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SUMMER EDITION UPDATE

Our annual outing in May was very successful, although I'm not sure that any of our two pounders were caught. One of the highlights of the day was Elmer Latham's casting contest, with its blindfolded casting event. This was done by two person teams, and is something everyone should try. You really learn what clock positions and timing are all about when you cast blindfolded following someone else's instructions about direction and distance. Winners will be announced in the September newsletter.

Our September meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 12th. Our program will feature Paul Kukkonen with one of his fine fishing films. We have also selected a speaker for our annual banquet. Gary Berger has agreed to speak and has submitted a list of his programs. The final selection will be made by the Board of Directors next Fall.

CFFA Board member Dan Record will be the guest on a fishing talk show aired by WCNX-AM in Middletown (1150 on your dial). The program will be at 12:30 P.M., right around lunch time, on Monday, August 20. This will be a call-in program, so get some questions ready and tune in.

CFFA members who signed up for our September trip to Quimby Pond will note that there are no patterns for the trip in this issue. Ed Stasonis, of Northwoods Experiences, said that he preferred to send out a special newsletter to trip members with patterns, what to bring, what to leave home. This should come to you around mid-August. If you can't wait, tie up some pipe cleaners from directions in the May newsletter.

As always, new articles, patterns, stories, black and white photos, etc. are needed for next year's newsletters. We depend on our members to provide most of what we print, so let's hear about your summer fishing trips, special patterns and effective techniques.

Limit your kill-Don't kill your limit!



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



Late Summer Fishing Hints

Housatonic River

The following information is reprinted from the HFFA newsletter.
For information on water releases this year, call 824-786132

August

2nd week.	White fly (Housatonic Quill)	14-16
	Trico-all month	20-26
Last week	Ants-all month (red and black)	16-26
	Blue wing olives	20-22

September

Isonychia	12-14
Blue wing olive	20

Farmington River

Fishing has been reported good early mornings and late evenings. Try caddis patterns, blue wing olives, spinners and midges.

Willimantic River

Fishing can be good here mornings and in the evenings after a few cool days. Remember, the big fish stocked for our outing are still in there somewhere. Try # 16-18 Henryville patterns.

Try streamers, nymphs and caddis larva anywhere if there is no surface activity.

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* held at the Veterans' Memorial, Sunset Ridge Dr., East Hartford, CT. *
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UNTANGLING ANGLING

The following items were printed in a recent Sportsman's Alliance Bulletin. They make a good point about what can happen to a club or to hunting and fishing rights if club members and sportsmen do not become involved in the decision making process.

TEN WAYS TO KILL A CLUB

The following ten points have been published in a number of club and association newsletters. They probably originated in the Australian Pistol Shooters' Bulletin in March 1972. We believe they are as valid now as then, and may strike a few nerves.

1. Don't come to meetings or shoots.
2. If you do, be late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
4. If you don't attend, find fault with the work of officers and members.
5. Never accept office, as it's easier to criticize than do things.
6. Get sore if you're not appointed to a committee, but if you are, don't attend.
7. Do nothing more than necessary.
8. Don't help new members, remember you were a champion when you began.
9. Hold back your dues, or don't pay them at all.
10. Don't bother getting new members, let Joe or Mary do it.

Since we are involved in legislation, a companion piece appeared appropriate:

TEN WAYS TO PROMOTE BAD LAW

1. Don't be concerned, Sportsmen and politics don't mix.
2. Plead ignorance, don't go to club meetings or subscribe to publications where you may hear about legislation.
3. If you find out about proposed laws, complain to your friends, but don't call or write your legislators.
4. Never go to public hearings to promote your views.
5. Criticize your club officers who attempt to get you to do something.
6. Put down any person or organization attempting change and don't listen to the facts.
7. Call legislators ignorant when you have done nothing to influence them.
8. Don't register to vote, but criticize those in office.
9. When legislation passes, always find fault.
10. Don't contribute to any group that is involved with legislation.

By Burlap


TROUT STOCKING

Approximately 704,000 trout have been produced for the 1984 season according to the DEP. Slightly more than 50% have been stocked, throughout the state, before opening day. This season's trout consist of 367,000 adult brown trout, 171,000 adult rainbow trout, and 82,000 yearling brown trout. A limited number of trophy sized surplus brood-stock fish are included in pre-opening day releases. NOTE: stocking is down from the normal 800,000 due to hatchery problems. Stocked fish caught should, on the whole, be of a larger size.

Regular stockings will continue through Memorial Day with major trout streams and larger lakes receiving the greatest numbers of fish.

Fishermen are being cautioned by the DEP, NOT TO KEEP OR REPORT THE CAPTURE OF SMALL ATLANTIC SALMON. Atlantic Salmon smolts have been released into the Farmington and Salmon River systems this spring and every effort should be made to avoid taking these sub-legal fish.

STATE WILL LICENSE SALTWATER ANGLERS

Maryland has become the first Atlantic coast state to adopt a saltwater sportsfishing license. Limited to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, the license is expected to raise \$2.5 million in its first year, 1985. The revenues are earmarked for fisheries management, research development of fish habitats in bay waters.

The license will cost \$5, for individuals ages 16 through 65 only. Pleasure boat owners will be able to buy a \$25 tag that covers all their guests. Six-pack charter operators will pay \$200 and larger head boats will pay \$240. With an \$8 freshwater license the new tag will cost an additional \$2.50. Anglers will still fish free from their own property and public piers and bridges.

The Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association supported the license legislation after obtaining an amendment requiring the state to confer with the group on how revenues are spent. The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association and the Maryland Charter Boat Association opposed some specifics of the new license, with charter operators particularly disturbed about the exemption of charter boats not based on the bay.

"Soundings" May '84

Conservation Committee Notes

by Lou Patria, V.P. Environment

On May 10th our approximately 1500 Bitterroot Browns which have been in our Rearing Pond since last December were clipped at the suggestion and approval of State Biologist Chuck Phillips. Club members Doc Ringrose, Don Bernier and Lou Patria did the clipping under the instruction of State Hatchery Manager Mike Vernesoni.

On May 12th our fin-clipped Bitterroots were stocked in the Willimantic River Trout Management Area with greatly appreciated help from the following Conservation Committee members:

Frank Wankerl	Donald Schaaf	Sean Sweeney
Michael Stewart	Jon Ridolfo	Donald Ferguson (and son)
Steve Becker	Richard Tapp	Daniel Tobin
Lionel MacDonald	Eric Rickard	Mike Vernesoni

These men deserve a lot of thanks for their unselfish efforts which should go a long way toward heightening the pleasures of those who will fish the Trout Management Area of the Willimantic River this year and perhaps longer.

Salt Water Fishing Hints

These comments are based on a conversation with Ed Roberts. Fishing is best from dark to midnight on moonless nights. Harkness State Park in New London is open to fishermen all night. Salt water fishing should be good in Connecticut and Rhode Island July to November. Blues good from August to Mid-September. Big Stripers in October.

For stripers, use a 7 ft. leader, 12 # test. Make 50 ft. casts, strip in fast. You may be able to hear the fish feeding. For blues, use 1/0 hooks with 6 in. of wire leader closed in the hook eye. A yellow bucktail or white/yellow works well. The medalist # 1494 1/2 and 1495 1/2 will hold a SW WF 9 wt line and 100 to 200 yards of 20# backing. (A 1498 will hold more line and backing, and may balance better with heavier rods.) Use a nail knot with 4 coats of pliobond to join line to leader. Use a needle knot and pliobond to join line and backing.

Stainless steel hooks are probably best. Sizes 1 to 3/0, regular and long shank. Check your own books or the library for simple salt water streamer patterns. Remember to rinse everything thoroughly with fresh water after each trip to prevent corrosion. Whether you are wading or boating, get to know the water and the tides, especially if you're going to be there in the dark.

The secret is to fish often to better your chances of being there when the fish are in.

CONNECTICUT FLY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

presents

"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:

- 8-ft (6 line) High-Modulus Glass
- 8-ft (5/6 line) Graphite
- 9-ft (7/8 line) Graphite

TUITION: CFPA Member.....\$ 5.00 PLUS Materials
 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.

CFPA RBS 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.

NAME _____ PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____

TUITION

Member (\$ 5.00)

Non-Member (\$10.00)

ROD SELECTION: 8-ft 8-ft 9-ft
 (Circle One) High-Modulus Glass Graphite Graphite

September 1984 Calendar

Sept. 5 BOD Meeting-Veterans' Memorial
12 September CFFA Meeting-Rod Building Sign-up
20-23 CFFA Maine Trip-Quimby Pond

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Northwoods Experiences, Waterbury, 574-0029

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Ed Roberts, Rodmaker, East Granby, 651-8402

Flycaster II, Capt. Joe D'Addario, 568-5035 Eves.