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Meeting Notice

CFFA'S January meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, January 12, at the Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse on Sunset Ridge Drive in East Hartford. Our program this month will feature two new films produced by Pennsylvania State University which we are considering purchasing for our film library. The films are "Reproductive Behavior of the Brook Trout" and "A Trout Stream in Winter." The latter film has won several awards. Several CFFA fly-tyers will be on hand before the meeting to demonstrate fly tying patterns and techniques.

Annual Banquet

CFFA's 13th Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 5, 1983, at the Sphinx Temple in Newington. Our speaker this year will be Lefty Kreh. See page 9 for more details and a reservation form. Members wishing to donate prizes for the conservation drawing should contact Elmer Latham (742-6584) or Richard Smoragiewicz (569-0364).

Also note that our Fly Tying Seminar begins in January. This would make a nice present for someone in your family or yourself. Details and an application are on page 8.



'An active member club of the Federation of Fly Fishermen



THE CORNER POOL

Ed Fidrych

Larry Johnson

Here we are again, at the start of another new year, awaiting our Annual Banquet with guest speaker Lefty Kreh and preparing for opening day. Our club has made some significant changes in the past year! The drawing for the Orvis rod has been restricted to members only, we have held two spring trips for club members and are planning a third, and we have given some thought to our Annual Outing and trout rearing pool. We have also completed a second rod building class in addition to continuing our fly-tying and fly-fishing classes. Most of these were the result of our last year gripe session. Discussion and change are signs of a healthy organization, and should be continued in the future.

We sense two further changes coming by way of increased interest in Salt Water fly fishing and fishing the Housatonic. We intend to support and encourage these interests with a series of articles in the coming issues of Lines and Leaders.

We want to remind you of two important items. First, the Annual Election of Officers will take place at the January meeting regardless of the Weather! In addition, second notices for membership renewal will have been sent out by the time you receive this, and the February issue of Lines and Leaders will be your last if you do not renew promptly! Renew now and don't miss out on the Housy and Salt Water articles, the Annual Outing or the Spring Trip!!!

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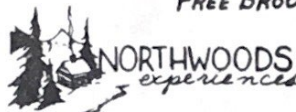
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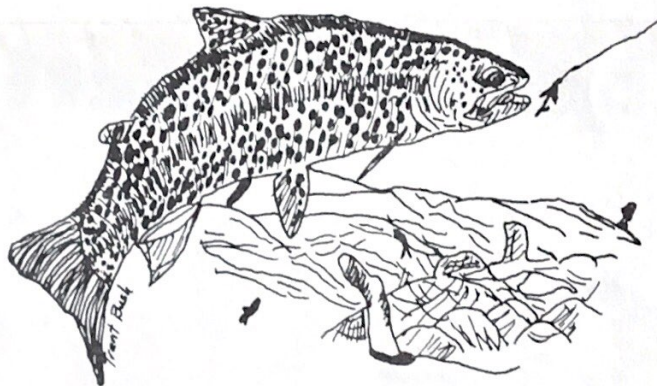
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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

The January meeting I think should be dedicated to the hard working individuals that once made up the Eastern Council of the Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association. Some years ago there were some people that had some dreams. Unfortunately, our dreams sometimes do not come out the way we would like them to. It was from their hard work on a project that has brought us our January meeting.

At the start of this project it was determined that the money made during their annual tag sales be set aside to, at some later date, purchase a film or films related to our goals at CFFA. It's been a long time coming, but this is one dream they had that has a happy ending. Two films, "Reproductive Behavior of Brook Trout", and "A Trout Stream in Winter", will be purchased for the CFFA film library not only for our benefit, but also for the benefit of anyone else who would care to see them.




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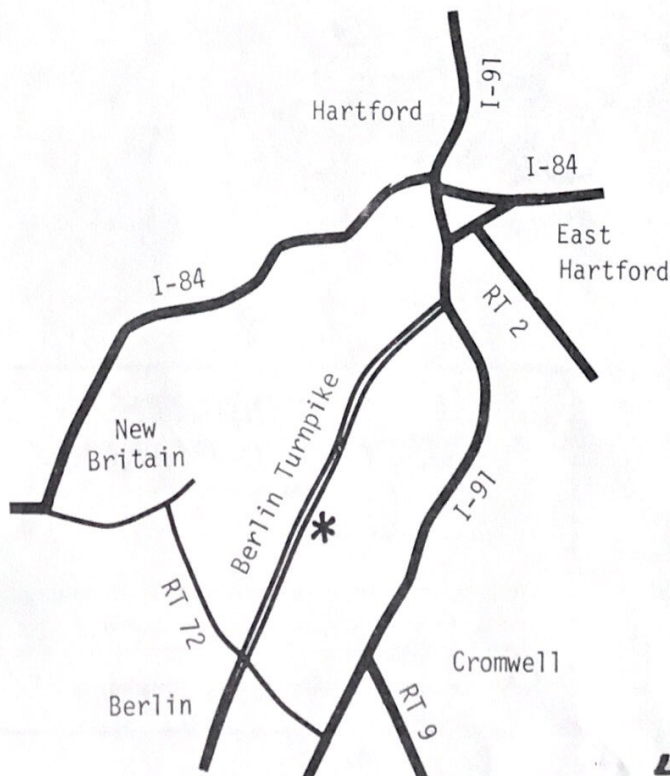
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ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Your nominating committee composed of Board members Vin Ringrose and Ken Parkany and CFFA member Lionel Mac Donald has submitted the following slate of officers for 1983. The election will be held at the January monthly meeting. Any additional nominations may be made at that time.

PRESIDENT--	ELMER LATHAM
VICE-PRESIDENT, ACTIVITIES--	ROBERT MARTINCHEK
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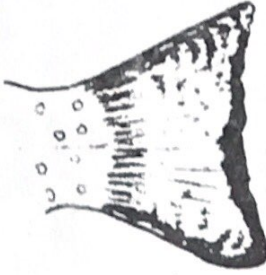
Banquet Directions



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

(Author's Note: Any resemblance to this mercurial contribution and "EXIT LAUGHING" in Field & Stream Magazine, is purely coincidental. In fact, there's no comparison. EXIT LAUGHING is a simple unimaginative title with a clever humorous content; CAUDAL FINIS is just the reverse. For you CFFA "rookies", CAUDAL FINIS had its debut in LINES & LEADERS way back in the mid '70s. It strangely appears from time to time. Its here now because I wanted to pen a few lines for BACKCAST — CFFA history — and I can't find the darn paper with all the fancy artwork in the title BACKCAST. Anyway, the previous issues of Lines & Leaders have ended on such a positive note recently, that it was time, I felt, to lower the standards a bit. Or two bits.)

"Spare moments", someone once so astutely observed, "are the gold dust of time." If you don't believe that, you're either retired, filthy rich or in jail. If you do believe it, you are probably married - with children - or work two jobs, attend school part time, own/run your own business, travel in your job, suffer from workaholicism, or some combination(s) of the above — like me.

Spare time is not a natural byproduct of my lifestyle. But to preserve my sanity (or insanity - it depends on who's answering the question: me or my wife), I intentionally create it — like now.

In one of my "gold dust" moments, I found myself perusing through old CFFA records. (Being a pack rat and nostalgic is a dangerous combination.) The following items are printed verbatim from CFFA Board of Directors' Meetings' minutes:

December 1, 1971:

"Treasurer absent, assume balance of approximately \$880.00."

"Jeremys: Investigate dynamite blasting to deepen pools. J. D'Addario to seek advise via Ensign Bickford Company."

"TOTAL BUDGET \$1554.75"

November 3rd, 1971:

"Conservation - Oct. 3rd, 4 members removed tree at Hewitt Dam (at Jeremys River, Ed.) and other tasks."

"Fund Raising - no new items to report.."

"Jeremys - Discussed statistics and studies required for at least a three year period in order to claim Jeremys' as a proper stream." (as opposed to improper? ...KP)

September 8th, 1971:

"Treasurer absent, assume balance of \$850.00."

THERE'S MORE — BELIEVE IT OR NOT

CAUDAL FINIS (Cont'd)

August 11, 1971:

"CFFA July Newsletter mailing as follows: 375 copies printed; 174 mailed to current membership; 61 mailed to non-renewed members as reminder to renew or last mailing. 68 mailed to all FFF clubs, (Eastern, Southwest, West etc.), 37 mailed to each FFF Director. 4 to Ted Bampton, 1 to Orvis, 1 to Lumbert (Courant), 1 to Clede (Times), 1 to Grasso, 1 to Housatonic, 1 to Fenwick, 1 to Garcia." (That's called spreading the gospel — K.P.)

"LEGISLATIVE - at present, all is quiet on the legislative front."

May 5, 1971:

"A donated stereo-microscope has been turned over to the Conservation Committee, good for stream work, (\$300.00 Value)." (I guess this was for use on very small streams?!...K.P.)

April 7, 1971:

"FACILITIES OUTDOOR Chaplin Pond, -- \$150.00 to drain pond. Al Dixon to investigate 'Cat' cost..."

"LEGISLATIVE ... Suggest that Eastern Council, FFF adopt project of restoring Atlantic Salmon to Connecticut River."

March 3, 1971:

"Treasurer's report not available." (One is likely, by now, to get the impression that CFFA - in the early days - relied more on volunteer's time and talent, than on their treasure! K.P.)

"Annual dinner post mortem statistics not available; however, considered a fantastic success."

The above items are a mere fraction of the contents of a 3/4 inch thick file of "CFFA 1971" material. The selected items (above) are not intended in any way to detract from the "quality" of CFFA's Corresponding Secretary at the time - Walt Telke, who, by the way, acted as newsletter editor at the same time. No, Walt has yet to meet his match by anyone since. And for his unselfish devotion, he received the coveted "Scarlit Ibis" President's Award.

What he faithfully recorded in the Director's Meetings minutes was fact. But eleven years later, when all of the details of the above mentioned situations are forgotten, Walt's comments tend to take on a different flavor, some of them more different than others.

Spending some of my "gold dust" moments in the files of CFFA is fun. Kinda like looking through your family photo album.... it's entertaining, enlightening and sometimes amusing. ☺

UNTANGLING ANGLING

If the winter weather has got you down, perhaps Nymphs and Other Things located at 182 (rear) Main Street, Warehouse Point, Connecticut can help you out. My space being limited, I cannot go into too much detail, but you can contact them at the above address or call (203)623-9525 for further details. Starting on Saturday, January 8, 1983, and running through until Saturday, March 5, 1983, they will be holding various classes and clinics. These sessions will include basic reel repair, basic rod repair, introduction to fly tying, basic fly tying, basic rodcrafting and basic rodbuilding; prices range from \$5.00-\$12.50. Even if you don't take any of the classes, stop by and say hello. Who knows, you may even see me there checking out their new computerized fly pattern locator file!

Answer to the November quiz:

1. 53% panfish
2. 52% black bass
3. 38% catfish
4. 30% trout

Our thanks to the following people for their help and support in the construction of the bridge at the abutment pool on the Willi:

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1	1--7-83	Friday	<u>Bait Fish</u>	Muddler Minnow and Matuka Streamer
2	1-13-83	Thursday	<u>Mayflies</u>	Spinner and Parachute
3	1-21-83	Friday	<u>Caddis</u>	Henryville and Hair-Wing Caddis
4	1-28-83	Friday	<u>Midges</u>	Palmered and Winged
5	2-4-83	Friday	<u>Terrestrials</u>	Beetle and Flying Ant
6	2-10-83	Thursday	<u>To Be Determined</u>	We are leaving this class "open in order that class members may decide which pattern (s) or technique (s) they would like to see tied.

SNOW DAYS: 2-18-83 and 2-25-83

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.

INSTRUCTOR: 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 DR., MANCHESTER, CT. 06040
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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.
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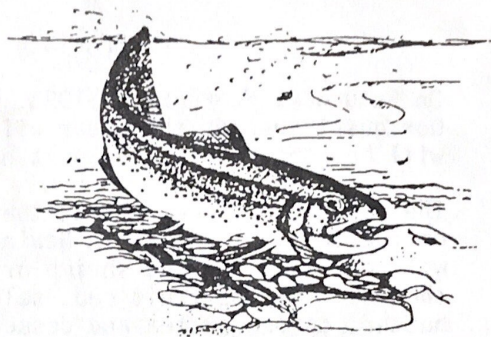
JANUARY 1983 CALENDAR

- Jan. 5 Board of Director's Meeting
- 7 Fly Tying Seminar-Bait Fish
- 12 January CFFA Meeting
- *13 Fly Tying Seminar-Mayflies
- 21 Fly Tying Seminar-Caddis
- 28 Fly Tying Seminar-Midges

*Note-This session only
is a Thursday.

COMING EVENTS

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



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