



# LINES AND LEADERS

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Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association

## Annual CFFA Banquet

PROGRAM: Guest speaker Dave Whitlock

WHERE: Sphinx Temple (Former Grantmoor) on the north-bound lane of the Berlin Turnpike in Newington.

WHEN: Saturday, February 9, 1980

TIME: Cocktail mixer--6 p.m.  
Dinner --7 p.m.

Our guest speaker, Dave Whitlock, will present his program on Midge Fishing. At the same time, Joanne Whitlock will present a special program for the ladies. Don't forget the CFFA Conservation Drawing with lots of prizes.

### CFFA FLY FISHING SCHOOL

CFFA'S "Fundamentals of Fly Fishing" course will begin on Friday, March 7, and continue for three weeks. These meetings will be followed by a casting practise session and an on-stream fishing session with an instructor. This is an introductory course for the beginner and neophyte which discusses basic fly fishing tackle and its use on the stream. See page 9 for complete details.

### EASTERN COUNCIL FLY TYING SCHOOL

The ECCFFA Fly Tying School will meet at the Mansfield Middle School in Mansfield, Connecticut on Tuesday evenings from February 26 until April 1. This is an introductory course for those wishing to learn fundamental fly tying techniques. See page 4 for details.

'An active member club of the Federation of Fly Fishermen'



# THE CORNER POOL

Ed Fidrych

Larry Johnson

Over the years the accomplishments of CFFA members have been noted in a variety of publications. Larry and I would like to call your attention to two of the most recent.

Included in the 15 intermediate and advanced fly patterns in The American Fly Tyers Handbook edited by Kenneth Bay are two patterns by CFFA members and one pattern named for a member. They are:

Burr's Bright, a trout fly by Walter Burr, a charter CFFA member and past member of the Board of Directors

Emerging Caddis by Gary LaFontaine, a club member, guide, author and former Lines and Leaders editor and;

Vinny's Midge, a trout fly by a friend of CFFA John Shollenberger, patterned on a fly first tied by CFFA Legislative Chairman Vin Ringrose.

In addition, an article about club member Joe Garman was included in the fall issue of the Leonard Rod Company's quarterly newspaper.

Finally, as CFFA's resident expert, this editor (Editor Ed ) urges the club not to consider stocking the pool at the Holiday Inn in East Hartford for the coming season with our fish. It's definitely too warm for trout!!

## '80 Slate of Officers

The following CFFA Officers were elected at the January meeting:

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| PRESIDENT                  | Elmer Latham            |
| VICE-PRESIDENT-ENVIRONMENT | Lou Patria              |
| VICE PRESIDENT-ACTIVITIES  | Vacancy                 |
| VICE PRESIDENT-PROMOTION   | Gary Bogli              |
| CORRESPONDING SECRETARY    | Howard Weldon           |
| LEGAL SECRETARY            | Richard C. Smoragiewicz |
| TREASURER                  | Norman Holcomb          |



# Random Casts

THE LEGEND OF ED. ED

by Ken Parkany

Once upon a time, in the land of trout, there an angler named Ed, who coincidentally, because of his devotion to a certain publication, had an abbreviated title identical to his name.

Now it was well known throughout the land, that Ed. Ed was a profoundly enthusiastic fly fisherman. Some inhabitants emphatically claimed that in winter months, when Ed. Ed could not pursue the wily trout astream, he would fill up his bathtub and wait for a hatch. Such private demonstrations of one's devotion were common in those days. But public displays of a similar nature, well, that's the stuff that legends are made of.

It seems that one day, bedecked with his usual enthusiasm, Ed. Ed ventured to a magnificent spot, a newly picked favorite of many fly fishermen. The pool there was large and very deep in spots. Ed. Ed found, not surprisingly, many anglers already taking full advantage of the evening "hatch" of piscatorial platitudenous ponderosities. Instantly recognizing the hatch, and knowing how incredibly easy it was to match, Ed. Ed became very excited. With great "Gusto", Ed. Ed entered the "pool", creating the memorable legend that inhabitants have passed on to their kin.

To this day, story tellers relate how witnesses vividly recall that Ed. Ed had not donned his waders before entering; that the only fly he had was the one on his trousers; and the "pool" was located - not on the Farmington or Willi - but in East Hartford's Holiday Inn, the location of CFFA's January meeting!

## NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENT CLUBS

Please note our new mailing address:CFFA, P.O. Box 18365, East Hartford, CT, 06118. Mail sent to our old address in Windsor Locks will only be forwarded for a short time.

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EASTERN COUNCIL CFFA  
INTRODUCTION TO FLY TYING

CLASSES: There will be a six week course designed for those people who wish to learn the fundamental techniques of fly tying. Classes will meet on the following Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Mansfield Middle School, Mansfield, Connecticut.

| <u>CLASS</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>SUBJECT</u>                             |
|--------------|-------------|--|
| 1            | 02-26-80    | #12 Burlap; #12 Picket Pin                 |
| 2            | 03-04-80    | #10 Moby Dick; #10 Silver Dart             |
| 3            | 03-11-80    | #12 Dark Cahill; #12 Hornberg              |
| 4            | 03-18-80    | #10 Squirrel Tail; #10 Bucktail            |
| 5            | 03-25-80    | #14 Light Cahill; #14 Adams                |
| 6            | 04-01-80    | Open Class: Patterns to be chosen by class |

EQUIPMENT: All necessary hooks and materials and equipment will be supplied. Anyone wishing to bring their own vise and related equipment may do so.

CLASS SIZE: Limited to 15 students.

TUITION: \$10.00 (A worthwhile investment).

ECCFFA ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please print required information.

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

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Return application to: Elmer B. Latham  
79 Northfield Road  
Coventry, Connecticut 06238

(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: E.C.C.F.F.A.)



# Legislative Action



By Vin Ringrose, Legislative Chairman

The outdoor sportsmen of Connecticut have had few problems with our State legislature in the past several years. We have had no big items to place before them, and by and large, non-sportsmen have not been threatening us with their pet bills. However, things have changed in the past year, and the 1980 session promises to be the most critical since the uproarious 1973 session.

Many of you are aware that the "Friends of Animals, Inc." launched a strong campaign against our friends the trappers last year. (Many trappers are CFFA members, incidentally.) The F.O.A. attempted to have leg-hold traps outlawed as a first step to outlawing all trapping-and they made no bones about this aspect of their campaign. They conducted a highly emotional, highly funded Madison-Avenue campaign complete with comely young lady lobbyists with see-through blouses. The poor trappers and DEP wildlife biologists were almost steamrolled when their reasoned, rational testimony at the hearings was ignored by the media, and, unfortunately, by many of the legislators as well. The bill was tabled to a study committee with last-second maneuvering, and is coming up again this year, with more support than ever!

In past years, CFFA has campaigned and testified at the legislature for diverse sporting groups and their programs primarily because these people have done the same for us in the years when we sponsored bills like the minimum streamflow and reservoir fishing legislation. It is only fair that we return favors if we are to ask for any, and now our vigorous support is even more important because a new dimension has been added. We now have a direct threat to our own sport. The Friends of Animals, Inc. has clearly and repeatedly stated that their long range goals are, in order of priority, to OUTLAW:

1. All Trapping
2. All Hunting
3. All Fishing.

Even fly fishermen who fish barbless and release their fish are considered barbarians who torture their victims for pleasure. Absurd, you say? Could never happen, you say? Don't bet on it!

Bills have been introduced this session for strict gun-control legislation (for the umpteenth time), bills which only harass the law-abiding sportsman more than the present laws, and do nothing to stop the hoodlum with his stolen or illegally obtained non-registered weapon. The F.O.A. is supporting this legislation "as a step toward outlawing all guns, including those used for hunting."

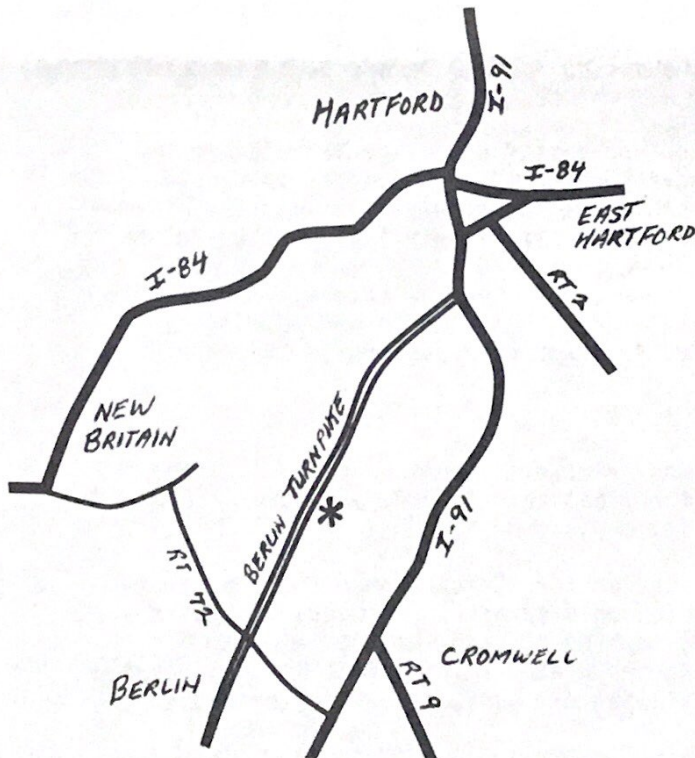
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## Legislative Action, Continued

What can you do? First, contact your state legislator and tell him/her that you are against the anti-trap and anti-gun bills before the session. Second, be prepared to come to Hartford and be present at a meeting of the Legislative Judiciary Committee which will be hearing testimony on these bills sometime in February. We will probably not have much advance notice of the date of the hearing, but you will be receiving a direct mailing notice, as a member of CFFA, by first class mail. We hope and pray that this will be an evening meeting so that all except those who work evenings will be able to attend, and we strongly urge you to do so if at all possible. Yours truly will be there to testify for CFFA as a group, but a very large show of force is essential for the outdoor sportsmen of all persuasions. The legislature must realize that the outdoorsman is everywhere, and that legislators must pay attention to their major constituency, not just to the radical media darlings of F.O.A., Inc. If we do not halt this movement this year, it will most assuredly snowball.

# Banquet Directions



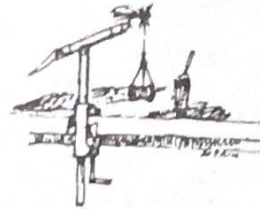
The 10th annual CFFA Banquet will be held at the former Grantmoor Hotel (now the Sphinx Temple) located adjacent to Two Guys Department Store on the northbound lane of the Berlin Turnpike in Newington.

From Hartford: Take I-91 south to the Rt. 15-Berlin Turnpike exit. Travel south on the Turnpike approximately 5.8 miles. Two Guys and a Grantmoor sign will be seen on the other side of the road. Make a U-turn at the next light and drive into the Grantmoor entrance.

From Berlin: Traveling north on the Berlin Turnpike from Berlin, the Grantmoor will be on your right, just past Two Guys, approximately 2.8 miles north of the Rt. 72 junction.



# Under the Tyer's Lamp



Leo R. Leggitt

Mark S. Leggitt

## Spinning Method Dubbing Loop Tool

The use of fur bodies for flies is practically endless as many patterns of nymphs, emerged duns and fur spinners call for the use of blends of fur and synthetic materials in the making of the fly body. Essentially, the making of dubbed fur bodies consists of attaching in some manner the dubbing material to the tying thread and then winding this processed thread around the hook, usually into a tapered form, to simulate the desired body shape. There are three practical methods of applying the dubbing to the tying thread, and are commonly known as the rolling, twisting and spinning methods.

Briefly, the rolling method puts the dubbing on a single strand of tying thread by rolling the material and thread between thumb and index finger which, if done correctly, will result in a thin layer of compacted material around the thread. Continued adjacent applications are made in the same manner until the desired length is obtained. This method is used extensively for making very small flies and where just a hint of material is needed.

The twisting method of applying dubbing is primarily used for the making of simulated segmented fly bodies and is accomplished by first shaping the dubbing into a long thin, rope-like strand. One end of the strand is attached by tying thread to the hook and then the thread is formed into a loop a bit longer than the dubbing strand and reattached to the hook. The ends of the dubbing strand and thread loop are grasped by the hackle pliers and spun until the dubbing and thread are tightly twisted together like a piece of rope.

For dubbing with furs such as hare's ear, squirrel and seal which are short and coarse, the spinning loop method of applying dubbing is the best to use. It also results in the bulkiest and scraggiest looking fly bodies. The common procedure for executing this method of dubbing was described in detail in the previous article on the "Fuzzy Stonefly Nymph". It basically involves using one hand to hold and control the spinning loop which then leaves only the other hand available to administer the dubbing into the open loop, which is a somewhat difficult task at best and one in which an extra hand would really be useful.

To provide this third hand requirement, we have come up with a gadget or tool that has solved this problem for us and which we now would like to pass along to you. It simply consists of a wire spreader with an attached weight. In operation, the spinning loop is made by engaging the tying thread into the double prongs of the spreader about 3 or 4 inches below the hook, then bringing the thread back up and attaching to the hook by several overlapping thread turns in a position on the hook slightly forward of the starting point of the loop. This gap on the hook between the start and finish of the thread will keep the loop from twisting on itself when left unattended. The spreader will keep the loop open and the attached weight will keep it taut.

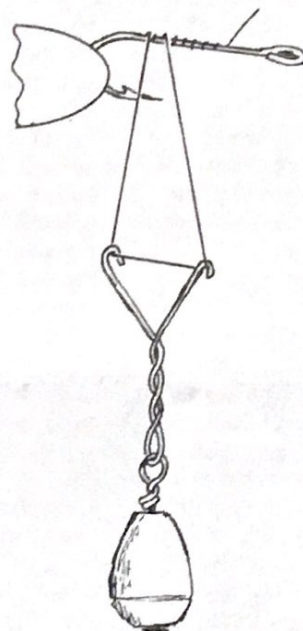
You now wax the loop (we use Overton's Wonder Wax) heavily and fill it with the dubbing material. Both hands can be utilized in this process now because one of your hands has been "freed" from tending the loop by the application of this tool. Adjustments in loop opening may be made as necessary by bending the spreader arms



opened or closed as required. Filling and distributing the dubbing in the loop can be made easier by the use of a dubbing needle.

When you are satisfied that the loop is filled sufficiently, grasp the tool with one hand and disengage one of the two spreader prongs from the loop; the dubbing needle can be used to hold down the thread adjacent to the prong being unhooked. Keep downward tension on the filled loop with the remaining engaged prong and the loop will close thus trapping the dubbing between the loop threads. Spin the loop now by rotating the tool between thumb and fore-finger and continue until a tightly twisted chenille-type rope is produced. This can be wound around the hook by continuing to hold the tool, or the loop may be grasped by hackle pliers ahead of the tool, the prong disengaged, and the body wound by use of the pliers.

The accompanying picture of the subject tool is almost self-explanatory but here are a few details of its construction. The wire for the spreader may be either iron, copper or aluminum of about .020 to .030 inch diameter and approximately 3" long. Ours is made of .025" dia. soft iron wire. The ends of the wire must be rounded smoothly before bending the prongs to avoid cutting the tying thread at any time. For the weight use a 1/4 to 1/2 ounce lead swivel sinker. Bend the prongs as small as practical on both ends of the wire and then bend the wire in the center, on itself; engage the weight and make a couple of twists of the spreader arms to secure the weight. This also forms the place on the tool where the fingers can do the spinning of the loop. As mentioned before, the distance between the prongs on the spreader arms can be easily varied by bending. Ours are .50" apart at the prongs. Note that the picture only shows the tool and a much fore-shortened spinning loop, and the engaged relationship between the two, just prior to filling the loop. See prior article for this information.



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|                 | 1.  | 3/ 7/80 | 7-9:30 PM         | - rods, reels, lines, leaders-recommended.                                   |
|                 | 2.  | 3/14/80 | 7-9:30 PM         | - flies and the fish.  |
|                 | 3.  | 3/21/80 | 7-9:30 PM         | - water types and how to fish them.  |
|                 | 4.  | 4/12/80 | 9-12 AM<br>1-4 PM | - casting instruction and fishing; two sessions, one half class per session. |
|                 | 5.  | May     | TBD               | - fishing a stream; 3-5 students per instructor on stream of your choice.    |

Location:   Class 1.,2.,&3., Raymond (East Hartford Public) Library lounge (up-stairs), on Main St. East Hartford, next to Post Office.  
                   Class 4., private pond stocked with trout.  
                   Class 5., this final session is the frosting on the cake. Students select stream in their area; instruction; application of classroom theory, approach, wading, stream reading, etc.. Students must contact instructor by 4/30/80 to make arrangements; supply own equipment, and have valid state license for this class.

Equipment:   Furnished for those that do not own for class 4. only. We recommend that students do not purchase own equipment until after class 1.

Literature:   Free! -"Fly Fishing for Trout- A Guide for Adult Beginners" by Richard Talleur. (\$5.95 ret.)  
                   - Recommended Fly Patterns By CFFA.

Class Size:   Limited to 60 students, however in the past, enrollment has been between 40-45.

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

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            CFFA FFS Enrollment Application    Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please PRINT required information, checks payable to CFFA, and mail to:  
                   John Cannata, Registrar, 19 Grande Rd. East Hartford Conn.06118

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For additional information contact Ken Thompson, Director, RR1 Box 90, Ashford, Conn. or phone 429-7765.

If you wish to have your enrollment confirmed, send along a self-addressed stamped envelope with the application.



February 1980 Calendar

- February 1 Fly Tying School-Fifth Class  
 2,3 Sports World Show-Hartford Civic Center  
 6 Board of Director's Meeting  
 8 Fly Tying School-Final Class  
 9 Annual CFFA Banquet-Dave Whitlock  
 26 Eastern Council Fly Tying-First Class  
 27 Eastern Council Meeting

| F E B R U A R Y |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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Coming Events

- March 4 Eastern Council Fly Tying-Second Class  
 5 Board of Director's Meeting  
 7 Fly Fishing School-First Class  
 11 Eastern Council Fly Tying-Third Class  
 12 CFFA March Meeting  
 14 Fly Fishing School-Second Class  
 18 Eastern Council Fly Tying-Fourth Class  
 21 Fly Fishing School-Third Class  
 22 Eastern Council Tag Sale  
 25 Eastern Council Fly Tying-Fifth Class

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