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Norco Pond stocked for derby

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More than 50 people showed up at the Norco Club on Saturday to watch and help stock the club's new pond with more than \$2,000 worth of brook trout.

The fish were purchased from Hy-on-a Hill Trout Farm in Plainfield, N.H.



Annabelle and Alexandra Masterson were among the many kids that helped stock the new pond at the Norco Club with hundreds of brook trout in preparation for the October 7 youth fishing derby. Phyllis Booth photo

“That’s more than 200 pounds of fish ranging from eight to 10 inches long,” said club member Kevin McManus. The larger fish are about two years old and the smaller trout are about a year old.

“Brookies” can live from four to seven years and are an easy fish for children to catch, McManus said. The club wants to get kids interested in the outdoors and fishing. The pond was stocked in preparation for the Youth Fishing Derby to be held on Sunday, October 7 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The derby is for kids age 18 and under and all are welcome.

McManus had the honor of putting the first pail full of trout into their new home. Kids of all sizes lined up to carry pails filled with fish to the edge of the pond then slid them into the water.

Club members fish for free because the club has a license, said McManus.

“We’ll keep an inventory of the fish that are caught so we’ll know when its getting low and we’ll restock the pond,” he said. “No food products can be used as bait, only live bait from a bait store or fresh worms. We don’t want other aquatic fish from another pond introducing anything into the water.”

On Saturday, the fish were jumping out of the water and swimming through the spray of water provided by the well, which is the pond’s water source. Bright green frogs showed up along the shore. Dogs and pups also splashed in the pond as they enjoyed the warm fall day.

McManus said the club will plant high bush blueberry and winter holly around the edges of the pond. It will be used for skating and ice fishing in the winter, he said.

For more information about the fishing derby, call Dick Fontaine at [\(508\) 886- 6690](tel:5088866690) or the club at (978) 464-5243. – P.B.

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