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Meeting Notice

Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association

PROGRAM: Ted Bampton, Deputy Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection; Cole Wilde, Chief of the Fisheries and Waterlife Unit; and Chuck Phillips, state Biologist in charge of the Willimantic Project.

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

WHEN: Wednesday, March 10, 1976.

TIME: Fly Tying - 6:45 p.m.
Program - 7:30 p.m.

This is one program that no Connecticut fisherman should miss. Ted Bampton and Cole Wilde will be on hand to discuss the problems faced by their departments. They will be available for a question and answer period on environmental protection, fish stocking programs, or other pertinent questions. Chuck Phillips will be on hand to discuss the Willimantic Project and answer questions. See "Important Message from the President" for more on this topic.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

1976 will go down in history not only as a "Leap" year and "Bicentennial" year, but definitely a "Banner" year for CFFA. That's a mighty bold statement to make. The reason for my confidence stems from the excitement and enthusiasm that I've witnessed within the membership in recent months.

And enthusiasm, like courtesy, is contagious. So, if you haven't been bitten yet by the "active" bug, just take note of the following.

What will most likely turn out to be CFFA's biggest activity ever is on the threshold of beginning -- The Willimantic Project. In order to help promote the new "catch and release" regulations,

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A Quill and a Flyrod



by Don Johnston

...Lines and Leaders is the official publication of the Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association. It is written for and about the members who are the CFFA. In short, it is "your" newsletter.

In it can be found meeting announcements, minutes of board meetings, "How-to" and feature articles by regular contributors, along with feature articles written by or about CFFA members.

This task cannot be done by one individual. As the new editor of Lines and Leaders, it would be an impossible task alone. Besides, I have my personal opinions, and my views could be very one-sided. (Lines and Leaders is intended to express the thoughts and ideas of all the members). So what I'm asking for is support.

Many people have contributed articles during the past year, and I hope they continue to do so.

Since Lines and Leaders is your newsletter, it will be that much more meaningful with your participation. Maybe you have a favorite stream or fishing spot. How about sharing it with others by explaining how to get there, what flies you've had success with, how to fish it, and when. Maybe you just want to spin (sic) a yarn about a fishing trip in your past.

All of our members are interested in "how-to" items. Why not tell others
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* **President:** Ken Parkany **Editor:** Don Johnston * * * * *

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* to Conserve Game-Fish Waters." CFFA regular membership meetings *
* are held on the second Wednesday of each month, September through *
* June. 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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An Important Message from the President (Continued from page 1)

effective opening day on the fly only stretch of the "Willi" (mouth of Roaring Brook downstream two miles to the Rt 44 bridge), CFFA and the Eastern Council of CFFA plan the following:

2/29/76 } work outings to improve access to river,
3/14/76 } general cleanup, post signs, etc.; workers
3/28/76 } will get first hand knowledge of how and
4/11/76 } where to best fish the "Willi"!!!

5/1 - 5/22/76 ?? - stocking of 2000 brown trout (9"-12") from our rearing pool (in addition to regular state stocking).

5/22/76 - stocking of CFFA purchased and tagged fish (16"-20", 2-4lb)

5/23/76 - sponsor fly fishing outing for members and public; guides, maps, refreshments, and plenty of BIG fish available PLUS many valuable prizes given away for tags clipped and turned in that day, taken from CFFA tagged fish.

The climax of the Willimantic Project on the 23rd promises to be the "Biggy" of the year. Spread the word. Tell your friends. CFFA will set up headquarters in Nye Holeman State Forest, exit 100 off I-86, on Rt.44. There's plenty of room for picnicing, so bring the family.

If your friends don't know how to fly fish, get them to enroll in our Fourth Annual Fly Fishing School, starting 3/12/76. (Application elsewhere in the newsletter).

Remember, the "catch and release", no fish in possession, flies only regulations have been established on the "Willi" as a three year experiment. Usage will be a prime factor in determining whether more such regulations will be established on other streams, perhaps closer to you. Get involved. Set aside some of your time to help out on one of the above dates or more. (If details don't appear elsewhere, contact My Schulman at 289-7803 eve.) This task is not going to be easy. But the more people involved, the lighter the load will be. I'll help. Will you?

For more details about this important project, attend the next meeting on 3/10/76. The biologist in charge of the "Willi", Chuck Phillips, will be on hand to answer any questions. See you there!

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KEN PARKANY

Downstream Dry Fly Float (Continued from page 6)

Lastly, when a fish hits, the hook should be set by lifting the rod straight overhead. This will lift the line out of the water. A sideways strike with lots of line out, will slow the strike by pulling the line against the water.

You also need a fly that will float well in fast water and which will come off the water fast and dry quickly on false casts. It is hard to pick up a fly that is far out without drowning it, so dress them with a good floatant.

Notes from the BOD Meeting

NOTES FROM THE FEBRUARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Balance as of 1-31-76 is \$4022.81. The 1975 audit has been completed.... Paul Kukonen to present next program at Eastern Council.... Conservation committee meeting held Jan. 26th and 1976 agenda was established. Chuck Phillips was present and discussed the no-kill stretch on the Willimantic River..... Feb meeting to be the annual banquet. March program to feature the DEP. Membership thus far for the new year is 182.... The advanced Fly Tying School and the regular Fly Tying School are under way. The Fly Fishing School is currently accepting applications.... An attempt is to be made to get more people involved in the various committees and activities of CFFA..... The annual banquet is set for Feb. 7 at Dunfey's Tavern. Sid Neff will be the speaker and a good raffle is expected again this year. Joe D'Addario to be nominated to fill the Vice Presidency left open by Peter Kemp's resignation..... Fishing show to be held in Meriden on March 6. CFFA will be represented there.

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A Quill and a Flyrod (Continued from page 2)

how to tie your favorite fly, build or repair rods, or simply pass along a tip on tackle or technique.

Be your article large or small, send it along. A "Letters from the Readers" column will be forthcoming, so make yourself heard. Maybe your comment or suggestion will fit on a postcard. Send it in.

Your opinion is important to other members of CFFA, but they can benefit by it only if they hear from you! Share your opinion - question - suggestion by writing often and freely!

Address your contributions to Don Johnston; 9 Michael Drive; Vernon, Connecticut 06066. My phone is 646-6090.

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...it must have given President Ken Parkany a great deal of pleasure to preside over the always well attended Annual CFFA Banquet February 7th at the Tobacco Valley Inn.

The guest speaker of the evening, Sid Neff, a fly fisherman and noted photographer, put on an impressive colorslide presentation.

Using two screens, Sid compared the streams, terrain, wildlife and flowers seen along the stream, types of fish and types of fishing between England and the United States.

Myron Schulman was presented with the coveted Scarlet Ibis Award, an 8 foot Battenkill Flyrod, built by Waldo Jones.

The CFFA Conservation Award was bestowed upon Donald W. Davis of the Stanley Works for his relentless efforts in seeing through the fish ladder which will be in operation this year. Accepting the award in his behalf were Robert Towles and Howard Coe, both from the Stanley Works, two personal friends and fishing companions of Donald Davis.

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A Quill and a Flyrod (Continued from page 4)

A brand new award this year, the Ted Barbieri Achievement Award was presented to John Cannata. The award, a 16 compartment engraved Wheatley Fly Box, will be given at the discretion of the Board of Directors to a non-director in honor of untiring devotion to the programs and goals of CFFA.

Directors stepping down this year, along with past directors, were honored with a gold framed certificate of appreciation.

The annual raffle was once again a large success with over 40 different prizes donated by various individuals, merchants, manufacturers, and the CFFA. Any of the winners, all of whom I'm sure want to send a note of thanks, can obtain the address of the contributor from Ken Parkany, 643-9819, or Rich Colo, 668-0425.

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...speaking of thank-you's, Ken Parkany received the following letter shortly after the banquet.

Dear Ken:

I would like to express my appreciation for the gifts I received at your banquet; I am sure I will get great satisfaction out of the gifts. I am looking forward to it again next year. I would also like to thank you for your hospitality after the banquet, at your home. I am joining your organization and I would like to help in anyway I can, possibly by writing articles on the Beaverkill, and related things. I also intend to write thank you notes to all the companies which donated the prizes I won.

Thank you,
Sincerely
(Beaverkill)
Joe McLaughlin

Joe was a guest of Mark Philippe at the banquet and is cordially welcomed as a new member of CFFA. As editor, I welcome Joe's idea to write articles on the Beaverkill. Many of our members fish that river and are anxious to see his articles in Lines and Leaders.

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Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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(Complete both sides)

Make checks payable to:

"CFFA"

and mail to:

Membership Chairman

CFFA Membership
P.O. Box 3191
Hartford, Conn. 06103

DOWNSTREAM DRY FLY FLOAT

Contributed by Rich Colo

(The following is reprinted from the August-September 1975 issue of Flycaster, a publication of the Golden Spread Flyfishers, who in turn had reprinted it from the July 1975 issue of Flyline published by the Inglewood Fly Fishermen.)

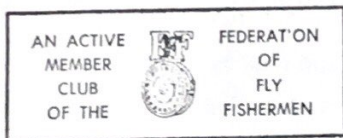
The classic dry fly technique has you casting directly across, or slightly upstream, mending the belly out of your line, and getting, if you are lucky, eight to ten feet of drag-free float. Want to get 30 or 40 feet of drag-free float?

The long float technique calls for a cast made directly downstream, or perhaps quartering downstream. Just before your fly hits the water, raise your rod tip sharply and simultaneously mend the line upstream. When the line hits the water, you've got a few feet of slack already, and your fly is the first thing heading downstream (not the leader).

Immediately before the slack runs out, begin stripping line from the reel. Strip line as fast as you can and throw big loops on the water with your rod tip. This way you always have a few feet of slack upstream of the fly, which continues riding high and dry downstream. With a good spot presentation, the fly can be floated directly over a rising fish, fly first. Heavier tippets can be used, since this method allows the leader to follow the fly into the fish's window.

There are some problems with this method. First, it is a big water technique, where long drag-free floats are essential. If the water is very fast, it may not be possible to strip line fast enough. It is a busy technique, that is, you are working all of the time, and after the umpteenth try, frustration, disgust, and fatigue will set in, in that order. If done properly, with spot casts above "fishy" areas, you won't need umpteen tries.

Second, it is a technique that requires constant practice. Each time you go out, make a few practice casts in safe areas till you get the feel again, then hit the good pool where you expect the fish to be. Wading must be done with great care and without scuffing the bottom. Otherwise, you will be sending debris and mud down and over the fish. (Continued on page 3)



JOIN A COMMITTEE OF YOUR CHOICE: (Check One)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Facil. |
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If Family Membership, please list name of family members:

Important: First learned of CFFA thru: (Check One)

- CFFA Member Newspaper Brochure



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 sessions, 30 students per session.
			1-4 PM	
	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.

Conservation Notebook

The following outline of Conservation Committee's activities was prepared by Myron Schulman and Bob Frank. Any individuals who would like to assist should contact either individual.

A. Stream Improvement

1. Clean up Farmington River - Pre-season (if water conditions permit)
2. Willimantic - Brush cutting and marking
3. Blackledge - continue work from 75
4. Jeremy's - maintenance of present structures

B. Water Watching - Teams

1. Jeremy's
2. Salmon
3. Farmington
4. Willimantic
5. Yantic
6. Others

C. Miscellaneous

1. Willimantic "No-Kill" Project - Census
2. Stocking of Rearing Pool Fish
3. Electro shocking of Jeremy's

NOTE: Priority will be given to the Willimantic Project whenever necessary.

Deadline for April Newsletter

MONDAY, MAR. 15

1ST ANNUAL FISHING SHOW

Sponsored by

SILVER CITY BASSMASTERS

Featuring

ROLAND MARTIN

1 Day Only -- March 6, 1976

1 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Meriden Armory

Free Door Prizes

Adm. \$2.50 Adult

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(Note: CFFA will have a booth in the show. Any members who are interested in tying flies, or being on hand to talk to visitors are asked to contact Ken Parkany at 643-9819).

Housatonic Fly Fisherman's Association

15th Anniversary Dinner

March 20th

Buffet Dinner \$10 per person

Cocktails 7-8 Dinner 8

CASTILIAN ROOM

Waterbury, off Rt. 8

Guest Speakers:

ED KOCH, Author

NORM SHIRES, Photographer

Mail Reservations to:

Charlie Edson

919 Peck Lane

Cheshire, CT

(Check payable to HFFA)

NOTES from Eastern Council of CFFA

ECCFFA MARCH MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday evening March 24th. Fly tying 6:45, program at 7:30.

WHERE: Mansfield Middle School, Storrs.

WHO: Bob Jones, DEP Marine Region Director

WHAT: THE CONNECTICUT RIVER ATLANTIC SALMON RESTORATION PROGRAM - the progress it has made, where it stands now, and an up-to-the-minute report on what we can expect this season and into the future. Bring your questions and bring a friend. We'll have a member's door prize, general door prizes, coffee and donuts, and lots of free conversation, too.

WILLIMANTIC RIVER WORK OUTINGS

***** FEB 29 ***** MAR 14 ***** MAR 28 ***** APR 11 *****

The four outings that have been scheduled will start at 9 a.m. and end by noon. Meet at Nye Holman State Forest picnic area (from I-86, exit 100, take rt. 44 east for about 1/2 mile, then take state forest road on left before river). Bring shovels, brush-cutting tools, work gloves, and waterproof footgear as necessary for a swampy area. For the most part this will be work to improve access to the fly fishing stretch. None of it should be too strenuous, so any able bodies are welcome and NEEDED. For further info contact: Myron Schulman 289-7803, or Tony Lolli 429-6656.

FLY TYING SCHOOL on Saturday mornings at Mansfield Middle School contact Tony Lolli, Ken Coppinger, or Ron Irwin for details.

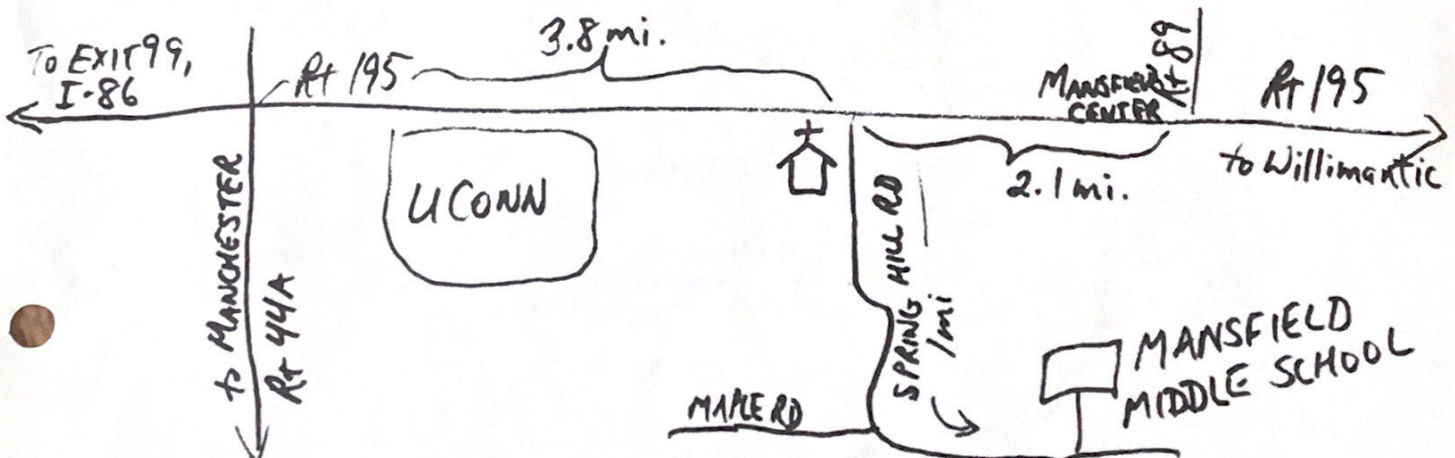
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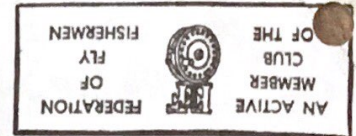
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It'll be a good way to get to know the Willimantic better, a good way to help out the club and fly-fishing in general.

SOMETHING TO PONDER.

"The Federation is first of all an organization of individuals. Its weakness or its strength, its success or failure, depends upon our willingness to work or help. Like most organizations, it responds to and rewards those who put most into it. In the final analysis, you are the Federation, the Federation is you. If you are involved, the Federation has succeeded." (From an article on FFF in "Fly Fisherman").





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MARCH CALENDAR

March 4 Board of Director's Meeting
 March 6 First Annual Fishing Show, see pg. 8
 March 10 CFFA Meeting, see pg. 1
 March 12 Fly Fishing School, see pg. 7
 March 14 Work Outing on the Willimantic
 March 17 Advanced Fly Tying Class
 March 19 Fly Fishing School
 March 20 HFFA Annual Banquet, see pg. 8
 March 24 Eastern Council Meeting
 March 26-27 Fly Fishing School
 March 28 Work Outing on the Willimantic

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COMING EVENTS

April Annual Spring Outing
 April Work Outing on the Willimantic
 May Fly Fishing Outing on the Willimantic
 May Regular Meeting Featuring Doug Swisher

