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Meeting Notice

PROGRAM: "Salt Water Fly Fishing" featuring Lou Tabory.

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

WHEN: Wednesday, September 8, 1976

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



Tarpon Fly

Lou Tabory's structured program and films on salt water fly fishing comes at a time when salt water fishing is approaching its peak. Late September and October salt fishing can only be described as "great". The fly tying segment prior to Lou's program will feature salt water flies.

Willi Fishing Action

CFFA President, Ken Parkany, has reported that eleven prizes have been awarded to ten fly fishermen who have caught tagged fish in the "Fly Only-Catch and Release" section of the Willimantic River.

Ron Zawoysky was the skilled (or lucky) fisherman with two tags. The following is a list of winners, prizes, and the prize contributor:

Dick Dziadus, Tolland; a fly selection tied by Ron Zawoysky.

Terry Unkert, Vernon; "Selective Trout" by Swisher and Richards, donated by Ray's Tackle Shop.

Richard Barton, Wethersfield; a Leonard Micro-Caddis Selection, donated by Joe Garman.

Ron Zawoysky, Tolland; (2 tags) a fly line donated by CFFA, and one square foot of select deer hair donated by Ken Parkany.

Mark Phillippe, Hartford; one year CFFA membership.

Russ Brackoneski, Enfield; one year CFFA membership.

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A Quill and a Flyrod



by Don Johnston

The Summer of '76 is fast becoming history as CFFA marked the 200th anniversary of this country by launching the comeback of the Willimantic River.

Those who have fished it this year can attest to the excellent fishing, and it is hoped that within the next few years, the entire expanse of the river will contain challenging hold-over trout.

CFFA kicks off the 1976-1977 season with the September membership meeting on September 8, 1976, and a big year it should be. What better way to start than with Lou Tabory and his program on salt water fishing. Although I'm not a "salty" yet, Ken Parkany informs me that late September and October is perfect for salt water fishing.

Plans call for a good year for Lines and Leaders as well. At the top of the list is the return of the fine cartooning of Lyn Smith in this issue.

On hand already are articles by two new contributors to Lines and Leaders, Jon Boren and Gregory Rammo. And of course, there will be many more excellent articles from the dozens of faithful contributors that you've enjoyed in the past.

Another change which will appear in the next few issues is the addition of advertising. Lines and Leaders will join many of its sister publications in inviting area businessmen to place business card ads in our newsletter.

Two things have happened to raise our expenses. Lines and Leaders has been getting fatter of late, and postal fees have been increased. Advertising will be used to offset these expenses, so that CFFA can bring you a better and bigger newsletter without changing its present dues structure.

In closing, I offer a standing invitation to everyone to contribute to Lines and Leaders. It is your newsletter. Articles or artwork will be welcomed with a warmhearted Thank you.

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* 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

For the month of September, the ECCFFA will have a busy schedule. To begin with, the regular monthly meeting will be held in conjunction with National Hunting and Fishing Day at the Rockville Fish and Game Club. The date of this program is Saturday, September 25th. This promises to be a big day with plenty of activities for everyone.

ECCFFA will have a booth set up on the premises, so come on gang. If by chance you have some spare time on this day, bring your wife or a friend and stop by and say hello. This will be a good chance to show the Rockville Fish and Game Club the support we can muster if the time should ever arise.

Now for that supper we mentioned so briefly in our last article:

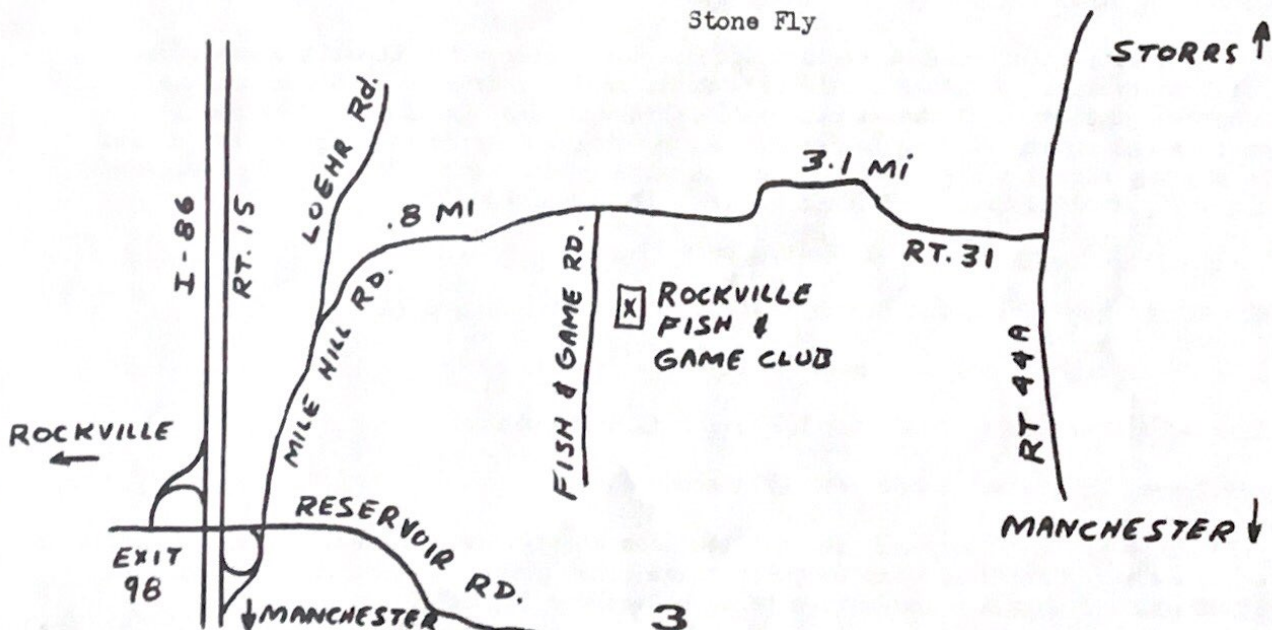
PROGRAM: ECCFFA Spaghetti Supper
WHERE: Rockville Fish and Game Club
WHEN: Saturday, October 2, 1976
TIME: 6:30 p.m. til ?

This promises to be one of the biggest programs for this year, so let's show our support. The donations for this event will be \$5.00 per ticket, for all you can eat. The meal will also include salad, bread and rolls, and your choice of one beer or one glass of wine, coffee, tea or milk also will be served plus desert. There will be beverages available during the evening.

After the dinner, there will be slides of some fantastic fishing, and a panel of some fine expert fishermen to answer your questions. There will be 100 tickets available to CFFA members on a first come-first served basis until Friday, September 24th. All remaining tickets will be on sale to the general public Saturday, September 25th. For your tickets, mail donation to Elmer B. Latham, RFD #5, Box 290, Northfield Road, Coventry, CT 06238. (No phone orders for tickets).

Good Fishing,

Stone Fly



Conservation Notebook

By Myron Schulman

So far, 1976 has been an extremely productive year for the CFFA's Conservation Committee.

In early January, Conservation Committee members ventured out on a snowy Sunday to a frozen Jeremy's River to plant 15,000 Brown Trout eggs. The Vibert Boxes were retrieved this April and revealed an excellent hatch-out in those boxes placed in Jones Brook, a small feeder of the Jeremy's. The majority of boxes, however, had been placed in the ice-choked Jeremy's and did not appear to be at all successful. These findings will be helpful when planning future sites for planting eggs. CFFA members also aided the State by live-car stocking the Jeremy's allotment of trout prior to the opening of the season.

Work was begun in February to improve the access to the "No-Kill" section of The Willimantic River. On four Sundays before Opening Day, CFFA members turned out in great numbers to cut and mark paths into the river, and to pick up trash along this portion of the "Willi". I'm pleased to say that the network of well-marked trails which resulted from our efforts has greatly helped to open up this special area to all fly fishermen.

As a further inducement to people to fish this special regulation area, the Conservation Committee of CFFA purchased and stocked 25 large tagged browns in this area. Each of these tags may be easily removed before releasing the prize catch and may be redeemed for a prize. (See page 1 for list of prize winners to date - Ed.)

Additionally, on May 16th, the 2000 trout in our Southington Rearing Pool were stocked in the "No-Kill" stretch of the Willi by CFFA volunteers. Our Conservation Committee has also helped Connecticut State Biologist, Chuck Phillips, conduct a seasonal census on the Willi. All trout stocked in the "No-Kill" stretch this year are missing the left ventral fin.

CFFA's water watching efforts have expanded tremendously. We now have three separate kits and our teams are sampling several rivers with the certainty of monitoring others in the near future. We need people to serve on these teams by gathering water samples for our testers.

Fall activities will be decided upon at the Conservation Committee meetings. The Conservation Committee of the CFFA meets monthly, usually at 8 p.m. on the last Monday of the month at the Raymond Hall Library in East Hartford. Everyone is welcome and anyone wishing to receive our communications or wishing to participate in any way should contact one of the following: Bob Frank, 886-1090; Bob Brzozowski, 688-1226; Bob Anderson, 429,7021; or Myron Schulman, 289-7803.

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WILLI FISHING ACTION (continued from page 1)

Ken Cunningham, Willington; choice of fly line donated by CFFA.

John Gianapoulos, Storrs; choice of fly line donated by CFFA.

Charles Siemer, South Windsor; one year CFFA membership.

Ron Ayers, Willimantic; one year CFFA membership.

CFFA expresses a sincere "Thank You" to those named above who donated prizes, and also welcomes any additional donations for tagged fish prizes. There are 14 tags outstanding, and they are redeemable through December 31, 1976.

Random Casts

Why Join a Fishing Club?

(The following was written by editor Noel Damon and is reprinted from the June 1976 issue of Fly Lines, a publication of the San Jose Flycasters.)

Everything to everyone -- no way! Something for everyone -- yes! Like any other group, a fishing club is people; the larger it becomes, the more diverse its aims, its interests and its membership. So too does its membership approach a common cross section, its statistics approach those of all organizations. This is another way of saying that a given percentage of its members will be willing to share in its labors, direct it, organize its activities, work toward its growth not just in numbers but in its quality. Another percentage unable or unwilling to share in the dynamics of the organization elect to participate to a limited extent by attending meetings, organized events and in general, remaining in the ranks. Some become members in name only. Is all this bad? Not unless you believe that everyone wants to be president.

Fly fishing clubs are a bit different though -- we like to think we share a brotherhood in our ideals, the way in which we enjoy ourselves, our understanding and appreciation of nature's gifts and our desire to share them with our fishing partners, our children, and those who will come after us. We share an interest in our search for deeper knowledge of our sport. These things we have a right to, indeed must, expect of every member. This is not to say of course that your personality will match with that of any other given individual in such a group any more than anywhere else. Given our common bond though, the odds certainly favor friendship.

Often a newcomer to a club is disappointed in his first impressions. He may feel that he is an outsider when he sees the members gathered in clusters, laughing, talking about their experiences, places or people they know in common. Perhaps nobody offers a hand or an introduction and thus reinforces the impression. Many individuals new to fly fishing, prompted by their new interests come seeking knowledge -- where to go, fly tying, casting, how-to-do-its. Some come hoping to find a fishing partner. All these things are present and available but may not be immediately tendered. Indeed a newcomer is an outsider in that he has not shared in the fellowship of club fishouts, picnics, conclaves -- has not seen the club president fall into the Bay, may not even know what a Bobino Von Rotsafoola is and in this he is handicapped.

The suggestion prescription is twofold: For the newcomer, don't be shy; plunge in; come to those special events of interest, the casting lessons, fly tying seminars. Sign up to help on one of the committees. Come on the fishouts -- even the most taciturn among us becomes more convivial around an evening campfire or at cocktail hour after a day of fishing. For the other side of the coin, let's all remember when we first joined our club and in doing so offer a hand and introductions when we see a new face at a meeting -- stop and think, maybe HE knows a hot spot!!!





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Tips on Technique

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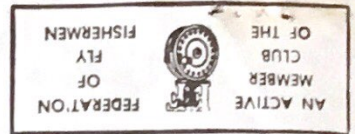
by Ron Zawoysky

Over the past few years, I have found that the caddis, and in particular the TwC (my own variation), has been my most consistent pattern. However, I have learned that it was not always successful when fished in the same way consistently. It seemed that every situation required a slightly different tactic. After reviewing my log I came up with quite a few which I hope will be of help to others.

- 1 Fish across or downstream-In general I always fish the caddis either directly across or downstream. This gives you much better control should you want to impart action to the fly.
- 2 Try "skating" the fly-In general caddis are rarely at rest on the water and are usually bouncing along. Vary your movements from a slight twitch to "foot-long skates".
- 3 Use a good fly floatant-One of the most important things to remember when fishing the caddis is to keep it high and dry so that it can be maneuvered easily. I have found that Gehrke's Gink is hard to beat. It pays to dry the fly and re dress it frequently for best results.
- 4 use a long and fine leader-I always try to use the longest leader and finest tippet I can handle. This not only minimizes the chances to spook the fish, but also enables you to present your fly and maneuver it as naturally as possible.
- 5 use a medium-short fast action rod-I use a rod between 6' and 7' with a very fast crisp action. I find that I have much better loop control and casting accuracy with this type of rod. A shorter rod is also much less fatiguing after a day of fishing than a long rod.
- 6 Try fishing it wet-After you have fished your fly until it is dragged under, try fishing it wet for a few feet. I have found that at times when I could not get a fish to take on the surface, they murdered it at the end of the swing after submerging.
- 7 Don't ignore riffles and pocket water-In the summer and fall I find some of my most consistent "hot spots" are in the riffles and pocket water. These areas tend to provide more cover and oxygen for the fish during low water and should not be ignored. Make sure your fly is well dressed.
- 8 Try to hit the fish on the head-There are times when the only way you can get a feeding fish to take is to cast directly to the rise (hit him on the head). Be ready, however, because when they take it's like an explosion and if you miss you seldom have a second chance.
- 9 Fish the obstacles-Don't ever pass up rocks, brush, treefalls, or the like without at least a few casts and twitches of a caddis. The two biggest fish I took this year came fishing blindly to overhanging brush and twitching the fly.

If I had only one dry fly to use it would be the TwC. I have used it consistently all season long with good results by just experimenting with different methods of "skating" the caddis.

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the
'Willi'**



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- September 8 Deadline for Lines and Leaders Material
- September 25 Eastern Council CFFA Meeting, see page 3
- September 27 Conservation Committee Meeting, see page 4

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COMING EVENTS

- October 2 Eastern Council CFFA Spaghetti Supper, see page 3
- October 13 CFFA October Meeting



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