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Meeting Notice

PROGRAM: Striper Fishing Along the Connecticut Shore
PLACE: Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse, Sunset Ridge Drive,
East Hartford, CT
WHEN: Wednesday, October 10, 1984
TIME: Fly Tying - 7:00 P.M.
Program - 7:30 P.M.

CFFA's October meeting will feature Tim Coleman, editor of the New England Fisherman. Tim has spoken to us before on salt water fly fishing in Rhode Island and Connecticut. This month he will present a program on trolling for stripers and striper fishing along the Connecticut shore. Several fly tyers will be on hand before the meeting to demonstrate patterns and techniques.

Material Needed for Newsletter

Everybody wants a full and interesting newsletter, but Somebody has to write the articles. That somebody is You. Although we reprint articles from other newsletters and our own back issues, we rely on our own members to provide articles, patterns, comments, etc., especially about Connecticut or New England. All of you have done some fishing this summer, and the members would like to hear about it. Get it down on paper, written or typed, and your editors will take care of the rest. Send your material to Larry Johnson or Ed Fidrych at the addresses on page 2, or call us if you have any questions.



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THE CORNER POOL

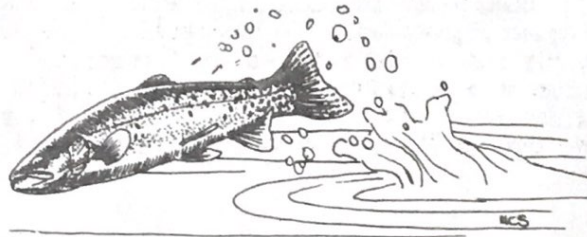
Ed Fidrych

Larry Johnson

October 1 is the deadline for taking pictures for this year's photo contest, and November 21 is the deadline for sending in your entries. For photos taken by a CFFA member, there are two categories, "On the Stream" for action shots and "Fishing Related Still Life" for other photos. Each member can submit two entries in each category. For shots of a CFFA member taken by a non-member, there will be a drawing for a prize at the banquet. If your entry is a slide, please send a small print for display.

Entries should be submitted to Larry Johnson either by mail or at a regular or BOD meeting. All entries will be returned. Place your photos and/or slides in a sturdy manila envelope, and protect them with one or more pieces of cardboard. Mark the envelope "Photographs-Do Not Bend." Please do not tape slides directly to cardboard or anything else. Form a pocket or tape them between two pieces of cardboard. Include your name, the category entered, and any other information about the photo. We will display the entries and announce the winners at the annual banquet.

Our club trip to Quimby Pond in Maine was a great success! The weather was perfect, and Landlocked Salmon were running in the Kennebago River. Quite a few fish up to 20 inches were taken by club members. We're sure you will hear more about this at the next meeting and in future issues of the newsletter.



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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.

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Any of our members knowing of some place to have felt soles replaced professionally, or wading shoes, please contact me. We have a member that wrote to me this past summer asking for your help.

MANY THANKS

I also received a letter from Mr. Peter S. Wilk and his friend Max Dufflocq from Gainesville, Florida. These two gentlemen were in New England during June doing some fishing. One of the rivers that they fished was the "Willi", in the fly fishing area. The letter I received from them told of the good time they had and how great the fishing was. They wanted me to relay their thanks to CFFA for the fine job they are doing with this section of the "Willi".

DATE TO REMEMBER

The dates for the 1985 fishing expo at the Hartford Civic Center will be March 7-10, 1985. As you can see, the show is now four (4) days.

By Barbara




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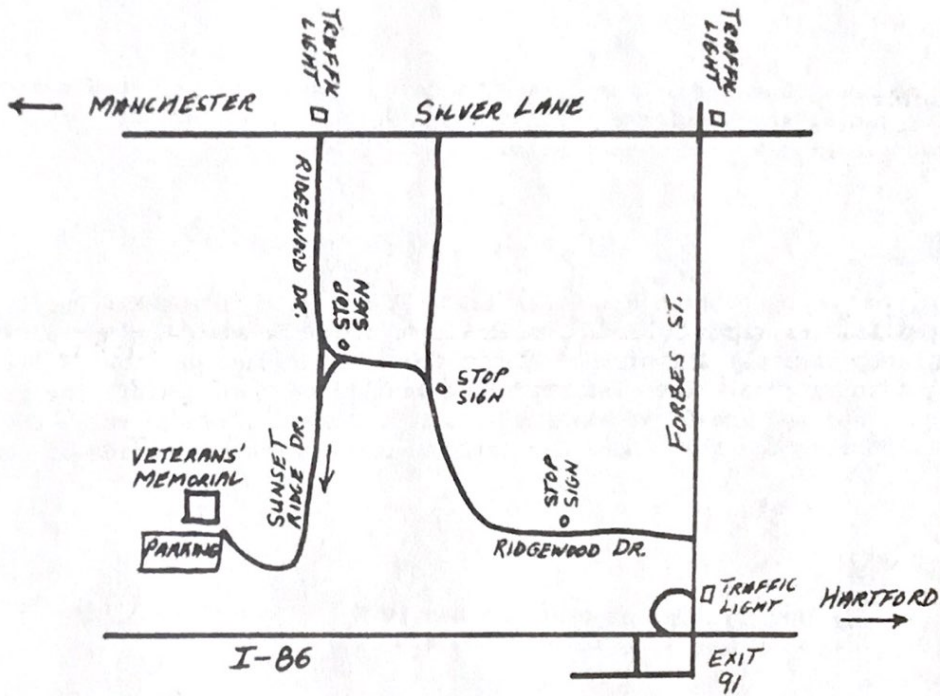
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The following article was printed in the newsletter of the
Orange County Fly Fishers Club, Inc. of Fullerton, CA.

ALL YOU EVER WANTED to know about LEADERS AND TIPPETS...and then sum!

A leader is used to separate the heavy fly line from the fly. It tapers or reduces in diameter from the butt end than attaches to the fly-line, to the tippet, or small end, that attaches to the fly. It is made of monofilament. As the fly-line turns over it transmits energy through the tapered leader. This energy will turn the leader completely over and will lay the fly out at the end of the cast.

Machine made leaders taper from a heavy butt to a fine tippet end. They are knotless. They are tapered by extruding the nylon at a constantly changing diameter. I recommend this type when you are fishing in waters filled with foreign matter and moss. A knotted (hand tied) leader will pick up a lot of trash under these conditions. This can cost you a nice fish if it builds up too heavy during the battle.

A leaded leader can be useful when fast water tends to keep your fly off the bottom. Thin plio-bond with MEK and stir in some fine powdered lead. Paint several coats of this mixture on a manufactured 6' leader. Leave the tippet section bare.

Knotted leaders are popular and generally preferable as they are better able to properly present the fly to the quarry. Each section of a knotted leader has the ability to transmit the needed energy to turn the following section over. In assembling a knotted leader generally 60% is made with stiff, heavy monofilament, 20% is tapered with lighter but still stiff mono and the last 20% is made of soft, fine and limp material.

The butt end diameter of a leader should be roughly 65 to 85% of the diameter of the tip of the fly line. Measure all leader material with a micrometer as you can't depend on the manufacturer's attested poundages and diameters.

Tapered leaders usually drop one, two or three thousandths of an inch per section. Sections are joined by tying blood (barrel) knots together. When dropping over three thousandths use a Stu Apt blood knot. (Double the lighter section and then tie the regular blood knot.) Use three to four turns in forming a blood knot in heavy mono and five or six turns in light material. If any part of the leader lacks the size or rigidity to turn the following section over, the leader will capsize or fold back on itself at that point.

Leaders can be assembled so more than one fly can be attached. Leave a six to twelve inch tail at the blood knot that is located where the extra fly is to be tied. Use the heavier material being tied together at the knot. Multiple flies should be separated from twenty-four to thirty-six inches apart.

(To be continued next month)

**Fish
the
'Willi'**

OCTOBER 1984 CALENDAR

- Oct. 3 Board of Director's Meeting
- 10 October CFFA Meeting-Tim Coleman
Trolling for Stripers

COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 7 Board of Director's Meeting
- 14 November CFFA Meeting-Films
- 21 Deadline for Photo Contest

Note: All BOD meetings will be at the
Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse.

**Limit
Your
Kill**