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Meeting Notice

CFFA's November meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, November 18, at the Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse on Sunset Ridge Dr. in East Hartford. Please note that this is the third Wednesday, due to the Veterans' Day holiday. We will also be meeting downstairs this month due to a scheduling conflict. You can use the rear entrance from the parking lot or go in the front and then downstairs.

Our program this month will consist of a film on Bass similar to "The Way of a Trout" and a panel discussion on CFFA's activities for the next year-meeting programs, newsletter, fly tying and fishing schools, club trips, etc. Your comments about CFFA activities are very important in helping your Board of Directors plan the kinds of programs you want. We hope that you will all attend this important meeting.

Several fly tyers will be present before the meeting to demonstrate fly tying patterns and techniques.

Random Casts

Your 1982 CFFA dues are due now! CFFA Membership Director Bob Martinchek will be mailing each of you a renewal notice sometime this month. Please renew promptly to reduce the number of second notices we must send out and to make sure that you get all of your issues of "Lines and Leaders." Also, please indicate if you have changed addresses since your last renewal.

LINES AND LEADERS URGENTLY NEEDS NEW MATERIAL

See "The Corner Pool" for details.



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THE CORNER POOL

Ed Fidrych

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The supply of material submitted for publication by CFFA members has run out--new articles are urgently needed for Lines and Leaders. Members have requested a large newsletter, and we have the capability of running 6 sheets (12 pages) per month. We cannot do this unless we have something to print.

Much of our past material has tended to come from a few key members who produced articles, fly tying instructions, cartoons, etc. on almost a monthly basis. This may have caused some members to think that their contributions are not needed. Nothing could be further from the truth!

Throughout the history of "Lines and Leaders" there has been a regular turn-over of contributors every 2 to 3 years, and we appear to be in the midst of another change. We have also never published to our capacity for all 9 issues, and extra material is always welcome.

The fact of the matter is that your contributions are very much needed, and they are needed now! We know that many of you have had fishing experiences over the past season that your fellow members would like to hear about. Send us a letter, a paragraph or a finished article and we'll get it into print as soon as we can.

We would also like to call your attention to some material which was handed out at the October meeting and is included here for those members who were not present. You have probably all heard by now of the proposed MDC diversion tunnel on the West Branch of the Farmington River, and the serious threat that the provisions of the 1949 legislation pose to the future fishery and recreational use of the river. Things are happening daily, and sportsmens' groups, town governments and DEP have spoken out against allowing the project without further study of its effects. We urge you to read the CFFA statement prepared by Legislative Chairman Vin Ringrose and contact your State Senator, Representative or MDC representative and express your opposition to the project without further environmental review.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Since taking over as President of CFFA it has been a very rich and rewarding experience for me. As I sit here I'am sure I feel the same as any president of any fine organization would, I often wonder whether I somehow failed or that maybe I didn't quite do enough. It is with deep regret that I inform you that there will be no more Eastern Council Meetings in Mansfield.

At this time there seems to be very little interest and very poor attendance and support to continue the programs. Perhaps at sometime in the future we can resume the activities of Eastern Council. To the many people who devoted so much of their time and efforts at Eastern Council, I would like to thank each of you for your efforts in preserving and promoting the traditions of Flyfishing to which this club is dedicated.

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FARMINGTON RIVER WATER DIVERSION

The Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association wishes to go on record as being firmly opposed to the present plan for the Farmington River diversion tunnel as proposed by the MDC. We urge that the scheduled referendum be postponed and that the environmental impact be completely re-evaluated before matters proceed. We also insist that future needs be rigidly documented by the MDC. We suggest that many signs point to a levelling off of population growth and water consumption in central Connecticut, and point out that lawns were watered all summer long in West Hartford this year, a year of acknowledged drought conditions!

CFFA also wishes to go on record as pledging its support in whatever way it can if the Farmington River Watershed Association or the Department of Environmental Protection feel that litigation is necessary.

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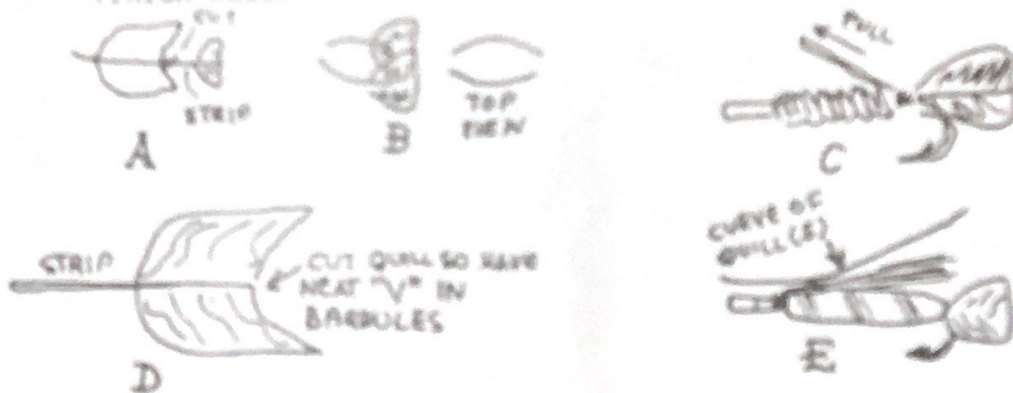
TIE IT AND TRY IT
SARGE'S SAB-E-BASS

FROM THE NEWSLETTER
OF THE FLY FISHERS
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Hook: Mustad 9074 #6 or #4
Weighting: #3 Fuzo Wire
Thread: Black
Tail: Olive Maribou
Body: 1' yellow sparkle yarn
Ribbing: Gold chain tinsel
Underwing: Olive Bucktail
Wing: Olive Maribou



1. Weigh hook - tie in tips of two Maribou feathers; prepare to tie in as shown in Figure A. be sure natural curves of the quills are as shown in Figure B.
2. Tie in tail feathers, pull quills forward, tighten and cinch down and pull tail length to one hook gape, see Figure C.
3. Tie in body material and ribbing and make body.
4. Tie in small amount of Olive Bucktail, tips should reach to about middle of the tail, the purpose of this bucktail is to support the Olive Maribou wing.
5. Prepare Maribou feather (sparse tie) or feathers (dense tie) as shown in Figure D.
6. Tie in with quill curve(s) as shown in Figure E, pull quill(s) forward so tips of maribou extend just beyond the Bucktail; tighten, cinch down, trim quill(s) and finish head.



I developed this pattern to use in a lake I fish were the bass are even more cannibalistic than usual - it worked and, further, it has proven excellent in several other places (it should be good for Rancho Seco, Indian Valley and Martis Lake - but I haven't been able to fish there with it yet). Suggested variations: Black underwing (a closer imitation of a small bass). Yellow or white underwing for a Chub imitation. As it is, it is a deadly general minnow pattern. Honest.

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Common Casting Problems & How to Correct Them

GOLDEN SPREAD FLY FISHERS

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All of our casting difficulties result from casting faults. If you use the proper form, as described and illustrated previously, you will avoid most of them. All of us, however, occasionally get into bad habits. Some of the most common, that are particularly troublesome to beginners, are listed here along with suggested solutions for correcting them.

Low Back Cast

Cause Hitting the water or ground on the back cast is caused by continuing to apply power too long through a wide arc, thereby driving the line down; also by insufficient line speed to turn over the back cast.

Correction Make the back cast with a brisk backward movement, holding the wrist stiff. Stop power application abruptly when the rod reaches the one o'clock position.

Wind Knots

Cause Most commonly, knots in the leader are caused by "punching" the rod during power application.

Correction Concentrate on accelerating the rod smoothly through its arc; don't apply all the power at once.

Hooking Line, Hitting Rod with Fly

Hooking the line or hitting the rod with the fly are caused by the same fault that ties knots in your leader. The correction is also the same.

Piling Up Line And Leader At End Of Cast

Cause Piling up the line and leader is usually caused by an inefficient wide loop. By powering the rod through a wide arc (often from three o'clock to nine), a wide loop is formed which cannot transmit enough energy to fully straighten the line.

Correction Accelerate the rod briskly from 11 to one o'clock, stopping the rod abruptly at each end. Remember, don't let any line slip from your

left hand during the power application, only after.

Snapping Off Fly

Cause Snapping off flies and cracking the leader on the back cast are caused either by starting the forward cast too soon, before the back cast has time to straighten, or else by failing to use sufficient force in the back cast. In this case, it would never straighten, no matter how long you waited.

Correction Watch the back cast and start the forward cast when line and leader are out straight behind. Use sufficient force in making the back cast so it will straighten.

Slapping Water

Cause Splashing the line, leader and fly down on the water, sometimes hard enough to sink a dry fly, is caused by aiming the forward cast too low.

Correction Tilt the arc of power application backward a little so the forward cast straightens two or three feet above the water, then settles gently. In other words, aim your cast higher.

Line Won't Go Out

Cause When the line won't go out and straighten, even 30 feet of it, one or both of two casting faults committed by all beginners are nearly always to blame. The first is waving the rod through a great wide arc, instead of pushing it briskly through a narrow one. The second fault is permitting line to slip through the guides during the application of power.

Correction Again, make sure that you are powering the rod through a narrow arc, not a wide one. If your loops are large, you are using a wide arced stroke. Having someone watch your cast and tell you what you are actually doing with the rod can be very helpful. Also, if you are working out line, you must not release the line from your left hand until the power application is completed.

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FLY FISHING TIPS

1. The size of the fly is more important than the pattern. If rising fish are not striking at your fly then tie on a smaller one.



2. Fish cannot see you as well if you are between the sun and the fish, unless you cast a shadow over his home.

3. Always cast up stream with a dry fly. This guarantees a free float without leader drag.

4. In dry fly fishing your leader should sink and your line should float.

5. Cut double tapered lines in half and then back up the 45' half with 75 yds. of monofilament. 15 to 20 lb. will do. You now have a new fly line for the future.

6. Casting a fly rod is done with a stiff forearm and not with the wrist.

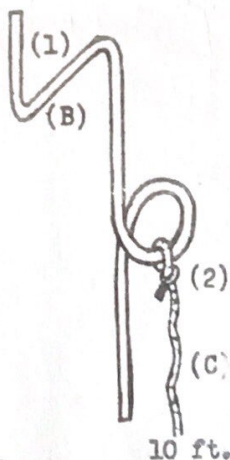
FLY RETRIEVER

To recover a fly caught in a tree you'll find this "gadget" a great help.

Stick end (A) in fly rod tip guide and place hook (B) over the branch fly is attached too. Remove rod and pull down the branch with chalk line (C)

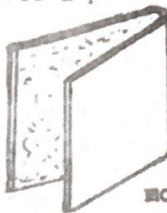
When not in use, wrap chalk line around "gadget" between points (1) and (2).

Make from clothes hanger wire.



TO STRAIGHTEN A LEADER

Use a piece of leather that is small enough to fit into your fishing jacket but large enough to find when you want it. Holding the leader taut, rub the leather back and forth vigorously to create frictional heat that moves the coils from the leader.

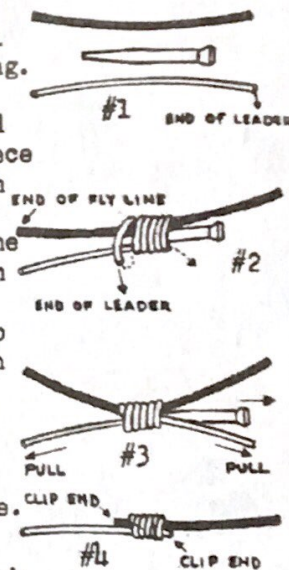


KNOTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

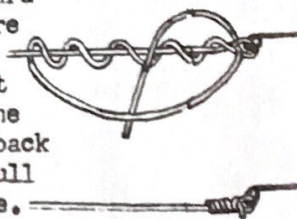
NAIL KNOT is used to tie the butt end of your leader to the forward end of your fly line.

Use either a tapered nail or a small piece of tubing.

Hold the line, leader and tapered nail or small piece of tubing along side each other. #1. Wind leader around nail or tubing, line and itself six times. Run end of leader back along nail or through tubing up under loops. #2. Pull both ends of leader tight. Slip nail or tubing out and retighten. #3. Finally, pull line and leader tight and clip ends close. #4.



IMPROVED CLINCH KNOT-stick the end of the leader thru eye and make five or more twists around standing part of the line. Thrust end of leader between the eye and first loop and back through the big loop. Pull tight and clip end close.



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- Nov. 4 Board of Directors Meeting
- 18 November CFFA Meeting
(Note-This is the Third Wednesday)

COMING EVENTS

- Dec. 2 Board of Directors Meeting
- 9 December CFFA Meeting

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