



CONNECTICUT FLY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Nov. 1975



CONNECTICUT FLY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION
FLY FISHING SCHOOL

offers: "Fundamentals of Fly Fishing"

For: Beginners and Neophytes

<u>Classes:</u>	No.	Date	Time	Subject
	1.	3/12/76	7-9:30 PM	— rods, reels, lines, leaders—recommendations.
	2.	3/19/76	"	— flies and the fish.
	3.	3/26/76	"	— water types and how to fish them.
	4.	3/27/76	9-12 AM	— casting instruction and fishing; two
			1-4 PM	sessions, 30 students per session.
	5.	May	TBD	— fishing a stream; 3-5 students per instructor.

Location: Class 1.,2.,3., Raymond (East Hartford Public) Library basement, next to Post Office, Main St..
 Class 4., private pond
 Class 5., this final session is the frosting on the cake. Students select stream in their area; instruction: application of classroom theory - approach, presentation, wading, stream reading, etc.. Students must contact instructor by 4/24/76 to make arrangements, supply own equipment, and have valid state fishing licence for this class.

Equipment: Furnished by school for Class 4. only. Recommend that students not purchase own equipment until after Class 1..

Literature: Free! - "Basic Fly Fishing & Fly Tying" by Ray Ovington (\$5.25 ret.).
 - Scientific Anglers "Fly Fishing Bulletin".
 - Recommended Fly Patterns by CFFA .

Diploma: A certificate suitable for framing will be presented to each student at graduation ceremonies held on 5/12/76, CFFA May Program Meeting.

Class Size: Limited total enrollment is 60 students. Enroll Early; an average of 30 applicants have been turned away each year because class was filled.

Tuition: \$20.00. (Take away the book cost and it's \$3.00 per class!!)

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CFFA FFS Enrollment Application Date

Please PRINT required information, check appropriate boxes, send NO money. and mail to :

John Cannata, Registrar, 1^o Grande Rd., E. Hartford, Ct. 06118.

Name.....Ph.....

Address.....City.....Zip.....

Member Non-member Beginner Neophyte

Note: Tuition is payable upon notice of acceptance. For additional information

contact Mark Philippe, Director, 9 Fales St. Hartford, Ct. Tel. 232-1019. - 4-

CONNECTICUT FLY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Advanced Fly Tying School

FOR: Experienced tiers who desire to acquaint themselves with both new and advanced techniques in fly tying.

CLASSES: There will be five lessons. Classes will meet once a month on _____ at 7 p.m. *

<u>NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LESSON</u>
1	1/ /76 *	Cream Henwing Spinner #16; Henryville Special #16
2	2/ /76 *	Grey Ghost #8; Paradun Henrickson #14
3	3/ /76 *	Muddler Minnow #10; Isonychia Comparadun #14
4	4/ /76 *	Sulphur Thorax Tie #18; Stonefly Woven Body #12
5	5/ /76 *	March Brown Flybody #14; Red Quill No-Hackle #14

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

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

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

TUITION: \$12.00 for all 5 lessons or \$3.00 per lesson payable in advance.

CFFA FTS Enrollment Application

Date _____

Please print required information, check appropriate boxes, forward the tuition, and mail to: John Cannata, Registrar, 19 Grande Rd., East Hartford, Conn. 06118

NAME _____ PHONE _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

C.F.F.A. Member Non-member

Check number of lessons desired: 1 __, 2 __, 3 __, 4 __, 5 __.

A note of acknowledgement will be sent to all applicants.

For additional information contact Mark Philippe, Director, 9 Fales St., Hartford, Ct. 06105 Phone 232-1019.

* Dates and Meeting Location to be Determined!



CONNECTICUT FLY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

NOTES FROM EASTERN COUNCIL OF CFFA

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

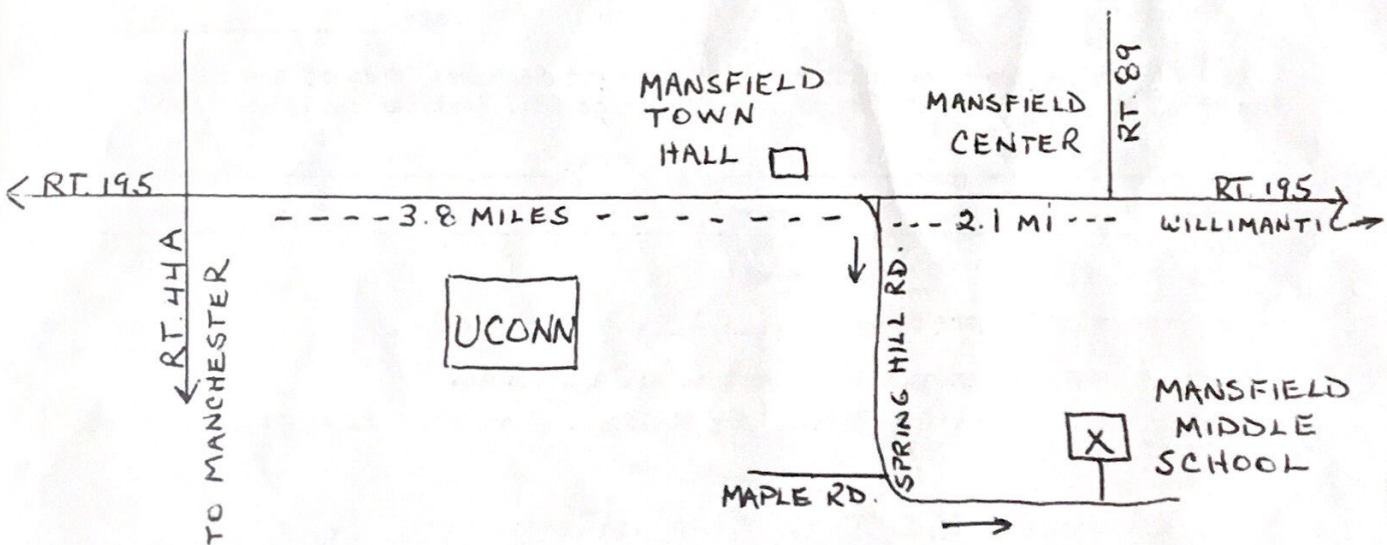
WHEN - Wednesday evening, January 28, 1975.

WHERE - Mansfield Middle School (See map below).

PROGRAM - Beginning at 6:45 P.M., some of our expert flytiers will fashion the most popular patterns used in lakes and ponds. Emphasis will be on streamers, tandems, trolling flies, and relatively mobile nymphs.

The main program at 7:30 P.M. will focus on the fly fishing of lakes and ponds. Clear lakes and ponds have proven to be as much a test of an artificial fly's inherent allure as the slowest stretches of a limestone stream. We will discuss line selection, flies for stillwaters, trolling techniques, and retrieves. Many of our members are intimately familiar with the still waters in Connecticut and will gladly share their experience and know-how.

As always, members of the public are invited. Admission is free including door-prizes. Refreshments will be served.





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by Rich Colo

A LOVE AFFAIR WITH A SPIDER

Opening day of the fishing season has always been a time of mixed emotions for me. The preceding weeks are always filled with great anticipation and monumental preparation. However, as I shoulder into my longjohns on that bleak April morning at 5:00 a.m., other than amiable thoughts tend to creep into the back of my mind. I never did enjoy the method of fishing with a fly on that cold blustery morning. To catch fish (some people say that's the reason we go fishing) you must bring the lure to the fish. The two best ways of doing this are with split shot and weight-flies which cast like I throw the shot-put (ugh - thud). If there was only some way to bring the fish to the fly? Eureka, there is!! Throw away the split shot! Leave your fast sinking line at home! Buy or tie a Spider. That's right, You know, that fly you may have occasionally used during the summer to try and locate some fish to better tempt with a more realistic imitation. Or the fly you occasionally use in the fast water.

Bill Fink, a very competent Penn. angler, introduced me to the method of fishing a spider to freshly stocked fish. We were fishing a Penn. stream where a number of trout had been freshly stocked. The stream also contains a native and good hold-over population. For some reason unknown to me, fish who have not been fished over before go absolutely bananas over these spiders. With air temperature of 45° and water temperature of 48°, these fish were rising like crazy to the spiders. For some reason, once the fish have been introduced to other artificials, the effectiveness of the fly is reduced drastically. Bill worked a pool of approximately 70 feet and rose 13 fish, hooking and landing 6 of the 13. My percentage of hooked fish to rises was considerably lower. I would say the average ratio is 4 rises to one fish on. You will be amazed at the acrobatics the fish go through to get to the fly. Many times they will take the fly on the way down after leaping two feet off the water. Extreme patience is needed on holding back on the strike until the fish actually takes.

The following are the instructions I was given in order to fish this fly properly. (A few of my own ideas are thrown in also.)
1. Grease the fly heavily. You want it to be riding as much on the tips of the hackles as possible.

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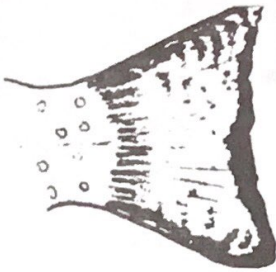
NOTES FROM THE DECEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Treasury balance as of 11-30-75 was \$3511.91.....Reservation forms for the CFFA Annual Banquet are in "Lines and Leaders".....CFFA to donate \$20.00 to Trout Unlimited for a legal battle in Washington State to save the Steelhead and Salmon fishery.....Don Johnston will take over as editor of "Lines and Leaders" with the March, 1976 issue.....The regional biologist feels that the work that CFFA has done on the Blackledge River has been good. Water watched streams look good. CFFA will assist the state on the "No-Kill" stretch of the Willimantic River. Only 4 of the 2000 fish that were stocked in the rearing pool have died. Very few items have been received for the CFFA auction. Plans have been started for the CFFA movie day.....Monetary problems will curtail many DEP projects..... CFFA Programs: January-Paul Kukonen, February-Annual Banquet, March-DEP..... CFFA has 267 members as compared to 242 last year. Attrition rate is about 35 members per year.....Fly tying school to start on January 9th at Raymond Hall. Joe's Tackle Shop to provide the tying materials. Advanced school still to be looked into. Applications for the fly fishing school will be in this newsletter.

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2. Tie on a long leader with a tippet smaller than the size hook your using would call for. I advise a twelve foot leader with a 5X tippet for a no.12 fly. (Believe me, a spider is not as hard to cast as you may have thought it was.)
3. Use a floating line and grease the leader as well as the fly.
4. Fish the fly quartering downstream. As soon as drag sets in (almost immediately) twitch the fly about six inches up stream. Then give it slack and let it float downstream a couple of feet then twitch it again. Work the fly down the pool from head to tail in this fashion.
5. Use a short line. No more than 10 feet of fly line should be out. The shorter the line the better. You want as much of the line off the water as possible.
6. Tie the spiders on a #12 dry fly hook. The finished fly should have a diameter slightly larger than a half dollar.

Follow the above instructions and I think you'll be pleasantly surprised opening day.



CAUDAL FINIS

by Ken Parkany

No serious angler would challenge Sparse Grey Hackle, Dean of American Angling Writers, who wrote: "Some of the best fishing is found not in water but in print". Equipped with the right tackle, call it "moola", "dough", or whatever, the angler wading through book stores or catalogs can't help but take a heavy creel. Every pool is well stocked. I would venture a guess that at least as many if not more good angling books have appeared in the last five years than during the previous fifty. The converse is also true. The choice, however, is not as painful as it might seem, thanks to birthdays, Christmas, and Father's Day.

Fishing in water has basically two schools of thought - imitation and presentation. The imitationist believes the trout are rising to the naturalness of his fly, while the presentationist believes that the trout are rising because of his skill in offering the fly. Similarly, fishing in print has two schools of thought - instruction and attraction. Unlike fishing in water, though, the schools of thought in print are based on the angler's experience, rather than his belief of trout behavior.

There is much overlap in the two schools but not enough to prevent a distinction. The instructionist doesn't know what causes the trout to rise and seeks to find out why, while the attractionist knows why (or thinks he does, or could care less why) the trout rise and seeks a more intangible reward. In other words, the instructionist inquires, the attractionist admires.

Of the fly fishermen in water there are two types - the "belly" fisherman and the "heart" fisherman. The "belly" fisherman seeks quantity, the "heart" fisherman quality. The same is true in print - The "belly" fisherman seeks knowledge, the "heart" fisherman wisdom.

For fear of ridicule let me say that the term "belly" is used here for comparison of ethical fly fishermen and is not meant to be demeaning. For, without the inquisitive fly fishermen in water, we would not have all the new successful innovations in tackle, techniques, and fly patterns. And without him in print, the sport of fly fishing would face extinction. The learning process must start somewhere, perhaps with Simplified Fly Fishing (S. Slaymaker) or Basic Fly Fishing & Fly Tying (R. Ovington). But the neophyte in water or print realizes quickly that he will never know it all. If he doesn't take his sport too seriously (unfortunately some do), he can have fun trying.

There is no "best time" to go fishing, either in water or in print. Fishing should always be, as the late President Hoover said, "for fun and to relax your soul". But the winter season provides the best opportunity for most of us to fish in print. The rocking chair angler can meditatively reflect on his experiences of the past season and prepare for the next, like turning a page. There is enough of the quarry to satisfy any appetite. For the instructionist, there is Selective Trout, by D. Swisher & C. Richards, Hatches, by A. Caucci & R. Nastasi, and Nymphs, by E. Schwiebert, while the attractionist can relax with The Year of the Angler, by S. Raymond, A Fine Kettle of Fish Stories, by E. Zern, or Quill Gordon, by J. McDonald. And for the angler wading in midstream, there are the modern classics by Charlie Fox, Bus Grove, and Vin Marinaro: This Wonderful World of Trout, The Lure and Lore of Trout Fishing, and The Modern Dry Fly Code, respectively. The lists are endless. Reading the above would be like collecting a few specimens during a hatch of Hendricksons, sulfurs, or "white wing blacks".

However, if you think you've had fun fishing this pool, just move downstream a little. Right around the bend is Fly Fishing Strategies, by D. Swisher and C. Richards, Fly Fishing Heresies, by L. Wright, Fly Tyers Almanac, by D. Whitlock

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CONNECTICUT FLY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BANQUET

WHAT: CFFA ANNUAL BANQUET

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

WHEN: Saturday, February 7, 1976

AGENDA: 5:30-Annual Bussiness Meeting

1) Election of officers

2) Audit of treasury

6:15-Cocktail Mixer

7:00-Dinner

Meal

Roast Beef with Gravy

Entree'

or

Baked Stuffed Shrimp

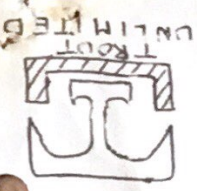
FEATURED SPEAKER: Sid Neff---Fly Fisherman and Photographer Extrodinaire. Sid, who has fished extensively in England and Ireland as well as the United States, handles the art work and photography for Trout Unlimited's publication TROUT. He will present a slide show, using two projectors and two screens simultaneously, comparing the rivers, flies, fish, and fishermen of eastern and western United States with those of England and Ireland. This show should be particularly good of the ladies since it features some beautiful scenery, etc.

RAFFLE: Prizes, Prizes, Prizes!!!!!! Although it is very early, we have received a few raffle prizes already----BORON ROD BLANK, LEADER KITS, FLY PLAQUE, FLY SELECTIONS, & BOOKS to name a few.

DINNER RESERVATIONS: \$10.00 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 form is below and should be returned before January 25, 1975 to:

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



Mr. Ken Parkany
503 Bush Hill Road
Manchester, Conn. 06040

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JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Program: Paul Kukonen will be back again to show some of his ever expanding collection of fishing movies.

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

When: Wednesday, January 14, 1976.

Time: Fly tying-6:45 P.M.
Program-7:30 P.M.

Everyone has enjoyed Paul Kukonen in the past and this meeting should be no exception. Paul has promised to have a new selection of films that he has recently made: Labrador brook trout fishing, taking bluefish or weakfish on a fly, Salmon fishing, or you name it! Come on out and see what Paul has in store for us this time. Bring a friend or two or three, and spread the word. The meeting is free and we would like to have a big crowd. Refreshments and doorprizes will be provided as usual.

Paul Kukonen!