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## Meeting Notice

- Program: Paul Kukonen-Fishing for Salmon and Trout.
- Place: Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse, Sunset Ridge Road, East Hartford, CT.
- When: Wednesday, September 12, 1984.
- Time: Fly Tying -7:00 P.M.  
Program -7:30 P.M.

CFFA's September meeting will feature well known speaker and photographer Paul Kukonen, who will present a program of films on fishing for salmon and trout at Palaski River, Lake George and Quabbin Reservoir. Paul's programs are always among our most popular, so come early and bring a friend.

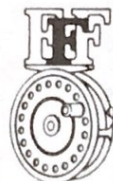
Several fly tyers will be present before the meeting to demonstrate patterns and techniques, and we will hold our usual conservation drawing before the program.

### NOTICE

There will be a meeting of all members going on the Maine Trip immediately after the September CFFA meeting. This is especially important if you are planning on going in one of the vans.



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# THE CORNER POOL

Ed Fidrych

Larry Johnson

Welcome back to another year of CFFA meetings and programs. For the second year in a row we have programs planned for every meeting, and have selected our speaker for the Banquet. Our first program is Paul Kukonen, and next month will be Tim Coleman on trolling for stripers in Long Island Sound. Our Banquet speaker will be Gary Borger, his program will be determined later in the year.

We did get a mid-summer issue out this year. We would be interested in your opinions about this. Is it worth doing, what should be in it, when should it come out?

We had hoped to give you some up-to-date fishing condition reports, but this didn't work out. We would be interested in knowing of any tackle shops which give out current info, or any other sources of information. If members are interested, we could publish a list of places and phone numbers next spring.

Our Rod Building School will begin Sept. 22. There is only space for 10 students, and sign-up will be at the Sept. meeting. More information is available on page 9. Also, there will be a meeting of those going on the Maine Trip after the Sept. program. This is important because we will be arranging the meeting times and places for rides and caravanning.

We have a new advertiser this issue, John's Custom Tackles. We also have a new location for a long-time advertiser. Autumn & Greenleaf (CFFA member Bob Dimesky) is now part of Great World, and is located above Great World on Rt. 10 in Avon.

You still have until Oct. 1 to take photos for our contest. Full details were printed in May. Instructions for sending in your photos will be given next month.

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UNTANGLING ANGLING

Our congratulations to the winners of the 1984 casting contest at our annual outing at the "Willi" this year.

The first event was casting for distance and accuracy, and I think most people found out just how tough this could be. For those who did participate, the farthest ring was 53 ft. for those of you who may think this is easy to place your fly inside of a two foot diameter ring at that distance, go out in your back yard and try it sometime.

The winners of this contest with the best possible score of 50 points were:

<u>Senior Division:</u>	Dan Record	First Place	39 points
	Gary Bogli	Second Place	37 points

For the ladies (distance was set at 40 ft.) our winner was:

Doreen Holland	First Place	32 points
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For our blind-fold casting contest, this consisted of teams of two men, one being blind-folded while the other team member directed his fly to the ring (best possible score was 30 points).

The team of Lionel MacDonald and Larry Johnson took first place with a score of 23 points. Gary Bogli and Bob Martinchek took second place with 21 points.

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While I'm on the subject of our annual outing, I would like to thank everyone that gave their time and efforts in helping out that day. From all of us who pitched in to help, we would like to thank those of you who came to our outing for making our efforts worthwhile.

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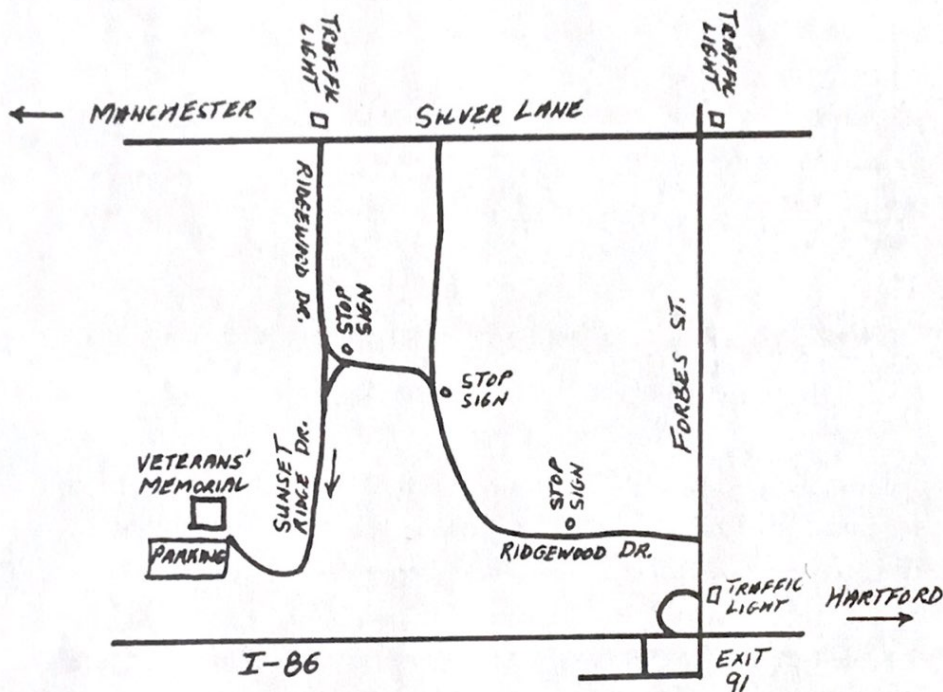
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## GETTING STARTED

by Bruce V. Horner

A couple of years ago I decided that I wanted to start fly fishing for trout. The first thing that I did was to go to the library and read up on the subject of fly fishing. After reading all the available literature from the library, I was intrigued as well as confused.

I started by first making a small investment in some equipment and then proceeded to the nearest stream where I startled every fish within a five mile radius. I then realized that I needed some help and advice in order to save my life from my fellow fishermen.

This is when I had my first break. I had discovered that a fellow employee was an avid fisherman. After talking to him about the problems I was experiencing, he invited me to attend a CFFA meeting in the fall of 1983. I joined the club immediately.

It has been a full year since I joined the CFFA and I wish that I had joined sooner. In the past year I have learned more about fly fishing than I ever could have in ten years of trying to learn on my own.


When I first started to write this article, it sounded like a "how-to" article. I am not qualified to write something of that nature especially since there are members in CFFA that can stand beside the legends in this sport and be as equally impressive to beginners.

My first exposure to one of the club members was during the rod building class. When I found out who the instructor was, I was amazed because I have seen his advertisements in national magazines. He is truly an expert in his craft and can be put into the same class with the rest of the masters in the rod building field.

The eight foot graphite rod that I built is my pride and joy and I know that the quality and workmanship put into this rod can't be surpassed by any other rod on the market. The pride that I have for this rod gives me an edge of confidence that every beginner needs to develop.

I next enrolled in the fly tying class. It was in this class that I met the real enthusiasts. The club instructors and the guest instructors are real fanatics about this aspect of the sport. They shared their advice on techniques, material quality, and fly construction, and provided answers to all questions.

This class removed a lot of the mystery involved with fly tying. All of us learned good tying techniques that would enable us to tie other types of flies than those learned in class. One of the best things about fly tying is that you can recall all of your memorable moments from the past season as you sit at the tying bench during the winter months.



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The final class on fly fishing was conducted in the early part of this year. This class brought it all together for me; from learning about insect life to fly casting. I believe this type of class is necessary for any beginner. The instructors were CFFA members who devoted their free time to teach the basics of good fly fishing techniques.

The greatest experience of my fly fishing education was the four hours that I was privileged enough to spend on the Willimantic River with the instructor. Although the only fish I caught was a Dace, the time I spent with this extraordinary person was a complete education in itself. To him and to CFFA I say "thank you." With your help I have achieved a good start on the sport of fly fishing which I plan to enjoy for a long time. Again, I thank you.

Material Needed for Newsletter

Although we reprint articles from other club newsletters as well as from our own past issues, we rely on YOU to provide fresh material of interest to our members, especially about Connecticut or New England waters. Don't worry about style or presentation. Get it down on paper the way you would tell a friend at one of our meetings and there will be no problems. Submit your articles to either Larry Johnson or Ed Fidrych at the addresses given on page 2, and call us if you have any questions.

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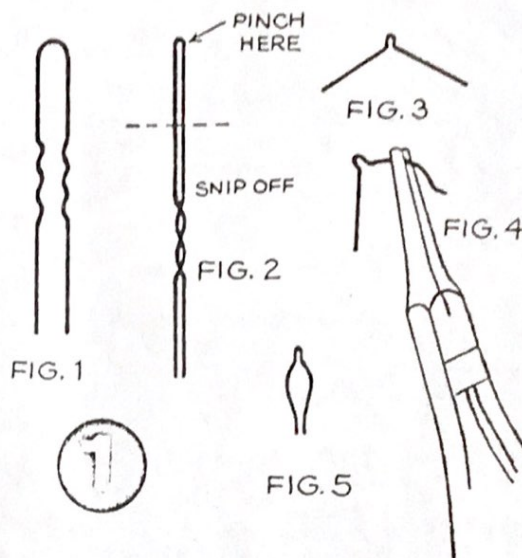
### TYING THE "HAIR PIN" FLAT-BODIED NYMPH

FIGURE 1. Using side of regular pliers, pinch hair-pin (shown actual size), squeezing sides together.  
 FIGURE 2. Snip off  $\frac{1}{2}$ " down from top (other sizes:  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and  $\frac{3}{4}$ "). These will fit hook sizes 10, 8 and 6 -4X long, and 6 and 4 -3X long.

FIGURE 3. Grasp wire in pliers, using side, no further than  $\frac{1}{16}$ " from end, and spread with fingers, forming tit.

FIGURE 4. Shape wire with needle-nose pliers and fingers, putting in the two slight bottom bends first. By holding tit in side of regular pliers, it is possible to form wire around a nail held in small vise.

FIGURE 5. Shape of finished wire.



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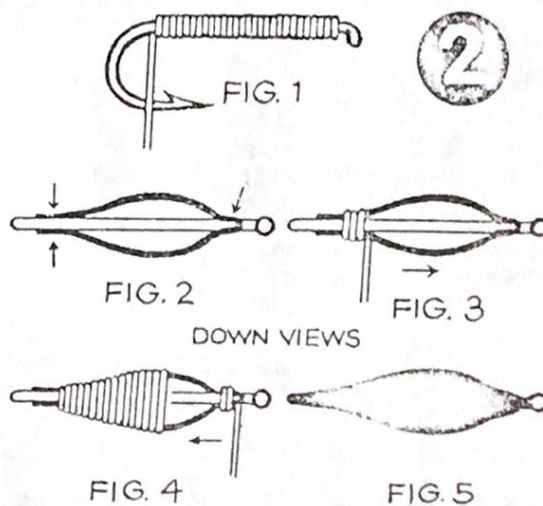
FIGURE 1. Wind well waxed thread over hook shank. Size A is about right. Silk or nylon may be used.

FIGURE 2. The formed wire is positioned on the hook so that its ends straddle it, while the tit rests on top. Note that the thread windings are not shown for clarity of viewing.

FIGURE 3. Begin tie down at bend of wire form, winding forward.

FIGURE 4. Continue winding until thread falls forward to tit. Wind tit down, then wind rearward, covering all. A neat fill-in is made with thread between ends of wire form and remainder of rear hook shank. This also secures form. Give windings a coat of pliobond cement. If above method proves difficult, start tie-down at tit and wind thread rearward.

FIGURE 5. The nymph body wrapped.



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## TYING THE "HAIR PIN" FLAT-BODIED NYMPH

FIGURE 1. Tie in 6/0 black thread and wind to tail position. Tie in two fibers from a white tipped turkey tail feather. Use the dark fibers with dark tips. Three tails may also be used.

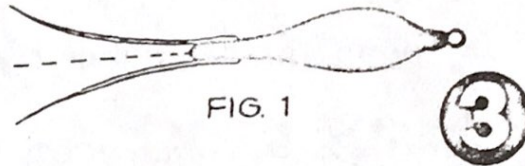


FIGURE 2. Natural raffia is soaked in hot water for a few minutes, then pulled apart in strips no wider than  $\frac{1}{8}$ ". One strip per nymph will do. Tie in from underside of hook. Dental floss may also be used.

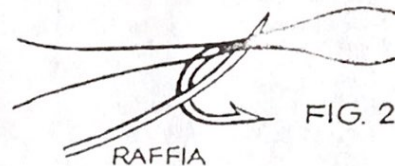


FIGURE 3. The raffia (or dental floss) is now wrapped on with no gaps between wrappings. Keep raffia wet while tying. A small bowl of water can be kept nearby for this purpose.



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FIGURE 1. Raffia dries rather quickly. One can tell by no longer being able to see the black thread windings beneath it. With a brown permanent ink art marker having a regular nib (flat, cut at angle), paint over all the nymph body. (The pattern you are tying is the one-color Brown Nymph. For other colors see Nymph pattern charts.)

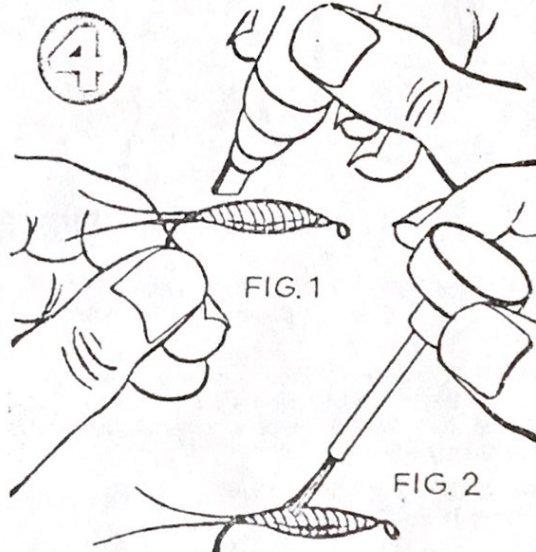


FIGURE 2. Pliobond cement may be applied almost at once. When dry, apply a second coat. The plio-bond not only transforms the color into a most realistic insect-like coloration, but makes the nymph body almost indestructible.

From a  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " hair pin, you can make three Nymph Forms. If you use wire, do not pick one that is too soft. It will bend when you dress the Nymph.

When you position the formed wire on the hook, it will have a tendency to wobble, in that case epoxy, or use Liquid Solder on the nodule, and the tail end. Let it dry, don't wiggle it to see if it's stuck on well. Leave it alone.

I use Liquid Solder, it dries fast, and you will have to work fast, molding and chipping away the lumps. Result: Does not look much, but holds securely, and when the body is covered with herl, latex or raffia, it looks terrific.

Min Kosman.



CONNECTICUT FLY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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"1984 ROD BUILDING SCHOOL"

CLASSES: There will be five classes. Classes will meet on the following Thursday evenings at 7:00 P.M. in the Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse (lower level), Sunset Ridge Drive, East Hartford, CT (Directions to the Clubhouse will be published in the September, 1984, issue of Lines and Leaders):

Class No. 1 : September 20, 1984  
Class No. 2 : October 11, 1984  
Class No. 3 : October 25, 1984  
Class No. 4 : November 1, 1984  
Class No. 5 : November 8, 1984

INSTRUCTOR: E.F. Roberts (Custom Rodmaker)

ROD SELECTION: Your choice of the following rods:

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Non-Member.....\$10.00 PLUS Materials

CLASS SIZE: Limited to 12 students

REGISTRATION: Because of the small class size, registration will be by mail only - on a first-come basis. Ed Roberts will be at the September, 1984, general membership meeting to answer any questions relative to rod selection and material costs. Ed can also be reached at home by calling 651-8402.

CFFA RBS ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

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SEPTEMBER 1984 CALENDAR

- Sept. 5 Board of Director's Meeting-Veterans'
- 12 CFFA September Meeting-Paul Kukonen
- 20-23 CFFA Maine Trip-Quimby Pond

COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 3 Board of Director's Meeting
- 10 October Meeting-Tim Coleman/Striped Bass
- Nov. 7 Board of Director's Meeting
- 14 November Meeting-Fishing Films

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