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## Annual Banquet

PROGRAM: Guest Speakers Lee and Joan Wulff

WHERE: Sphinx Temple (next to the Grantmoor) on the north-bound lane of the Berlin Turnpike in Newington. See page 7 for directions.

WHEN: Saturday, February 6, 1982.

TIME: Cocktail Mixer--6:00 p.m.  
Dinner --7:30 p.m.

Lee Wulff will present one of his fine fishing programs while Joan Wulff presents a special program for the ladies. Lee was recently awarded the 1981 Arnold Gingrich Angling Heritage Award by the Theodore Gordon Flyfishers. This is given for significant contributions to the literature of angling.

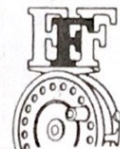
The winners of the CFFA Photo Contest will be announced at the Banquet. And don't forget the CFFA Conservation Drawing with lots of prizes. Remember that this year the Orvis fishing outfit will be given to some lucky person on the CFFA membership list!

Anyone wishing to donate prizes for the drawing should contact either Elmer Latham at 742-6584 or Dick Smoragiewicz at 529-6706. Note that the number given for Dick in last month's newsletter was not correct.

### CFFA FLY FISHING SCHOOL

The 1982 Fly Fishing School will begin on March 12 and continue for three weeks. These meetings will be followed by a casting practise session and an on-stream fishing session with an instructor. See page 8 for details.

We are enclosing for your information a flyer on the first Annual Banquet of the Connecticut Council of Trout Unlimited which will be held on Saturday, March 13, 1982.



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# Notes from the BOD Meeting

Meeting of Jan. 6, 1982

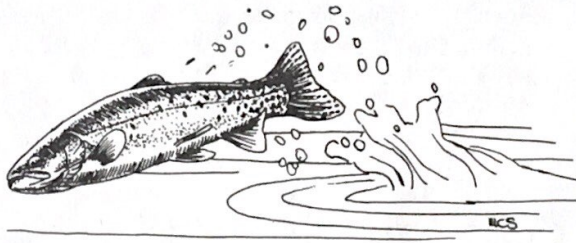
We ended the year with a bank balance of \$4,950 and a net budget over-expenditure of approximately \$150. The rent for our meeting hall for 1982 plus a large purchase of prizes for our monthly conservation drawing for next year caused this. Our receipts for December were \$1195.73; our disbursements were \$682.96.

A new method for selecting two youths to attend the Junior Conservation Camp has been formulated.

A motion was made to discontinue use of our trout pond. This measure passed. After a lengthy discussion the following amended version was passed: Motion to begin liquidating ourselves of the fish raising business. This action has been taken because it simply has gotten too expensive to raise trout.

We have been invited to join the Connecticut Sportsmans' Alliance. It was suggested that one of their members make a presentation during one of our general meetings.

Peter Traini  
Corresponding Secretary



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## Untangling Angling

With the start of the New Year there will be some changes coming, with all of them being for the benefit of the club members. It is our hope, here on the Board of Directors, that this will create a better united organization that you will want to be a member of.

Throughout the year I will keep you up to date as these changes take place. There is one important thing I want every member to keep in mind. This is your club, so we would like to hear from you.

On February 6th at our Annual Banquet, there is something going into effect that all of our members will be delighted to hear. There will be a drawing for a Door Prize that night awarded to a paid up member for 1982. Whether you attend the Banquet or not, all club member's names will be placed into a bucket and we will pick one name. I can tell you this much, it is going to be something worth winning. So remember you will not have to purchase a ticket, and even if you can't attend the Banquet you will still be eligible to win.

*By Burke*

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## 1982 JUNIOR CONSERVATION CAMP

This year, as in the past, the Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association will sponsor two youths in order that they may attend a one-week Junior Conservation Camp held at Camp Workcoeman in New Hartford, Connecticut, during the month of August.

The Junior Conservation Camp gives boys twelve through fourteen years of age an opportunity to gain education in the proper use of our natural resources, the safe use of firearms, woodsmanship, fly fishing, fly tying, camping, boat safety, archery, skeet shooting, and more. All the training comes from experienced and well-trained instructors.


The Connecticut Wildlife Federation developed the conservation camp program. The camp staff is composed of well-qualified adults from throughout the state who donate their time and talents to this worthwhile project. There is one counselor for every ten boys.

This year, the tuition is projected to be approximately \$ 100.00. CFFA will provide half of the tuition for each of the two youths that it sponsors. The tuition includes health and accident insurance, buses for various field trips, and all instructional materials needed for the week.

Any boy between the age of twelve and fourteen, in the immediate family of a CFFA member, is eligible to be sponsored by CFFA. The two partial tuitions will be awarded as a result of a random drawing conducted in April. To qualify for the drawing, please submit the following information by April 1, 1982: (1) Name of adult CFFA member. (2) Name and age of youth. (3) Address and telephone number. Forward information to: CFFA Conservation Camp Sponsor Program, P.O. Box 18365, East Hartford, Connecticut 06118.

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The following article by former CFFA member and newsletter editor Ron Zawoysky is reprinted from the Autumn '81 issue of "Trout" magazine. An earlier version appeared in the May '76 issue of Lines and Leaders.

The trout were coming up everywhere. Some were jumping completely out of the water, chasing the elusive caddis as they bounced along the surface of the river. I tied on my favorite caddis pattern, the Turkey Wing Caddis, dressed it with Gehrke's Gink, and prepared to cast.

There were so many fish coming up that it made it difficult to decide on which one to cast to. Finally I decided on one that was rising right up against the bank and about 25 feet away.

My cast was across and slightly downstream and the fly landed about a foot upstream of the feeding trout. It floated dead drift for about six inches; then I twitched it an inch or two. The water exploded under the fly as the brown took. In a few minutes I had a beautiful 13½ inch wild Battenkill brown trout in my net. I had similar results during the next hour or so using the same technique. The experience has been repeated on countless occasions on the Battenkill River as well as many other Eastern trout streams. But my success was far from good until I developed and started using the Turkey Wing Caddis — or "TWC" for short.

During the past few years I have taken more trout on the TWC than any other fly pattern. It has worked surprisingly well during caddis hatches as well as during mayfly hatches (this could very well be because most of my fishing is on streams like the Battenkill, Beaverkill and Ausable where caddis seem to always be present in some quantity). It has also proven very successful when fishing "blind" during periods of no surface activity. The TWC is an extremely durable fly; I have personally taken at least seventeen or eighteen fish on a single fly on more than one occasion. It also floats like a cork.

The fly is tied using only three basic materials: hare's ear fur, ginger variant hackle, and cinnamon turkey wing quill or a suitable substitute. Peacock, pheasant or grouse wing quill all have the same mottled grayish-brown over a cream colored background and will work, too. I have never changed materials because I've always had outstanding success with those mentioned. Most of the caddis I have encountered seem to have these basic colors. I also adhere to the "impressionist" school of thought when it comes to

## The Turkey Wing Caddis

by Ron Zawoysky

Illustrations by Richard A. Lawrence



**A** Tie in a ginger variant hackle at the bend of the hook. In order to conserve smaller hackle sizes I have started using a size 10 or 12 hackle to palmer the body and trim it down to the fly size that I'm trying. (I haven't found any detriment when fishing a TWC tied this way. In fact, it seems to float a little better and is more durable.)



**B** Dub on hare's ear and wind a fuzzy body tapered from the bend to the eye of the hook.



**C** Palmer the body with the hackle and tie off 1/8" behind the eye.



**D** Trim palmered hackle flush with the top of the hook.



**E** "Roll" on a one piece turkey quill wing and trim 1/8" beyond bend of hook. Rolling is accomplished by laying a 3/16" wide quill section on top of the hook just behind the eye. Take two loose turns around the section and then tighten the thread. (This will tend to roll the quill section on each side of the body and simulate the tent-shaped wing of an adult caddis.)



**F** Tie on a ginger variant hackle and wind in front of the wing.



**G** Whip finish and lacquer head.

fly patterns and consider the TWC to fall into this category rather than being an exact imitation. However, an infinite number of variations is possible with a little imaginative use of materials.

In general, I have found that a Mustad-Viking 94840 size 16 dry fly hook is adequate for most situations. However, the TWC is readily adaptable to any size needed for existing fishing conditions. I should also note that the turkey quill wing which is rolled on in tent-shaped fashion should be first treated with vinyl cement for added durability. The pattern is quite easy to tie and with a little practice should take only a few minutes.

The Turkey Wing Caddis has become my most reliable dry fly

pattern. But it should not always be fished in the same manner; each situation may require a slightly different tactic. After reviewing my fishing log I came up with ten different tips for fishing the fly.

- 1. Fish across or downstream:** I almost always fish the TWC either directly across or downstream. This gives you much better control should you want to impart action to the fly. It also presents the fly to the fish first rather than spooking him with the leader.
- 2. Try "skating" the fly:** Natural caddis flies are rarely at rest on the water and are usually bouncing along. Vary your artificial's movements from a slight twitch to foot-long skates. One hint: a little fly dope on the first foot or two of your

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(Turkey Wing Caddis, continued)

tippet will keep the fly from being pulled under when skating the fly.

**3. Use a good fly floatant:** One of the most important things to remember when fishing the TWC 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 your fly and redress it frequently for best results. It's also not a bad idea to change flies after a few fish to allow the fly to dry thoroughly.

**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 your chances of spooking the trout, but also enables you to present your fly and maneuver it as naturally as possible. I rarely go smaller than a twelve foot leader.

**5. Use a medium-fast to fast action rod:** I use either a medium-fast action 7 foot fiberglass or a 9 foot fast action graphite fly rod. I find that I have much better loop control and casting accuracy with these types of rods. The shorter rod is less fatiguing after a day of fishing, but my long graphites for 4 and 6 weight flies are not far behind.

**6. Try fishing the fly 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 I could not get a fish to take on the surface, they murdered it at the end of the swing after submerging. I'm sure it was taken as an emerging adult caddis.

**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. During the dog days of August I have taken many 13-14 inch browns from pockets no bigger than a dinner plate.

**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, though, because when the trout take it's like an explosion and if you miss you seldom have a second chance. This is especially true whenever there are a lot of caddis on the water: often a fish will not move more than an inch or two from his feeding position to take your fly.

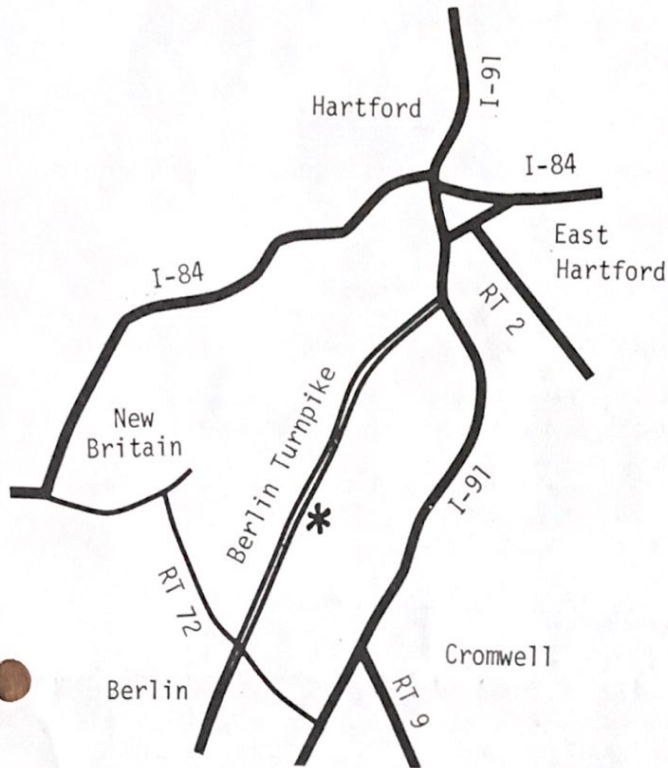
**9. Fish the obstacles:** Don't ever pass up rocks, brush, treefalls or the like without at least a few casts and twitches of a caddis. Some of the largest trout I have taken came while fishing blind to overhanging brush or undercuts and twitching the fly.

**10. Try something different:** If all else fails, try something different. One day when I was having very little success, I took the fly off the leader and threw it to the fish. He took without hesitation. Needless to say, I had a little trouble setting the hook!

If I had only one dry fly to use, it would be the Turkey Wing Caddis. Give it a try. It's a fly made from readily obtainable materials, is quite easy to tie, and looks great on the water. After you have tried it, I'm sure the Turkey Wing Caddis will be a permanent part of your dry fly arsenal, too!

Ron Zawoysky majored in football and minored in aerospace engineering at Georgia Tech before moving north to do graduate work in trout fishing. He has since settled with his family in Clifton Park, New York, a short daydream away from his camp on the banks of the famous Battenkill River. The Turkey Wing Caddis was developed there and, although not tied as an exact imitation, one real caddis fly apparently thought otherwise. Fishing partner Bernie Marois swears to tying on a Zawoysky caddis while a natural swooped down and tried to mate with it.

# Banquet Directions



The 12th 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.

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CFFA 12th ANNUAL BANQUET

On February 6, 1982, CFFA will be holding their 12th Annual banquet. Our guest speakers this year will be Lee and Joan Wulff. While Lee Wulff is entertaining the men with his program, Joan Wulff will present a special program for the ladies. Watch for more details in the next newsletter.

The banquet will be held at the Sphinx Temple (next to the Grant Moor) on the Berlin Turnpike in Newington. Your choice of dinners this year will be baked stuffed shrimp or roast prime rib of beef. Included with the meal will be fruit cup, salad, baked potato, vegetable, rolls and butter, coffee or tea and an ice cream puff with chocolate sauce.

As you can see, your banquet committee has been hard at work to provide you with an evening of entertainment, and we're doing this for \$13.25 per person. Last but not least we will also be having our conservation drawing that evening.

So come on gang, fill out the reservation form and mail it as soon as possible. Your banquet committee is looking forward to seeing each and every one of you there.

Anyone wishing to donate prizes for our drawing may contact Elmer Latham at 742-6584 or Dick Smoragiewicz at 529-6706. All prizes will be greatly appreciated.

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FEBRUARY 1982 CALENDAR

- February 3 Board of Directors Meeting
- 5 Fly Tying Seminar-Fifth Class
- 6 ANNUAL CFFA BANQUET
- 11 Fly Tying Seminar-Sixth Class  
(Note: this is a Thursday!)

COMING EVENTS

- March 3 Board of Directors Meeting
- 10 March CFFA Meeting
- 12 Fly Fishing School-First Class
- 19 Fly Fishing School-Second Class
- 26 Fly Fishing School-Third Class

Special Offer From Trout Unlimited

The T.U. Banquet is \$15 and an annual membership is also \$15. If you go to the banquet, both are available for \$25. Send a note along with your banquet request.

If you wish only to join T.U., we will have applications at our March CFFA meeting.

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