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Annual Banquet

- PROGRAM:** Annual CFFA Banquet with guest speaker Poul Jorgensen
- PLACE:** Sphinx Temple (next to the Grantmoor) on the North-bound land of the Berlin Turnpike in Newington. See page 4 for directions.
- WHEN:** Saturday, February 4, 1984.
- TIME:** Cocktail Mixer--6:00 P.M..
Dinner --7:30 P.M.

Our guest speaker this year will be noted fly-tyer, author, lecturer, photographer and designer Poul Jorgensen. Poul will present a slide program entitled "There is More to Fishing Than Fish" which is dedicated to the ladies. He has written many books on fly-tying, and received a Book of the Year award for Salmon Flies. Poul lives on the banks of the Willowemoc River in Roscoe New York. Betty MacDonald, wife of CFFA member Lionel MacDonald will also present a special program for the ladies.

The winners of our third CFFA Photo Contest will be announced at the banquet, and we will also be holding our usual Conservation Drawing with lots of prizes. This year we will again 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 569-6584. 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 1984 Fly Fishing School will begin on Friday, March 9, 1984 and continue for three weeks. These meetings will be followed by a casting practise session on Saturday, April 7, and an on-stream session with an instructor in May. See page 6 for details.

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

Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association



THE CORNER POOL

Ed Fidrych

Larry Johnson

This month is marked by one of our major club events, the Annual Banquet, and leads to another major event, Opening Day. In between lies another less well known occurrence, the March deletion of unrenewed members from the "Lines and Leaders" mailing list. Every year we drop 30 to 50 names from the list, and every year we put some of them back on as dues payments are prompted by the missing March issue. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so by February 15. This will save you the possibility of a lost issue, and save us some of the hassle with the mailing list.

On page 5 of this issue is a letter from one of our advertisers, Nymphs and Things. It is not a new letter, in fact it is almost a year old. When I first received it, it didn't seem appropriate for the newsletter, but perhaps its time has come. The ad for Nymphs and Things is missing from this issue, and the store may soon, if not already, be out of business. The owners have supported CFFA with newsletter ads and Banquet donations, this year included. What they have missed from us are CFFA customers. They are not the only ones to make this complaint.

The letter is bitter and opinionated, and concerned with the hard realities of surviving in one's own business. The possible demise of one of our supporters does, however, raise the issue of just what we may owe those who support us. The club does buy its conservation drawing prizes from each of our advertisers, and we do not sell non-CFFA items to our members. We are too few and too scattered to keep any store in business, and we each have our own preferences about the best fly and tackle shop. As a group, I am sure that we do some business with every supporter. As individuals, we can visit our advertisers when we get a chance, and we can decide to make some of each year's purchases locally, rather than by mail, just to help the business. What we should do, at the very least, is to introduce ourselves as CFFA members whenever we visit one of these stores.

Renew your membership if you haven't done so already, think about our advertisers and supporters, and have a good time at the Banquet!

PRESIDENT: Elmer Latham

EDITORS: Larry Johnson, Ed Fidrych

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The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association, Inc. is organized "To Preserve and Promote the Pleasures and Tradition of Fly Fishing and to Conserve Game-Fish Waters." CFFA membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May. Meetings are held at the Veterans' Memorial, Sunset Ridge Dr., East Hartford, CT.

UNTANGLING ANGLING

Someone mentioned to me the other day, that they thought it was nice of me to include various news items about club members in my Untangling Angling Column.

"Well" I said, that's nice to hear, but you see I have a problem sometimes doing this".

"Why's that"? my friend asked.

"For Starters", I don't know every member personally like yourself for instance, what name should I use for you in my article?

"OH", you are going to use my Name"!

"Sure! you see if I don't most of our members will think I'm talking to myself".

"I don't really think I want you to use my name", was my friend's reply.

"Now! you see that's another problem that I think exists most of our members are a little too shy, like yourself, to ask questions of share their idea's and accomplishments with others".

"Well" I can see that you mean, and I'll certainly think about it, and if I hear anything I'll let you know".

"Hey, wait a mi-----"

That conversation took place a couple of weeks ago, and I thought it might be a good time to remind our membership that, this is what our NEWSLETTER is for, its for you, the members of CFFA. If you have any information for us, please contact me, either at my home address or the Club's address. For those of you that don't have my address, its

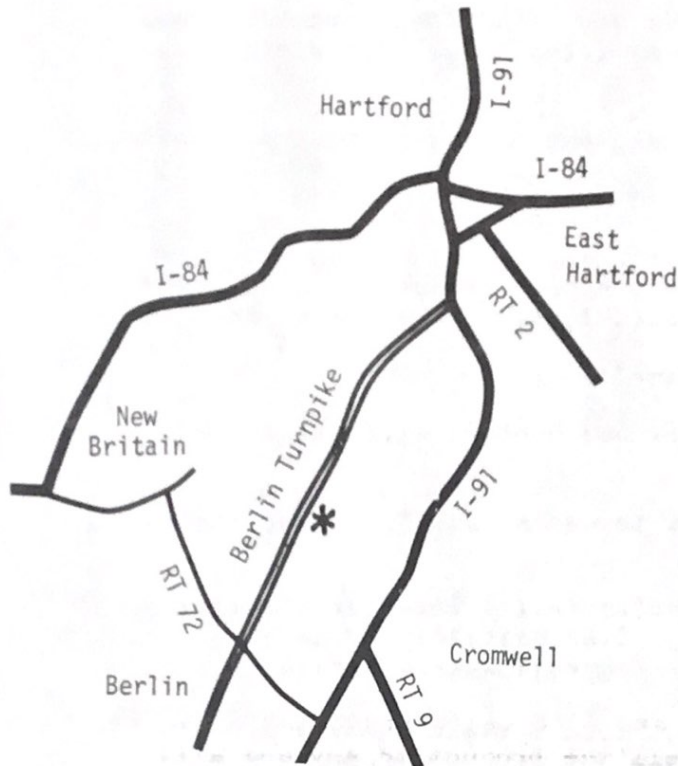
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We want to thank the following people for their donations, to the Conservation Drawing at our December Monthly Meeting.

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Banquet Directions



The 14th 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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Comments by Paul Giaouque (Nymphs and Things)

Failure! We have all been aware of the failure of many local tackle shops. Why? Your local shop tries to be all things to all people. Stocking a much wider selection of fishing merchandise than the area discount houses or full outdoors sporting houses. Your local shop is usually more knowledgeable about fishing conditions, tackle, balancing equipment for more enjoyment, and usually services the equipment that they sell. As opposed to the discounter, your local shop staff generally shows a slower turnover. You normally find the same people there year after year. This tends to generate rapport, and aids in correctly selling to an individual's idiosyncrasies. All this should help to insure the well-being of the shop. Right?

But, what really happens. The shop owner hears "We went to S's, C's or to H's looking for XYZ item, and they didn't have it, so then we came here." Why didn't they come here first? The shop owner hears "I bought this blank by mail order from C's, but there were no instructions. Will you help me out? Sure....the door is over there. Why should I spend an hour or more of my time explaining years of practical experience to this person, who has absolutely no intention of making a purchase? How about "I bought this reel at H's, but they don't service them, and it has this problem. They told me to bring it over here because you can fix it." I should waste my time fixing it for nothing? The customer leaves angry after I quote my standard repair prices. How much per hour do you feel that you are worth?

And the cellar rod builders. No offense meant, but from the inside looking out, they buy their materials at just slightly more than the prices that we pay, from certain catalog houses, add ten dollars for kicks and sell the product to any and all. No overhead such as rent, utilities, federal excise taxes, FICA taxes, state and federal Unemployment Compensation taxes, State permit and licensing fees, or minimum ordering quantities and dollar value limits from their suppliers. A custom rod requires considerably more than the wrapping of guides onto the blank, and installing a reel seat and grip. It entails an intimate knowledge of the customer. His or her style, most probable use, and where. Physical characteristics and handicaps. Personality. One should feel that the rod becomes a continuation of your arm. Each item is carefully considered, and weighed against all others available. In order to correctly design and construct such an instrument requires a minimum of two hours of time devoted to consultations with the client, selecting the correct blank and hardware prior to even starting construction.

I have, for the most part, stopped preparing quotations, since they are generally a waste of time. After finding out what I charge, the customer tells me that so-and so will build it for him for half the price! Sure. But who did all of the design work with the customer? Right! Most customers expect us to be open from 5:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. When we are open extra hours, where are they? It costs us money to operate all those extra hours. Yes, more and more shops are being forced to close due to lack of continued support from the customer, who really only shows up after he finds that the discount house is not able to satisfy his needs or does not have the experienced staff to correctly guide him. Oh, by the way. We changed the general layout of our merchandising area around last AUGUST. Of the few customers that we have seen lately, most of them say, as they come through the door, "Oh, you've changed the place around." "Yes we did," we tell them, "seven months ago."

CONNECTICUT FLY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

presents

"1984 FLY FISHING SCHOOL"

A course for beginners and neophytes...

| <u>CLASSES:</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>SUBJECT</u> |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|---|
| | 1 | 3-9-84 | Rods, Reels, Lines, Leaders, and Knots |
| | 2 | 3-16-84 | Flies and Fish |
| | 3 | 3-23-84 | Water Types and How to Fish Them |
| | 4 | 4-7-84 | 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 (Community Room), 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 CFFA instructor. NOTE: Students must contact instructor by 4-30-84 to make arrangements, supply their own equipment, and have a valid Connecticut fishing license.

EQUIPMENT: For Class 4 only, CFFA 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: CFFA Members.....\$ 20.00 Non-Members.....\$ 25.00

CFFA 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.)

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FLY PATTERN OF THE MONTH

The following patterns were taken from the November newsletter of the Ozark Flyfishers of St. Louis, Missouri. Although they were presented specifically for winter fishing (Dec., Jan., Feb.?), they should be useful most any time. The recommended sizes are 20's, 22's or smaller.

LIGHT DRY

Tail: Three or four white or cream hackle fibres
Body: White floss
Wing: None
Hackle: White

BROWN PALMERED

Tail: Brown hackle fibres
Body: A strand of peacock herl
Wing: None

BLACK GNAT

Tail: Three or four black hackle fibres
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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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WORLDS

-Quimby Pond -at campsite, Brook Trout
-Kennebago River--Landlocked Salmon, Brook Trout
-and other fisheries.

COST PER
PERSON

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\$139.20 which includes lodging for 3 nights,
8 meals, tax, gratuities.
Does not include: transportation, gas, license
*extra days at \$50.40 per day.

DEPOSIT
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.

(please mail this portion only)
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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

Date _____

I will require reservations for _____ persons at \$14.00 per person.
Check or Money Order in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.
(Please make payable to "CFFA.")

Mail reservation form to:

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FEBRUARY 1984 CALENDAR

- Feb. 1 Board of Director's Meeting
3 Fly Tying School-Dry Flies
4 Annual CFFA Banquet
10 Fly Tying School-Panfish Flies
17 Fly Tying School-Snow Date

COMING EVENTS

- Mar. 7 Board of Director's Meeting
9 Fly Fishing School-First Class
14 March CFFA Meeting
16 Fly Fishing School-Second Class
23 Fly Fishing School-Third Class
23,24,25 Fishing Expo-Hfd. Civic Center
- Apr. 7 Fly Fishing School-Casting Instruction
21 Opening Day!!!

Note: The February BOD meeting
will be at the Veteran's
Memorial Clubhouse. The
location of the March BOD
meeting will be set in Feb.

