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Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association

Meeting Notice

PROGRAM: Status of the Willimantic River No-Kill Area.

PLACE: Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse, Sunset Ridge Drive, East Hartford, CT.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 14, 1983.

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

Our program this month will feature DEP Fisheries Biologist Chuck Phillips, who will update us on the status of the Willimantic River no-kill area. We may also get some information on year-round fishing on the Willi, and next year's stocking plans.

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

Random Casts

We are again in need of material for the newsletter. All articles, stories, equipment reviews, fishing and tying tips, cartoons, fly patterns etc. related to fish and fishing are welcome. The deadline for ready-to-print material is the BOD meeting of the month prior to the month of issue. Anything which must be retyped or edited should be submitted two weeks earlier. Please send your material to either Larry Johnson or Ed Fidrych at the addresses given at the bottom of page 2.

DON'T FORGET YOUR 1984 DUES



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



THE CORNER POOL

Ed Fidrych

Larry Johnson

This is our last issue for 1983, and many activities face us as we move along toward Spring of 1984. In this issue we have the first announcements for our Annual Banquet with guest speaker Poul Jorgensen and our annual Fly Tying School which will begin in January. The patterns have been changed this year, so many of you who have taken the course in the last few years may want to sign up again and brush up. Next month we'll announce the Fly Fishing School. Any of these would make a nice holiday gift!

We also have a notice for a club trip to Maine next Fall. Several members of the club went last year, and thought it was worth making it a club trip. You'll hear more about it at the January meeting. If we book the trip early enough, we can get it at the 1983 rates.

Lionel Mac Donald has an article stressing the benefits both to the club and to yourself of actively participating on the CFFA Board. CFFA is involved in a lot more than finding programs for the monthly meetings, and the club seldom, it ever, finds itself with every Board or Committee position filled. So give it some thought, find out if there's something open that you might like to do, and volunteer!

We've gotten quite a few entries for the photo contest. We're sorting them out by category and will soon get started on the judging. It's a fascinating process. Last year none of the judges picked the same photos in the same order. While we're on the topic, one of our last years winners, Chip Bates, recently won a prize in a Federation of Fly Fishermen contest. Congratulations Chip!

Those of you who have Willimantic River Diaries should remember to get them to DEP by December 20. You can bring them to the December meeting, if you want to save the postage. Finally, we want to wish you and your families the best of Holiday Seasons!

* PRESIDENT: Elmer Latham EDITORS: Larry Johnson, Ed Fidrych *

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As we begin our last month of 1983, I can't help but to wonder where the past eleven months of 1983 have gone. There were projects completed and some still in the final stage, and a few not started at all.

Of those projects that were completed I want to thank all of you for supporting your club and it's goals this past year. With your continued support in 1984 I feel confident that CFFA will also continue to grow.

Thank you all and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your President

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UNTANGLING ANGLING

Here's hoping that all of you receive that new rod or reel or whatever, for Christmas that caught your fancy sometime during the year. Speaking of Christmas Gifts, I want to remind you that the Club has some great stocking stuffer gifts available for sale.

CFFA License Plates

Patches

Belt Buckles

Reel Bags

Sterling Silver Scarlet Ibis Pins

I'd like to remind all of you that signed up for and received your 1982 State Fishing Diaries for the Willimantic River, don't forget to return them in December. Chuck Phillips is planning to attend our December Meeting. You can return them to him at that time.

COMING ATTRACTIONS FOR 1984

January Meeting - Election of Officers for 1984

February - No Regular Meeting Due to Annual Banquet,
SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 4th.

GUEST SPEAKER - Mr. Poul Jorgensen

March - OUTDOOR EXPOSITION AT HARTFORD CIVIC CENTER
23rd, 24th and 25th., for CFFA to participate
in the capacity that it should, we will be
looking for people to man our booth throughout
the three days of the show. Individuals interested
in helping out should contact Elmer Latham at our
Monthly Meetings or at his home (742-6584).

Bunker
12/11

FLY OF THE MONTH

THE PARTRIDGE CADDIS PUPA
(Schwiebert)

Reprinted from the May, 1983 newsletter of the Ozark Flyfishers
of St. Louis, Missouri

THREAD: Black
HOOK: #14 and 16, 1X fine, Mustad #94840 or equivalent.
BODY: Dark Brown fur (Beaver-underfur from back) or dyed Muskrat, Otter,
etc.
HACKLE: Brown partridge breast feather.

Attach thread behind eye and wind to a point about midway down hookshank.
Spin on fur dubbing and build up a fat little body on forward half of hookshank
(rear half is left bare on this tie). Attach partridge hackle behind head
position, tying it in by the butt stem with concave side facing bend of hook.
Wind one or two (at the most) turns of hackle and tie off. Hackle tips should
extend to near point of hook, so choose your hackles according to hook size.
Form head, whip finish and cement.

This fly was designed by Ernie Schwiebert and is another pattern I consider a
"Genius Tie." In order to earn this title it must be effective on the stream
and utilize maximum simplicity in construction. Both these tests are passed
easily by the Partridge Caddis Pupa. The bare, unadorned rear 1/2 shank
causes this fly to hang in the water in a vertical position...about like a
caddis pupa rising in the water to escape its shuck. Tied on a 1X fine wire
hook as recommended, it will never sink very far and can be fished (during a
caddis hatch) almost like a dry fly...strike when you see the swirl. This
pattern will by far outfish any dry fly during a caddis hatch; most of the
rises and swirls you see at that time are to the pupa, not the adult. Tie it
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DATES

Thursday, September 20, 1984
(leaving 6 PM)
Friday, September 21, 1984
Saturday, September 22, 1984
Sunday, September 23, 1984
(leaving after lunch)

DESTINATION

Quimby Pond Camps, Rangeley, Maine

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DUE

Due by February 29, 1984, 30% of total or \$41.76.

INFORMATION
ON TRIP

See a slide and talk show by Ed Stasonis
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January 11, 1984 meeting of C.F.F.A.

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WHY DID YOU JOIN CFPA?
by Lionel Mac Donald

You joined CFPA for many reasons, but primarily because you wanted to be associated with guys who have as keen an interest in fishing as you have. So did I. From my experience in CFPA and with other fishing clubs in the state, I've come to know that "associated with..." was just not enough. There must be more than just going to a monthly meeting and be entertained.


I wanted to learn what I was doing wrong in my fishing. Why did I hear that Joe was doing so fantastic on the Farmington River? How was Steve so fortunate as to be invited to spend time with this one and that one up in the north country? Why did the club have its annual dinner at the Rooster's Neck? How does one get to meet Lee Wolff, Grits Stissom, Al McClain or any of the fishing greats one reads about in any number of fishing publications on the news stand?

All of these questions and all of your own will be answered with eagerness when you're associated with the right group of guys. How will you know who are the right group? You'll know when you acquire the confidence in sharing what you know and have learned thus far in your fishing! And as you begin to share your knowledge, others will find many times, that they can identify with this experience. Bear in mind also, that as soon as the buffalo chips start to drop, they'll also be recognised. Now that we have all of that out of the way, let's get down to the serious stuff.

As I stated earlier, from my experience in fishing clubs, I found that there had to be something more. There is. When you arrive at the same plateau I have, your conclusion will be as mine was.....Get active, jump in, participate, contribute, make mistakes (like the rest of us). How many times have you heard the saying, "If you're not making mistakes, you're not doing anything?" So let's get off our complacency and do something.

I found I received much more for my club dues by being active than only entertainment. There are various appointed Chairmanships being vacated this year. Their duties will fall on the shoulders of the active Board members. We could accomplish much more with responsibilities spread out than all in the same hands. If you're as interested as you should be, contact me or club president Elmer Latham, and we'll see if we can find a slot you could be comfortable in.

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<u>No.</u>	<u>DATE</u>		<u>SUBJECT</u>
1	1-6-84	<u>Bucktails:</u>	Dark Edson Tiger and Black Nose Dace
2	1-13-84	<u>Streamers:</u>	Black Ghost and Black Marabou
3	1-20-84	<u>Wet Flies:</u>	Black Gnat and Dark Cahill
4	1-27-84	<u>Nymphs:</u>	Scraggley and Dark Stenonema
5	2-3-84	<u>Dry Flies:</u>	Adams and Light Cahill
6	2-10-84	<u>Panfish Flies:</u>	Bass and Bluegill Attractors

Snow Date: 2-17-84

EQUIPMENT: All necessary hooks and materials will be furnished. Students must supply their own vise, bobbin, thread, scissors, etc. It is suggested that each tyer bring a portable lamp and a notebook.

INSTRUCTORS: In addition to the main instructors, several CFFA tyers will be on hand to assist students.

CLASS SIZE: Limited to the first 25 people submitting applications.

TUITION: CFFA Members.....\$ 20.00 Non-Members.....\$ 25.00

CFFA FTS ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

Date: _____

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For additional information contact Gary Bogli, 82 Elizabeth Drive, Manchester, Connecticut 06040 Phone: 649-4227

CFFA 14th ANNUAL BANQUET

On Saturday, February 4, 1984, CFFA will hold its 14th Annual Banquet. Our guest speaker this year will be Poul Jorgensen, noted fly-tyer and author. Details of his program will be announced in the next newsletter.

The banquet will be held at the Sphinx Temple (next to the Grant Moor) on the Berlin Turnpike in Newington. Directions and a map will be printed in the January and February newsletters. 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 dessert.

Your Banquet Committee has worked hard to provide you with an enjoyable evening, and we have been able to do this for \$14.00 per person. We will also be holding our conservation drawing that evening.

Fill out the reservation form and mail it as soon as possible. Your Banquet Committee and Board of Directors are 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 569-0364. All prizes will be greatly appreciated, and all donations will be acknowledged in "Lines and Leaders."

DINNER RESERVATION

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DECEMBER 1983 CALENDAR

- Dec. 7 Board of Director's Meeting
14 December CFFA Meeting

COMING EVENTS

- Jan. 4 Board of Director's meeting
6 Fly Tying School-Bucktails
11 January CFFA Meeting
13 Fly Tying School-Streamers
20 Fly Tying School-Wet Flies
27 Fly Tying School-Nymphs

- Feb. 4 Annual CFFA Banquet

Note: All BOD meetings through
May will be at the Veteran's
Memorial Clubhouse.