

# Lines and Leaders

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Connecticut  
Fly  
Fishermen's  
Association

## Monthly Meeting



PROGRAM: "Trout Stream Fishing in New England", featuring Paul Kukonen.

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

WHEN: Wednesday, March 8, 1978

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

Paul Kukonen will be on hand with his new feature on "Trout Stream Fishing in New England." Those who have seen Paul's other programs will attest to the excellence of Paul's films. As usual, the meeting will be preceded by a few CFFA fly tyers demonstrating some favorite patterns.

## Eastern Council of CFFA

by Bob Lester

This March, Eastern Council of CFFA is doing something a little different: its having a tag sale! On March 18th, ECCFFA is holding a tag sale at the Rockville Fish & Game Club consisting of items for hunting and fishing. Eastern Council will receive 10% of the price of any items sold, and the owner will receive the remainder.

There will be NO handguns allowed. So go and rummage through all your odds and ends to find anything you would like to sell and give one of the following people a call to reserve a place for it in the sale: Bob Lester, 429-5910; Bob Anderson, 429-7021; Elmer Latham, 742-6584; or Bill Dailey, 429-1884. Please see the map on page 6 for directions to the Rockville Fish & Game Club.

We'd also like to apologize for the cancellation of January's meeting. Since the Mansfield Middle School was closed because of bad weather, we were unable to get into the school. If there is ever bad weather, listen to either WTIC radio or WILI radio for cancellation notices.

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# A Quill and a Flyrod



by Don Johnston

It was a cold evening on February 4th, with temperatures hovering near zero, when approximately 200 people attended the Annual CFFA Banquet featuring Vincent Marinaro. If you missed it, kick yourself, because you missed a great evening.

Vince Marinaro presented a fantastic slide presentation on Chalk Streams, U.S.A. The slide presentation also included a series on a feeding trout's downstream strike. The photography was beyond description. It convinced almost everyone to look into the water once in awhile to see what is really going on.

The main program was followed up by a super raffle, with over 100 prizes. This has to rate as one of the best raffles yet. Myron Schulman did a superb job as Raffle Chairman.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to retiring BOD members John Blake, Membership Chairman; Ken Coppinger, Eastern Council Chairman; John Kowalski, Legal Secretary; and Elliot Rosenthal, Treasurer.

The evening took on special meaning for me when I was awarded the coveted "Scarlet Ibis" award, a seven-foot Boron rod for a 4-weight line, built by Don Phillips.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who help me with my tasks. First, I must thank my wife and family. My wife for her typing assistance, and my family for their tolerance of the mid-night oil spent working on the newsletter and corresponding secretary's duties.

Then I must thank the following people, a partial listing of contributors, without whose articles and artwork, LINES AND LEADERS could not exist: Bob Anderson, Jon Boren, John Blake, Jeff Carlson, Rich Colo, Al Dixon, Bob Frank, Norm Holcomb, Gary LaFontaine, Mark Leggitt, Leo Leggitt, Bob Lester, Ken Parkany, Mark Philippe, Don Phillips, Gregory Rumo, Myron Schulman, Lynnwood Smith, Ken Thompson, and Ron Zawcysky. This list doesn't include the multitudes of people who feed news items and information which is incorporated into meeting announcements and features of interest to CFFA members.

## Newsletter Deadline March 10th



# AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

At the moment, I am relaxing while thoughts of Vince Marinaro's rise forms help ease the harshness of the winter evening's chill. Reflecting on our past week's Annual Banquet, both unforgettable and humorous memories linger amongst the satisfying knowledge of rewards made possible by a group of dedicated individuals. Such are these rewards, that we as an organization with specific goals might prosper and mature.

It is with thoughts of this nature that I wish to pause and to extend my sincere personal gratitude to those members who have participated and certainly sacrificed during the past year -- the efforts of these people have provided all of us with some pleasurable moments.

I would particularly wish to thank those of you with whom I have had the pleasure of serving with on our Board of Directors and various committees. It sometimes may have been difficult but your efforts have definitely shown positive results. Assuredly, your participation and attitude has been a personal aid to myself as your President during the past year.

Now as we look ahead to our 1978 CFFA calendar year, your committees are at the moment busy formulating plans, activities, and programs for our enjoyment. Why not take advantage of this timely opportunity to become involved. Your participation is both welcomed and needed to support our ever increasing activities and programs. Contact your officers and committee chairmen for information and lets have a banner year in 1978. See you next month.

Sincerely,  
Bob Frank

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## *Photographer Wanted...*

CFFA is currently in need of a club photgraher to attend various club activities, such as work outings, fly fishing and fly tying schools, outings, etc., to record CFFA at work (and play). Anyone who is interested in using their photographic skills to assist CFFA is asked to contact Bob Frank, President, phone 886-1090, or talk to him at the next meeting.



# Legislative Action

by Don Johnston

The 1978 Connecticut General Assembly was convened on Wednesday, February 8, 1978. One item that will be introduced is the 1978 Bottle Bill. Last month I reprinted two articles from The Hartford Courant explaining the fate of last year's bill. Reprinted here is an article, which appeared January 2, 1978 in The Hartford Courant, proving that a bottle bill is feasible; contrary to the claims of opponents.

Last year's bill failed because one or two of you CFFA members failed to write to your state legislators. Don't make the same mistake twice. Write today!

## A Grocer Speaks For Passage of a Bottle Bill

By JOHN PIACENTINI

I am writing in response to the Op-Ed Page article "The Bottle Bill: On the Front Line" (Dec. 9), written by Robert E. O'Neill opposing bills to eliminate no-return bottles.

I am a grocer in Oregon. I own 90 convenience stores in Oregon and southwest Washington state. I have lived with Oregon's bottle bill since it became law — and I support it 100 percent.

The Oregon bottle bill has not created havoc among grocers in Oregon. It has not put grocers out of business in Oregon. It has not caused grocers to lose sales, nor has it caused consumers to pay a higher price for beverages.

Mr. O'Neill's magazine, *Progressive Grocer*, did a survey in Oregon. My company is the second largest grocery chain in Oregon. *Progressive Grocer* did not interview me in their survey. The only people they interviewed were people who were against the bottle bill. In a recent survey I saw, over 95 percent of Oregonians like the bottle bill and wouldn't repeal it if they had the chance.

Opponents of the bottle bill are using every tactic possible to scare people about the terrible effects of a

bottle bill. They tell the people that if a bottle bill is passed in their state, prices will go up, sales will go down and jobs will be lost. They tell the grocers in other states that the grocery business in Oregon is in a state of disaster because of the bottle bill.

These stories just aren't true.

Our stores are small. We have very little storage space and we sell as much beer and soft drinks as many large supermarkets. We also buy back a lot of empty containers, over 95 percent of what we sell. Storage space has not been a major problem for our stores. It has been crowded at times, but we can live with it. The containers are not being returned to our stores dirty and filled with insects as you are told. Oregon, like most states, has strict health laws for food stores and these laws wouldn't allow this to happen.

We have not had to hire all the extra help as industry propaganda will have you believe. Some stores may of had to hire some extra help, but not as much as anti-bottle bill writers are telling the people.

The fact is, a bottle bill will tend to lower prices rather than raise them. A one-way container is expensive to make. It only makes one trip and cannot be refilled. The consumer pays for

this expensive container. The wholesale price for some beverages in one-way containers is up to \$1 a case higher than the same product in returnable containers. The consumer pays for this at the checkstand.

In Mr. O'Neill's article, he mentions that today's food stores are not designed to handle 100 percent returnables. Stores in Oregon are no different than those in any other state and we can handle them. Since the bottle bill became law in Oregon, my company has built over 40 new stores and we are still using the same floor plan as before the bottle bill.

If there was a need for a different type store to handle the returnable bottles, wouldn't we have built it? I haven't noticed a change in any of the other hundreds of stores built in Oregon since the bottle bill became law.

The main purpose of the Oregon bottle bill was to prevent littering of beverage containers. It has done this far more than anyone thought possible. People just don't litter with beverage containers in Oregon. In fact, the effects of the bottle bill have helped to keep Oregonians from littering in general.

The Oregon bottle bill was not passed as an energy-saving device — this is an added benefit of the law. People have asked why eliminate only beverage containers? Why not all containers?

People do litter with beverage containers, but they don't throw tuna fish cans or catsup bottles by the roadside, as a rule.

Opponents of the bottle bill (mainly container manufacturers) are spending millions of dollars every year to defeat this legislation all across the country. They are telling complete untruths concerning what is happening in Oregon. They tell of the benefits of the state of Washington's Model (Continued on page 5)

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# A Note of Thanks

by Myron Schulman

This year's Annual Banquet Raffle was an overwhelming success. One hundred and five quality items were awarded to excited and hopeful ticket holders. The majority of these prizes were donated by individual CFFA members and local merchants.

I want to thank each of you for responding to my plea for support in such an enthusiastic and favorable manner. Once again, you have demonstrated the abilities and strength of our organization and more importantly, the generosity and closeness of its membership.

A Grocer Speaks...

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Little Control Act. I have stores in Washington state and the highways of Washington are very littered with beverage containers. Washington's solution to the problem just isn't working.

Opponents of the bottle bill will tell you that thousands of jobs will be lost if you have a bottle bill. They will also tell you that the price of beverages will go up because of the thousands of people who will have to be hired to handle the problem. If you look very closely at what they are telling you, it doesn't make sense.

I am a businessman and I wouldn't be for legislation that would run me out of business. Opponents of the bottle bill are trying to make it sound like every grocery store in Oregon is suffering from the effects of the bottle bill with higher costs and more overhead.

This isn't true. The retail price of beverages in Oregon is lower than the retail price of non-returnables in

Washington state just across the Columbia River. The consumer will save with a bottle bill.


Mr. O'Neill makes it sound as if when you pay for the returnable containers in Oregon, this cost of the container is lost. When you return the container you get your money back, you are not losing it.

The Oregon bottle bill has been in effect for nearly six years. Since then Oregon highways, beaches and parks are virtually free of littered beverage containers. Sales of beverages have not gone down because of the law. Prices of beverages have gone up, like everything else with inflation, but not because of the bottle bill. Grocery stores in Oregon have not become garbage dumps with insect-filled containers.


I have never been to Connecticut, but I know its citizens are concerned about the serious problem of container littering, just as the citizens of every state in this nation are concerned. A bottle bill will stop this serious problem of littering and it will not create havoc with the industry of your state.

I only wish that the people of Connecticut had the chance to visit Oregon and see first-hand what effects the bottle bill have had on our state.

*John Piacentini is president of Plaid Pantry Markets, a chain of convenience stores in the Pacific Northwest.*



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In memory of Dr. Edward I Poriss, who passed away in January 1978, LINES AND LEADERS offers the following quote in memorial:

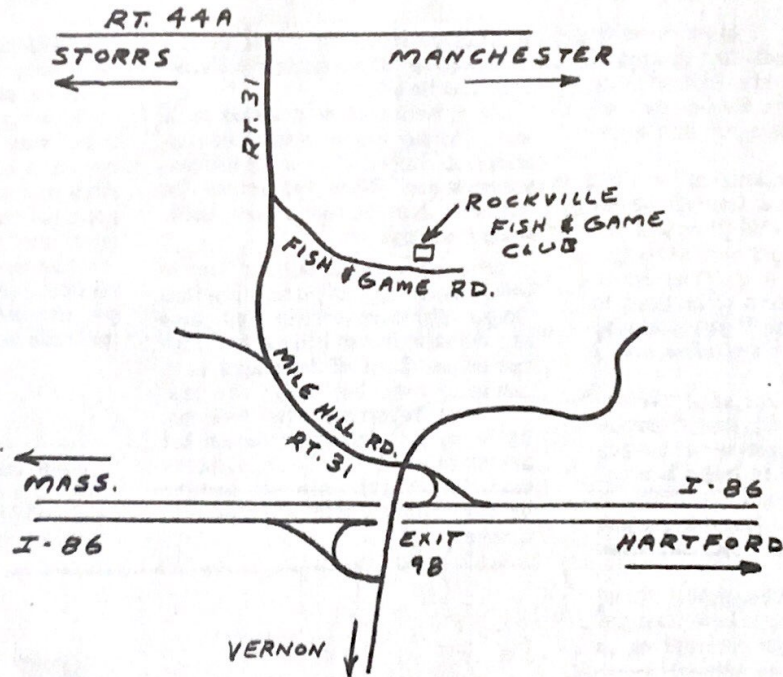
"God grant that I may live to fish  
until my dying day.  
And when it comes to my last cast,  
I then most humbly pray.  
When in the Lord's safe landing net  
I'm peacefully asleep,  
That in his mercy, I be judged as  
big enough to keep."

... A. Burham

Dr. Poriss held many positions on the Board of Directors during his years of association with CFFA, and will be missed by all.

Eastern Council of CFFA...

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	3.	4/7/78	"	-- water types and how to fish them.
	4.	4/8/78	9-12 a.m. 1-4 p.m.	-- casting instruction and fishing; two sessions, 30 students per session.
	5.	May	TBD	-- fishing a stream; 3-5 students per instructor.

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Literature: "Fly Fishing for Trout, A Guide for Adult Beginners" by Richard Tulleur; included in tuition.

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 (including text).

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# Conservation Notebook

by Al Dixon

The Conservation Committee of CFFA will once again this year be stocking trophy size brown trout in the No-Kill Section of the Willimantic River. Fish this year will be in the sixteen to twenty inch range, and possibly larger. As usual, CFFA will be awarding prizes to those persons that catch and release these large fish and return the tags to me.

A new program this year will allow CFFA members to purchase and stock trophy size fish in the Willi No-Kill Section. The cost of these fish will be approximately \$2.50 per pound.

Any member wishing to purchase one of these fish should contact me by letter at the following address: P.O.Box 183, Collinsville, Ct. 06022. You should include your name, address, telephone number, and size of fish you would like to purchase. Fish will be available from sixteen inches up to several pounds. All orders should be in my possession by March 15, 1978. You will be notified at the end of March as to what the exact price will be and to whom to send your check.

Because of the heavy snow lately, the Conservation Work Outings for February have been postponed until March. We should be able to get into the Willi to cut brush by the end of March or the first of April.

Until then, there is much to decide in the Conservation Committee Meetings. Meetings are held each month at the East Hartford Library, Main Street, East Hartford, on the last Monday of the month.

March's meeting will be March 27, 1978 at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. See you there.

## *News Deadline Established...*

An unfortunate string of circumstances brought about a delay in the delivery of the February LINES AND LEADERS.

Our printer suffered a one week bout with the flu, causing a delay in the printing. Then Blizzard Larry and an extended travel ban in Hartford resulted in a delay in delivering the newsletter to the mailing service. Due to storm caused business delays, the mailing service was horrendously backlogged with work. Such are the perils of New England winters.

Although all these delays can be classified as "Acts of Nature", I regret that some meetings or activities may have been missed by our general membership.

With this in mind, I am changing the current deadline for materials for LINES AND LEADERS. Effective immediately, the deadline will be the 10th of the month, with no exceptions. This may be subject to revision upon further review. Watch for announcements in LINES AND LEADERS.

Materials can be handed to me at Board of Director's meetings, or General Membership meetings, or delivered or mailed to my home. All materials must be received by me by the deadline.

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**MARCH 1978 CALENDAR**

- March 1 Board of Director's Meeting
- March 8 CFFA Membership Meeting, see page 1
- March 10 Deadline for LINES AND LEADERS material
- March 17 Fly Fishing School, 1st class, see page 7
- March 18 ECCFFA Tag Sale, see page 1
- March 31 Fly Fishing School, 2nd page

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**COMING EVENTS**

- April 12 CFFA Membership Meeting
- April Opening Day of Fishing Season
- May ? Annual CFFA Spring Outing, date to be announced.

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