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Meeting Notice

PROGRAM: Aquatic Entomology Presentation

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

WHEN: Wednesday, November 9, 1983

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

A slide show and lecture on aquatic life will be presented by CFFA member Ken Thompson. Ken will show you how to identify the major aquatic insects that trout feed upon and will answer questions you may have about these insects.

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

CFFA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Charles Colmant	Croton on Hudson N.Y.
David Hoffman	Bolton, CT
Bruce Horiver	Bloomfield, CT
Richard Knight	Manchester, CT
Louis Krupnick	Avon, CT



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THE CORNER POOL

Ed Fidrych

Larry Johnson

We have a full issue this month. It includes several items of interest to all club members as well as an article about two area anglers whose summer jobs allowed them to fish the Big Horn and Lefty Kreh's nailless nail knot.


As indicated last month we are still in need of material for the newsletter. Please contact Larry Johnson or Ed Fidrych with your material or ideas.



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UNTANGLING ANGLING

Our thanks to Ed Roberts for teaching another successful rod building course.

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We would also like to thank the follow people for their time and effort at the work outing on the Willimantic River on September 16th. Lou Patria, Charles Tice, Jon DiDolfo, and Gary Stebbins.

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One of the most frequent questions that I am asked from youngsters just getting into Fly-Tying, is, Where Do I Get My Materials? Their reactions are surprising when I tell them, most of my material I get for nothing. Some of it comes from road side kills and the rest from hunting. If you don't hunt yourself, you'd be surprised at the material most hunters throw away. If you know anyone that hunts, chances are they will be glad to give you all the furs and feathers they get, but don't expect them to be completely skin and defat the animal, so you can expect to do a little work after you pick up the material. With the 1983-1984 Hunting Season with us, now is a good time to talk to your relatives and friends that hunt. The most it may cost you will be a half dozen or so flies, but this is still inexpensive when you see what the cost is for material today.

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BLIZZARD ON THE BIGHORN

by

Ron Emanuelson

There we were, on one of the most productive trout rivers in the country. The month was August, and we were fishing amid a terrific blizzard. Hard to believe? Not if you're fishing Montana's Bighorn River. The blizzard consisted of millions of black caddis flies, a common occurrence for this river in August. However, for two Connecticut flyfishermen it was an act of nature that until now was only read and dreamed about. Such an immense hatch provided two flyfishermen with memories that would last a lifetime.

My brother Brian and I stood on the Bighorn River uttering words of astonishment. "Unbelievable," said my wide eyed brother. "Amazing," captured my thoughts on the situation. These words were not describing the fishing, but the tremendous black caddis hatch in progress. By no stretch of the imagination, the hatch was of blizzard magnitude.

The caddis would come in waves commonly referred to as a "brush hatch", out of the fields, like war planes going into battle. They came in twenty minute intervals. Their mission was to mate, lay their eggs on the water and die. The caddis subsequently became an easy meal for the browns and rainbows that lurked below. This cycle created such phenomenal fishing that without exercising great self-control, we'd likely still be on the river - instead of back in school.

Brian and I worked our way upriver to our favorite stretch, always making sure never to stray above the high water line. The land above the high water line was strictly limited to the Crow Indians, and others are limited to three road access points. A helpful hint would be to

obey the high water line law, or else you may find yourself fishing for a way out of a Crow jail. Fortunately, Brian and I never encountered any Crow wardens.

When we reached our favorite stretch of river, the sights and sounds of feeding trout greeted us. The river resembled a boiling whirlpool, as trout broke the surface eagerly gulping up caddis. Although the trout were feeding heavily, they still could be spooked. A careful upstream approach had to be made, along with a drag free float.

Brian didn't waste anytime; I could tell he hooked a beauty by the screaming of his reel, and the pitch of his yell. The trout made a run that took over a hundred feet of line in less than a few seconds. Brian yelled, "is this a trout or a train?" It wasn't long before the trout was well downstream, and into Brian's backing. By the splashing behind me, I could tell Brian was well on his way downstream too! The fight lasted ten hard fought minutes, when the trout began to show signs of fatigue. The fish, a brown trout, was finally landed, however only after three more gallant efforts to break loose. It was one to be admired, and if measured would be an easy twenty inches. The shape of the trout's body could best be described as that of a football. This physical characteristic undoubtedly accounting for his great fighting ability. To us, the trout's remarkable beauty was best captured by the gleaming of its brown and orange speckles, as the day's diminishing sunlight made its final bow to the golden landscape. Gently we revived the trout, and then, like a loosened arrow, it darted back to the river's darkness.

The script of a well made cast, a jump, followed by the singing of one's fly reel, was one that was repeated throughout the night. All the fish gave memorable performances, however one sticks out. A twenty four inch brown trout, that gave me the ultimate test in flyfishing. The fight lasted

twenty five minutes, throughout which much running was done by both parties. In the end, equipment and fisherman triumphed.

It was 10:00 p.m. when we finally succumbed to darkness. The blizzard had diminished to a flurry, and we threw one-word adjectives around to describe the outstanding fishing. Although our creels were empty, our heads were filled with memories that would last a lifetime.

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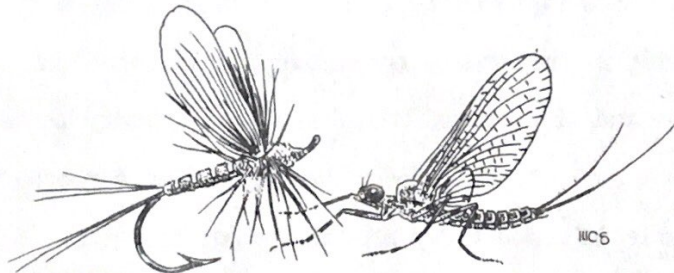
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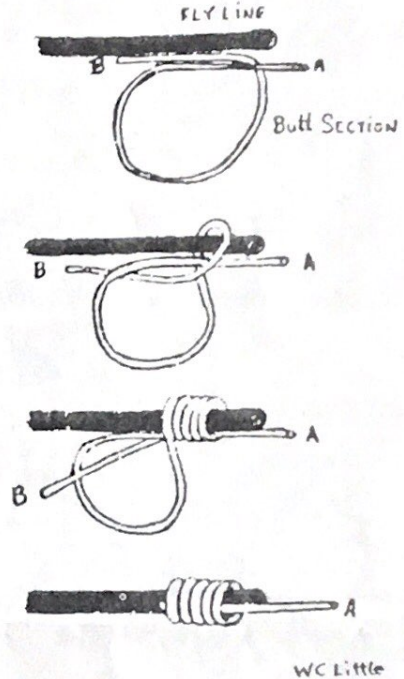
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Take loop of butt section in right hand
and begin wrapping from the end of the
fly line back toward your left hand.

After five (5) wraps, continue holding the
wraps and end "B" with your left hand and
pull end "A" until wraps are snug. Be
sure wraps are even and tighten knot by
pulling both ends "A" and "B".

Trim the fly line and end "B". A coating
of Pliobond or similar adhesive allows knot
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NOTE: if you're attaching a tapered leader directly to
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Nominating Committee Report

Going along with CFFA tradition, a nominations committee chairman was appointed at the October Board of Directors meeting by President Elmer Latham. That person is Lionel R. Mc Donald. He has selected Robert Martinchek and Roger Jacko as committee members. They plan to hold their first meeting just after the October membership meeting.

Their responsibility will be to poll the present elected officers to determine if anyone would care to leave or change his present position. In the event of desired changes, the nominating committee will seek candidates from the membership for those offices. CFFA presently maintains seven elected offices.

The slate of officers will be presented to the Board by December 1983, and to the membership for election in January. At the January meeting the nominating committee chairman will present the slate of officers by name and the office they seek. He will then ask if there are any other nominations from the floor.

If there are nominations from the floor a paper ballot or show of hands vote will determine the election.

It is the firm hope of the committee if we do have nominations from the floor, that the nominator has done the same ground-work that the nominating committee has done.

If there are no other nominations, the committee chairman will move that the nominations be closed and that the club secretary cast one vote to accept the slate of officers as presented. (Lets hope that bad weather does not produce a power outage as we had for the elections in January 1983.)

LIONEL Mc Donald, Committee Chairman

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- 12 UPPER BRIDGE POOL
- 13 LOWER BRIDGE POOL
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- 16 DEER RUN
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- 18 SAND PIT RUN
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- Nov. 2 Board of Director's Meeting
- 3 Rod Building Class
- 9 November CFFA Meeting
- 10 Rod Building Class
- 15 Photo Contest Entry Deadline

COMING EVENTS

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

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

