

MAWAGA NEWS

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MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2016
MEAL AT 6:00 P.M. *MEETING AT 7:30 P.M.

KITCHEN COMMITTEE

This month is our gala Christmas meeting. Roast pork will be the center piece of the meal. It will be served with mashed potatoes and gravy along with corn and bread and butter. Starting things off will be a fresh garden salad. Then Chef Gary will be serving his famous homemade chicken soup. Finally, desert will finish the feast. A great dinner; which you can have for only seven dollars.

FISH COMMITTEE

There are still a lot of trout in the pond. So, come on down and catch supper. Bring your children and have some fun.

Ice will soon be covering the pond. Be very careful going out on the ice until you know how thick it is.

WAYS & MEANS

Members, who wish to donate prizes for our meetings, see Gary or Ernie on meeting night. The Christmas meeting needs to have (and will have) a great raffle, so help out by donating a prize if possible. Thank You.

From the FINANCIAL SECRETARY

2017 dues are now being accepted. For 2017 dues are \$100 for regular members, \$25 for club officers and \$15 for life members. For best results please pay by check and mail the check to Charlie Baker 100 Adams St Agawam Ma 01001.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

There has been a change in the club's woods cleanup program. There is still a lot of wood on the ground from our recent Tree farm harvest. *It is available to Mawaga members for free.* Only the wood laying on the ground is allowed to be taken. No standing trees may be felled. Call President Gary (789-0934) prior to any collecting if interested.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

If you would like to get the newsletter by email please contact Ernie at Troutbassy@Yahoo.com. If all members received their newsletter by email it would save the club over \$600 each year.

ELECTIONS

Elections for 2017 Officers and Directors were held at our Annual Meeting in November. Elected to fill the open positions are: President Gary Prentice, Vice President Joe Ceccerini, Recording Secretary Elias Sanabria, Treasurer Ernie Leithoff, and Directors Jim Harnois and Elias Sanabria. All terms are one (1) year except the Treasurer two (2) years and Director position which is three (3) years.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please read the back page. It is the first announcement of a bylaw change concerning a Family Membership.

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ARTICLE III Section 1

The membership of this corporation shall be limited to 180 members. Any future changes to membership levels will be determined by the board of directors. Life membership shall consist of members approved by three fourths of the members present at any meeting of the club. Their dues shall be \$15.00 per year as long as they are affiliated with the club and they shall not be considered as part of the regular membership as described heretofore, but shall enjoy all the privileges of the regular membership of the club. Members in good standing who are seventy years of age or older and who have been members for twenty consecutive years or more, shall with their consent automatically become life members. Honorary members may be elected on a yearly basis for outstanding service to the club or to the sport of fishing and/or hunting. The same rules and privileges shall apply as those to life members except voting privileges. Three-fourths majority vote shall prevail. A family membership will be available. A Family membership will count as one regular membership and receive one vote. The application shall include both spouse's name along with the ages and names of all children under the age of eighteen. A key shall be made available to each spouse of the family upon acceptance by vote into the club. Both spouses will be given a membership card. At least one spouse must be present when the member's child is on Club property.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

SECTION 1.

The annual dues for a regular membership shall be a minimum of \$100 per year and established annually by the Board of Directors based on the financial needs of the club. The annual dues for a family membership shall be a minimum of \$125 per year and established annually by the Board of Directors based on the financial needs of the club. An existing paid up member may at any time during the paid up year upgrade to a family membership for the difference in the family and regular membership rates. Dues will be payable in advance by the first meeting in February. The Board of Directors, at their discretion, may from time to time reduce new member annual fees (or offer some similar incentive) in order to increase membership in the club.

SECTION 3.

The fee for new memberships shall be a minimum of \$125.00 for a regular membership and a minimum of \$150 for a family membership, which in either case, will include a minimum of \$25.00 initiation fee. Initiation fees will be established annually by the Board of Directors based on the financial needs of the club. The Board of Directors, at their discretion may from time to time reduce or eliminate initiation fees in order to increase membership in the club.

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