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Annual Banquet

PROGRAM: Guest Speaker Lefty Kreh.

WHERE: Sphinx Temple (next to the Grantmoor) on the north-bound lane of the Berlin Turnpike in Newington. See page 4 for directions.

WHEN: Saturday, February 5, 1983.

TIME: Cocktail Mixer--6:00 p.m.

Dinner --7:30 p.m.

Our guest speaker this year will be noted author, caster, knot-tyer, fisherman and speaker Lefty Kreh. We do not know which program he will present, but it is sure to be interesting and entertaining.

The winners of our second CFFA Photo Contest will be announced at the Banquet, and we will also be holding our usual Conservation Drawing with lots of prizes. We will also be giving a very nice Orvis fishing outfit to a CFFA member.

Anyone wishing to donate prizes for the drawing should contact either Elmer Latham at 742-6584 or Richard Smoragiewicz at 569-0364. If you are bringing your prize to the Banquet, please bring it to the special table where a Banquet Committee member will record it along with your name and address.

CFFA FLY FISHING SCHOOL

The 1983 Fly Fishing School will begin on Friday, March 4, 1983. The three class sessions will be followed by a casting session in April and an on-stream fishing session with an instructor in May. See page 8 for complete details.



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

Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

During the month of December I had the pleasure of meeting with one of the planners from the State Department of Transportation. This meeting took place at the west bound rest area on I-86. As most of you are aware, the Willimantic River catch and release section runs along the back side of this rest area. This meeting was for the purpose of going over and making the final arrangements for a project that this club should be proud to be a part of.

This project will involve the making and placing of a 3 foot by 5 foot display panel highlighting the Willimantic fly fishing area. Our plans are to have a map of the fly fishing area along with some photographs of the Willimantic River. There is still much work to be done. Any-one wishing to help in any way should contact any of the Board of Directors.

This project will only be as good as you want to make it, so let's make it good in '83.


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UNTANGLING ANGLING

In regards to this months President's message, anyone wishing to submit photos, negatives or slides of the Willi for our display panel can contact any Board of Director or mail them to:

Elmer Latham
79 Northfield Road
Coventry, Conn. 06238

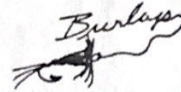
Rumor has it that some of our members fished the Willi during the holiday season in December and did really well. It seems that what they used is being kept a closely guarded secret.

Your 1983 fishing license fee will be \$9.00 fishing, or \$12.00 combination hunting and fishing.


Two dates and places to keep in mind if you want something to do this March:

Suffern, New York - March 2-6, 1983

Boxborough, Mass. - March 16-20, 1983


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A MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

As the newly appointed Program Committee chairman, I welcome the opportunity to serve the membership in any way, shape or form you desire. I need your help to do this! I intend to use all the resources at my disposal and you, the membership, are one of my resources.

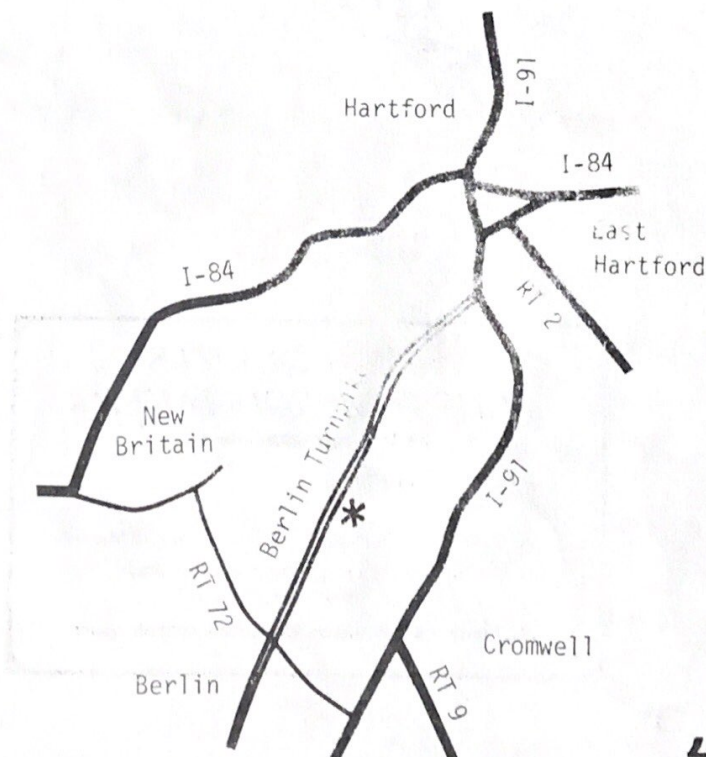
I appeal to your desires for what you'd prefer to be entertained with. All aspects of our sport are interesting. Some, however, will appeal more to one group than to another. I'd like to hear from you and what is your pleasure.

As chairman I will also be seeking the help of a committee of perhaps 2-4 volunteers. Our responsibility will be to secure speakers, presenters, demonstrators as entertainers for the monthly meetings. The club meets nine months, seven of which require a program. The other meetings are the Annual Banquet and Annual Outing, which are major efforts in themselves.

I am available at meetings, or by phone(289-1407, South Windsor, CT). All suggestions will be considered, and will be acknowledged if accepted.

Lionel Mac Donald
Program Chairman

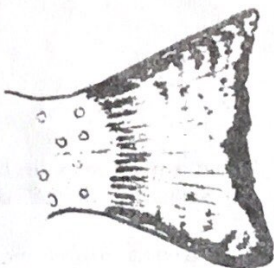
Banquet Directions



The 13th 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.



CAUDAL FINIS

by Ken Parkany

** MY WORLD **

Fishermen don't get mad, they just get even.

I recall it happening not on the stream, but at a past CFFA banquet. I was president at the time and serving as emcee. Our featured guests for the evening were Art Flick and Leonard Wright. In my introduction of our guests, I told a "story" about two fishermen.

I don't recall the details of the story, but it pitted "Mr. Mayfly" and "Mr. Caddis" against Mr. Trout. And Mr. Trout won.

In the end, however, I lost. For both Art and Leonard later prefaced their talk with a story of their own - about a "dumb" fisherman. Guess who the "dumb" fisherman was!

Ever since then, I've been reluctant to tell "stories" - unless I'm willing to "get" after I "give". Well, the following may not pick on anyone personally, but I've chosen to share them on the hopeful premise that you will share some of your stories with readers in future issues of LINES & LEADERS. (I'm sure the editors would welcome your contribution.)

After all, fly fishing is more than exact imitations, 8x tippets and paraleptophlebia adoptivas. Or is it? Well, I don't know about yours, but my fishing world has been - for some strange reason - much like this:

• RULES OF THUMB: (Best fishing spots along a stream)

1. Where the water is too deep.
2. Where the current is too swift.
3. Where you fished last time.
4. Where overhanging trees are in your line of backcast.
5. The furthest spot from your car.

- Reason against "Catch & Release" regulations: The first fish caught tells the others you're there.
- How expert flyfishers keep their flies dry: They keep them in the trees.
- Wild trout stream: One whose banks are lined with Disco clubs.
- First girl: "When is that Fly fishing boyfriend of yours gonna get serious?"
Second girl: "He already is. Why yesterday he asked for a lock of my hair!"
- Fisherman to minister: "I did not skip church last Sunday to play golf, and I have the fish to prove it!"
- Successful fly fisherman: One whose catch outweighs his tackle.
- Fly fisherman's marital vows: "...through sickness and health, for better or worse, through Hendrickson hatches, Paraleptophlebias, club meetings, off-season fly tying and endless stories of fishless days..."
- Vanishing species: A flyfisher who hooks onto a 250 pound salmon.

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More CAUDAL FINIS:

- Neophyte: A flyfisher who carries one of those old wicker creels with the little hole on top - and beside the hole is the word "SUGGESTIONS".
- How NOT to fly fish from a canoe: With a heavy anchor and a short rope.
- FISHERMAN'S LUCK: When you total your car in a wreck, end up hospitalized and in traction, and discover that your tackle in the trunk wasn't even scratched.
- Ego buster: When you return home from a fishing trip with a 5 lb Brown, taken on a size 24 midge and 8x tippet, and creeled after a half hour battle - and your little kid says: "Gee, Dad, you were gone all that time and you only caught one fish!"
- Dad to young son after dinner: "By the way, Johnny, were the fish we had, rising trout?"
Son: "Yep."
Dad: "Where didja ketch 'em?"
Son: "Didn't ketch 'em. They were floating on top!"
- "God must be a woman": What a fisherman says after spending a rainy weekend 200 miles from home on a flooded stream catching nothing but a cold - when his wife had asked him to spend the weekend cleaning out the garage.
- What's the most important piece of equipment a fisherman needs? An alibi!

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1983 JUNIOR CONSERVATION CAMP

This year the Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association will sponsor one youth in order that he 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 \$ 125.00. CFFA will provide full tuition for the one boy 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 full tuition 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, 1983: (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.

Dan Record, Education Chairman

Addendum

There is a possibility that the 1983 Junior Conservation Camp will also be open to girls. In the event that this becomes a reality, CFFA will provide a second full tuition for a girl. The full tuition will be awarded as a result of a random "girls' drawing." Therefore, please feel free to submit any girl's name (with the necessary information noted above) by April 1, 1983.

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	1	3-4-83	Rods, Reels, Lines, Leaders, and Knots
	2	3-18-83	Flies and Fish
	3	3-25-83	Water Types and How to Fish Them
	4	4-9-83	Casting Instruction and Fishing (pond)
	5	May	Fishing a Stream - (3-5 students per instructor on a stream of your choice)

LOCATION: (Class 1, 2, 3)...7:00 P.M. in the East Hartford Public Library (lounge), 840 Main Street, East Hartford, CT (next to the Post Office)

(Class 4).....A private pond stocked with trout

(Class 5).....During this final session, students select a stream in their area and practice course techniques (approach, wading, stream reading, etc.) with a CFPA instructor. NOTE: Students must contact instructor by 4-30-83 to make arrangements, supply their own equipment, and have a valid Connecticut fishing license.

EQUIPMENT: For Class 4 only, CFPA will furnish equipment for students that do not own their own. We recommend that students do not purchase their own equipment until after Class 1. It is also suggested that students bring appropriate materials to take notes.

CLASS SIZE: Limited to 60 students. (Average class size is 40 students.)

TUITION: CFPA Member.....\$ 20.00 Non-Member.....\$ 25.00

CFPA FFS ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

Date: _____

Please print required information. Forward application form and tuition (checks payable to C.F.F.A.) to: Dan Record, Education Chairman, 9 Sequoia Drive, Cromwell, Connecticut 06416. (If a receipt or enrollment confirmation is desired, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.)

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

CFFA 13th ANNUAL BANQUET

On Saturday, February 5, 1983, CFFA will hold its 13th Annual Banquet. Our guest speaker this year will be Lefty Kreh. 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. 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 the same \$13.25 per person as last year. We will also be having our conservation drawing that evening.

So 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

Date _____

I will require reservations for _____ persons at \$13.25 per person.
Check or Money Order in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.
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Mr. Elmer Latham
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FEBRUARY 1983 CALENDAR

- 2 Board of Director's Meeting
- 4 Fly Tying Seminar-Terrestrials
- 5 ANNUAL CFFA BANQUET
- 10 Fly Tying Seminar-Final Session

COMING EVENTS

- Mar. 2 Board of Director's Meeting
- 4 Fly Fishing School-First Session
- 9 March CFFA Meeting
- 18 Fly Fishing School-Second Session
- 25 Fly Fishing School-Third Session

