

Sunnybrook Catch & Release

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The Monthly Newsletter of Sunnybrook Trout Club – December 2017



Holiday Greetings to All



I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. If you are like me, you over indulged in turkey & mashed potatoes, watched too much football and spent some quality time with your family. Isn't that what holidays are for?

Now it's time to move on. Christmas & New Years will be on us before we know it. The holidays are always a special time to give thanks for the blessings in our lives. Linda & I feel blessed with Sunnybrook and that we are able to share it with others. Thanks to all of our members for being such a special part of our lives. We wish everyone a holiday filled with happiness, peace and love.

Very little is planned for the club over the next several months. We will remain open for the diehard fishermen willing to brave the cold weather and spend our time tending to minor maintenance issues in the lodge.



FISHING REPORT- The stream is running cool and clear with good numbers of fish located throughout. We have however, come to the end of our stocking season. Migrating fish will continue to move through our waters and provide some additional numbers.

We will continue to feed our fish throughout the winter. This keeps our fish healthy and encourages them to stay on our property.

Members continue to catch fish, but not with the same regularity as during the summer. Most of the fish in the stream are well educated; having seen every pattern under the sun and probably having been caught several times. Fishermen will need to adjust their technique for success. Here are several suggestions.

**Streamers and egg patterns are probably your best bet.*

**Fish late morning to early afternoon. There is no need to be on the stream at sunrise.*

**If it's a sunny day, expect a hatch of small midges. Patterns such as black gnats, Adams and Royal Coachman in sizes 16 or smaller can be successful.*

**Cloudy water after a rain storm will trigger a run of new fish from the lake and will greatly increase your chances.*



Soup's on!

FROM THE KITCHEN – I've spoken to Dan & Heidi about the lunch hours during the slower winter months and I have some good news. They have agreed to keep the kitchen open seven days a week through the end of December. They will split the hours, with one of them here every day. A limited menu of burgers, grilled cheese & soup and other easy prep meals will be the primary focus. Because there will be only one person working the kitchen, they ask that if you are a group of 4 or more you give advance notice. Come January, we will re-visit this policy to see if it is viable going forward.

REDUCED WINTER GUEST FEES – As we have done in the past, the daily guest fee will be reduced to \$30.00 from December 1, 2017 through March 15, 2018. Included with the guest fee will be a complimentary grilled cheese & soup lunch if the hosting member purchases a lunch.

VENISON NEEDED – Ohio’s deer season is underway and I know many of our members are deer hunters. The club is planning on a venison stew for our Wild Game Dinner in March, and it’s not too early to be on the look out for wild game donations. If any of our members harvest a deer this season and are willing to donate some stew meat, it would be greatly appreciated.

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS – Are you looking for a unique gift for that hard to buy for sportsman? The Sunnybrook Fly Shop may be your answer. Here are some suggestions...

**Private label bottles of wine. We offer 3 reds and 3 whites with the Sunnybrook label featuring a popular fly pattern fished at the club. \$22.00*

**Sunnybrook logo hats with a rising trout embroidery \$18.00*

**Sunnybrook T-shirts with a “Come Fly With Me” screen print on the back and the Sunnybrook name on the front. \$18.00*

**A wide selection of all the flies needed to be successful at Sunnybrook. They are specially priced at \$18.00 per dozen.*



Sunnybrook team members enjoy an evening out to celebrate another successful season

EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY FUND – Sunnybrook is a special place. The grounds and lodge are immaculately maintained and services are rendered with a smile and cheerful attitude. Our employees take great pride in providing our members a club that all can be

proud of. It seems that all of them treat the club as if they were an owner themselves.

If you would like to reward our employees for the fine work they do, you can contribute to the **Employee Holiday Fund**. Donations are strictly voluntary and can be in any amount you feel is appropriate. Simply make a check out to the Sunnybrook Employee Fund and I will distribute the funds at the New Year. Your generosity is always appreciated.

FARRELL HOUSE LODGE ADORNED FOR THE HOLIDAYS -Dan & Heidi spent a good portion of the Thanksgiving weekend decorating the lodge for the holidays. They did a magnificent job. The lodge could easily pass for a “Currier & Ives” print. Be certain to find time to visit us over the holidays and enjoy their efforts.

LOST & FOUND – Are you aware that we have a lost & found in the office? I’ve accumulated quite an assortment of hemostats, sunglasses, tippet spools and fly boxes. If you have lost any of these items along the stream, there’s a good chance it’s been turned in. I’m especially taken back by the number of fly boxes that go unclaimed. I have at least 6 boxes with hundreds of dollars of flies. Here’s a suggestion...put your name on your flybox. This way if it’s lost, I’ll know who to return it to.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Chuck Ehinger Mentor, OH
- Bill Karl Columbus, OH
- Tony Makris Canal Winchester, OH
- John Peters Delaware, OH



This photograph of the lodge was taken by member Bob Pabst in 2000. It was mailed to all members as a holiday greeting that year. A large framed print hangs in our main dining room.