

# MAWAGA NEWS

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

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MEETING JANUARY 10, 2017  
MEAL AT 6:00 P.M. MEETING AT 7:30 P.M

### KITCHEN COMMITTEE

To start off 2017 Gary will be serving Baked Chicken served with Baked Potato, Corn, and bread and butter. Starting the meal will be homemade chicken soup and salad. The meal will finish with desert. You get all this for only seven dollars. Bring a friend and have a good time.

### HOUSE COMMITTEE (from Gary Prentice)

December was a very busy month. We had five inspections to get ready for. All five were a “must pass” in order to get our permits and licenses required by the town of Agawam.

### WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Members who wish to donate prizes for the monthly raffle table see Gary or Ernie. Your donations are greatly appreciated. We are still looking for that person who will take on this position.

### FISH COMMITTEE

The pond has ice on it, **BUT; Be very careful going out on the ice until you know how thick it is.** There are still a lot of trout in the pond. So, come on down and catch supper. Bring your children and have some fun. Maybe a little ice skating. The club fishing rules were in the November newsletter. Please follow them! And, be safe!

### FIREARMS COMMITTEE

President Prentice is pleased to announce that Brian Hunt has accepted the position of Firearms Committee Chairman. Brian is a certified firearms instructor. Thanks Brian for your support of our club.

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY

2017 Dues are now due. For best results, mail your check of \$100 for a regular membership, \$15 for a life membership with newsletter, or \$25 for club officers to Charlie Baker at 100 Adams St Agawam, Ma 01001. If anyone has changed their address or phone number please let Charlie know so he can update membership list. REMEMBER: Dues not paid by the February 2017 meeting will incur a reinstating fee.

### REMEMBER

If you are still having your email sent through the USPS, you can save the club money by switching to electronic delivery. Just send me a note at [troutbassy@yahoo.com](mailto:troutbassy@yahoo.com). We are up to about 40% emailers now. Thanks!

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Please read the back page. It is the second announcement of a proposed bylaw change concerning a Family Membership. During the December meeting discussion period, it was voted to remove “initiation fees” from the membership process. The back page shows the proposed wording of the impacted bylaw sections. This amendment is scheduled to be voted on at the January meeting.

**(OVER)**

**ARTICLE III - Members 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.

**SECTION 9 b)**

The term "initiation fees was removed.

**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.**

Section 3 removed 2017 by affirmative vote of the members after discussion of the previously announced "Family Membership" bylaw amendment as an amendment.

*Italics indicate Pre-2002 bylaw change*

***Bold yellow indicates bylaw changes 2002 thru Nov 2016***

Grey underline indicates November 2016 bylaw change

***WINTER GATE POLICY***

***WHEN ENTERING THE MAWAGA CLUB GROUNDS OPEN THE GATE, DRIVE IN AND CLOSE THE GATE. UPON LEAVING THE CLUB, OPEN THE GATE DRIVE OUT AND CLOSE THE GATE. THE GATE IS TO BE CLOSED AT ALL TIMES (EXCEPT DURING CLUB FUNCTIONS).***