

# Lines and Leaders

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Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association

## CFFA Meeting Notice

PROGRAM: Fly Tying Seminar

WHERE: Knight's of Columbus Hall on Bloomfield Avenue in Windsor.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 8, 1976

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

A panel of six to eight master fly tyers from CFFA will be on hand during an informal demonstration of popular fly patterns for Eastern Streams. Each tier will spend a half hour demonstrating a certain pattern, and then will switch to another pattern, allowing you to circulate around and observe the patterns that interest you.

## Random Casts

As the Holiday Season approaches, you may be wondering what unique gift idea you can buy for your son, father, wife, uncle, or closest friend. Well, within these pages you'll find a couple of ideas. CFFA has begun its 1977 Membership Campaign, so why not a junior or regular membership to put in that Christmas Stocking? How about a ticket to the Annual Banquet, or a course in Beginning Fly Tying? CFFA welcomes everyone, young and old, beginner or master, to participate and enjoy the sport of fly fishing and fly tying.



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# A Quill and a Flyrod



by Don Johnston

'Tis the season to be jolly. The Christmas holidays are upon us, with the end of the calendar year not far behind.

But what may be the end for the "old man of 1976" is certainly not the end for CFFA. Quite the contrary. As this Christmas issue indicates, we are just getting into the swing of things, what with the Fly Tying School and the Annual Banquet coming. And of course, the CFFA Fly Fishing School in the spring.

On behalf of CFFA and LINES AND LEADERS, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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"BASS BUGGING" (continued from page 4)

Moodus Reservoir, the Bolton Lakes, and Morey's Pond. Just about any of the Connecticut lakes or ponds have some kind of bugging potential.

(If anyone has any other names of "Bass Bugging" hotspots, forward them along for publication in LINES AND LEADERS. Send to Don Johnston, 9 Michael Drive, Vernon, CT 06066)

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\* to Conserve Game-Fish Waters." CFFA regular membership meetings \*  
\* are held on the second Wednesday of each month, September through \*  
\* May. Meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 500 \*  
\* Bloomfield Avenue, Windsor, Connecticut. Eastern Council meetings \*  
\* are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Mansfield \*  
\* Middle School, Spring Hill Road, Mansfield, Connecticut. \*  
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# Notes from Eastern Council of CFFA

It hardly seems to me, sitting here looking out this window, that it is time to write a note of thanks to you. Eastern Council would like to take this time to thank the many people that have helped us throughout this year. At the time, you may have thought that your task was small and went unnoticed, but if it were not for us here at Eastern Council, we would not survive. For those of you who have performed by putting on a program to a pep talk to get us off our duffs, we at Eastern Council want to personally thank all of you for bringing us through another successful year.

## "BURLAP A.G."

During the spring of this year, before opening day of the fishing season, a fellow at work, finding out that I was a fly fisherman, invited me to go fishing with him. I could not refuse being the fisherman that I am. Before the day of our trip, I started finding out a little more about this fellow that I would be fishing with. The more I heard, the more I wished I had about ten more years of fishing experience.

The day arrived, and off we went. From the looks of the sunrise, sky and temperature, we were in for a beautiful day. Arriving at the river, and preparing for the day ahead, I found myself wondering what secrets my friend had tucked away inside his fishing vest. Wading into the river, side by side, I was soon to find out.

My friend out fished me 4 to 1. The secret to my friend's remarkable fishing is one that I would like to share with you for some great spring and fall fishing. The Burlap A.G.

### Materials:

Hook: 16 - 10 (preferably sprout)  
Tail: Approx. 15 fibers of brown bucktail  $\frac{1}{2}$  the length of the hook  
Body: Burlap strands wound/over/ .020 or less of lead wire for weight  
Hackle: Brown hackle/grizzly tied palmer style.  
Head: Black

The Burlap A.G. becomes more productive after several trout have damaged the body material.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,  
Stone Fly



**Limit  
Your  
Kill**

# THE FEATHERED HOOK

"Bass Bugging"

by Ron Zawoysky

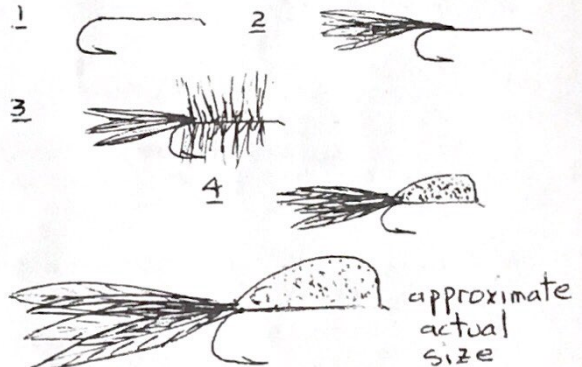
Some of the finest fly fishing that can be had in Connecticut is "Bass Bugging" for both smallmouth and largemouth bass. After concentrating on trout exclusively for almost five years, I discovered the fun and excitement of fishing for bass with the long rod in the lakes and ponds of Connecticut. In general, I have found my catches to be greater in both number and size as compared to my trout fishing results. And when the bass aren't hitting, there are always bluegills, crappies, yellow perch, pickerel, and an occasional northern pike.

I would enthusiastically recommend "Bass Bugging" for the beginning fly rodder. It not only provides the opportunity to improve your casting skills, but in general, will provide a magnitude more action over fish that are much less selective than the average trout.

As far as equipment goes, a 7½' to 8½' rod for #7 or #8 weight line is perfect, although a 7' or 7½' for #6 weight line will do for small bugs. A 5' to 9' level leader of about 8 to 12 pound test is all that is necessary since bass do not tend to be leader shy.

There are plenty of different "Bug" patterns to use. The standard muddler tied in size 6 or larger is very good when dressed up with some of your favorite fly dope. However, a pattern that I have used successfully for the past two years is very simple to tie and quite effective. For lack of a better name, I'll just call it "The Bug". The instructions for tying it are as follows.

- 1 Use a standard 94840 size 6 or 4 hook
- 2 Tie 4 grizzly hackle tips in for a tail (1-1½" long).
- 3 Spin deer hair the length of the hook shank.
- 4 Trim the body to the shape shown (trim bottom of body as close as possible to shank).
- 5 Whip finish head and lacquer. (A weed-guard is helpful and can be added).



As far as fishing the bug, any weed beds, rock outcroppings, submerged logs, or other obstructions are targets that should not be passed up. Fish as close possible to the obstruction. And most important, fish the bug slow. I don't think you can fish it too slow.



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In general, it is much easier to "Bass Bug" from a canoe or pram, however, there are a few lakes and ponds such as Shenipsit Lake or Crystal Lake where fishing from shore or wading is possible. Other outstanding "Bugging" areas are Coventry Lake, Hall's Pond, (backcast to page 2)

CONNECTICUT FLY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Fly Tying School

FOR: Beginners and Neophytes

CLASSES: There will be six lessons. Classes will meet on the following six Friday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Raymond Hall Library basement next to the Post Office, Main Street, East Hartford.

NO.	DATE	SUBJECT
1	1/7/77	Equipment and Materials: A general discussion
2	1/14/77	Bucktails
3	1/21/77	Streamers
4	1/28/77	Wet Flies
5	2/4/77	Nymphs
6	2/11/77	Dry Flies

EQUIPMENT: All necessary hooks and materials will be furnished. Students must supply their own vise, bobbin, thread, scissors, etc. It is suggested each tyer bring a portable lamp.

INSTRUCTORS: In addition to the two main instructors, several expert tyers will be on hand to assist students.

CLASS SIZE: Limited to the first 25 people submitting applications.

TUITION: \$15.00

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CFFA FTS Enrollment Application

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please print required information, check appropriate boxes, forward the tuition, and mail to: Mark Philippe, Director, 9 Fales St., Hartford, Conn., 06105.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ CFFA Member \_\_\_\_\_ Non-member

Have you had prior tying experience? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

A note of acknowledgement will be sent to all applicants.

CFFA ANNUAL BANQUET

WHAT: CFFA Annual Banquet

WHERE: Tobacco Valley Inn - Dunfey's Tavern (Bloomfield Avenue exit off I-91 in Windsor).

WHEN: Saturday, February 5, 1977

AGENDA: 6:00 p.m. - Cocktail Mixer  
7:00 p.m. - Dinner

ENTRÉE: Dunfey's Cut Prime Ribs of Beef Au Jus  
or  
Swordfish

Menu: Fresh Fruit Collage Au Kirsh, Tossed Spring Salad,  
Greenbeans Almondine, Baked Potato, Peach Melba.

FEATURED SPEAKER: Ernest G. Schweibert, fly fisherman and master fly tyer, and author of "Matching the Hatch", "Rememberances of Rivers Past", and "Nymphs."

RAFFLE: Lots of prizes as always.

DINNER RESERVATIONS: \$11.00 per person (complete including tax and tip)

The banquet will be on a reservation only basis and reservations will be on a first come, first served basis. Reservation forms are below and should be returned before January 25, 1977 to

Joe D'Addario, Jr.  
3 Roxbury Road  
East Hartford, Connecticut 06118

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DINNER RESERVATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I will require reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ persons at \$11.00 per person.  
Check or Money Order in amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.  
(Make payable to "CFFA")

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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East Hartford, CT 06118

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\_\_\_\_\_ Swordfish



Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all appropriate boxes, print required information, and forward with check made out to "C. F. F. A."

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip # \_\_\_\_\_

Important: Learned of C.F.F.A. thru: (Check one)  C.F.F.A. Member \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

Newspaper  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you will usually attend Eastern Council - C.F.F.A. meetings

ANNUAL DUES: (Check one)

- Junior (under 16) \$ 3.00  Supporting \$20.00
- Regular \$10.00  Contributing \$50.00
- Family \$12.50  Life \$100.00 or more

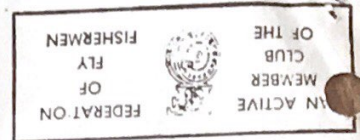
If Family Membership, please list names of family members who desire membership cards \_\_\_\_\_

Also, please select one or more of the Committees listed below to which you could appropriate some time and apply your talent:

- Conservation - Stream improvement, conservation education, special projects.
- Jeremy's - Maintain fishing census records and insect collection
- Outdoor Facilities - Maintain rearing pool and secure private waters
- Legislative - Represent CFFA interests to state and local governments
- Program - Provide entertaining and educational programs for regular and special meetings
- Indoor Facilities - Maintain and arrange for meeting places
- Membership - Solicit members, maintain lists and other related tasks
- Publicity - Plan and execute public relations and advertising
- Fund Raising - Plan and execute programs to enhance club treasury

Mail application and check to: John Blake, Membership Chairman  
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DECEMBER 1976 CALENDAR

- December 1 Board of Director's Meeting
- December 8 CFFA December Meeting, see page 1
- December 10 Deadline for LINES AND LEADERS Material
- December 27 Conservation Committee Meeting

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COMING EVENTS

- January 7 CFFA Fly Tying School, see page 5
- February 5 Annual CFFA Banquet featuring Ernest Schwiebert, see page 6



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