in and around North Conway. Steve is also a big proponent of classic flies like the hair wing streamers, Little Brook Trout, Little Rainbow Trout, and the Little Brown Trout streamers. Steve also covered some hike in ponds in his area and the mid-state areas of NH. He covered ponds like Ethan Pond in Crawford Notch and Greely Pond in Livermore, NH and others of varying difficulty. Steve is a great resource and is always willing to offer guidance should you decide to fish up in the North Conway area.

April 13 Meeting

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Casting Instructor Mike Jones has accepted our invitation to come back to the pond for another seminar and is currently scheduled for May 20th. Coffee and donuts start at 8 am, program starts PROMPTLY at 9 am, and pizza will be served for lunch. After Mike's last visit we all agreed we got a lot out of the better part of a day, as Mike helped us work through our individual casting issues. If anyone will be missing this upcoming May session, and wants to hire Mike, as an instructor or a fishing guide on their own, he can be contacted at: mdjonesdog@gmail.com or on his mobile: 207-841-7975. Mike's only request is that everyone be there on time. Once he begins his program he will not be backing up for late arrivals. He is coming all the way from Maine and plans on being on time. Please do the same!

Club fly-tying nights

Club fly tying night will be led by Jack Ogden on two evenings per month. The regular experienced tyer class is still the first Tuesday of the month. There will also be a novice class held on the third Tuesday of the month for those just beginning or those with little experience. The next session for Experienced tyers will be 3/7 @ 6pm. The first session for novice tyers will be 3/21 @ 6pm. Both sessions will be held at One Tara Blvd. in Nashua (see directions below) We have extra vises and tools, we will provide materials, just email me (Jack Ogden @ discerningtouch@comcast.net) if you are coming and if you need to borrow gear. You can also come to just watch, learn, and have fun with us. Unfortunately, seating is very limited at this venue so please let Ray and me know if you plan on attending. This is first come, first served so please be sure to contact both of us if you wish to participate.

Directions to Fly tying venue: Essig PLM, One Tara Blvd., Nashua, NH 03062

From the South:

Rt 3 North to exit 1, at the end of the ramp go left, go under the highway and prepare to take your first right into Nashua Office Park. The access road is right next to the highway ramp so be ready for it. At the back of the building in front of you, turn left. You are now facing One Tara Blvd. Walk in the doors you are now looking at and enter the first office on the right.

From the North:

Rt. 3 South to exit 1, at the end of the ramp take a right, then take an immediate right again into Nashua Office Park. The access road is right next to the highway ramp so be ready for it. At the back of the building in front of you, turn left. You are now facing One Tara Blvd. Walk in the doors you are now looking at and enter the first office on the right.

Club members are encouraged to make use of the club for networking with members and meeting to fish together. Perhaps members who have information on locales and hatches would like to invite others to join them when they go off to fish.

Respectfully submitted,
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