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Annual Banquet

Program: Annual CFFA Banquet with Guest Speaker Gary Borger.

Place: Sphinx Temple (next to the Grantmoor) on the North-Bound lane of the Berlin Turnpike in Newington. See page 4 for directions.

When: Saturday, February 9, 1985.

Time: Cocktail Mixer--6:00 P.M.
Dinner --7:30 P.M.

Our guest speaker this year will be noted fly fisherman, fly tyer and author Gary Borger. Gary will present a slide program on "The Four Seasons of Fly Fishing," which should be of interest to everyone. Gary is noted for his fishing programs, and has written several books.

The winners of our Fourth CFFA Photo Contest will be announced at the Banquet, and we will also be holding our usual conservation drawing.

Anyone wishing to donate prizes for the drawing should contact either Elmer Latham at 742-6584 or Richard Smoragiewicz at 569-0364. 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 1985 Fly Fishing School will begin on Friday, March 8 and continue for three weeks. These meetings will be followed by a casting practise session on Saturday, April 13 and an on-stream instruction session on Saturday, May 4. See page 8 for details.



Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association

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THE CORNER POOL

Ed Fidrych

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We want to thank the following CFFA members who contributed articles to Lines and Leaders during 1984:

Chip Bates	Elmer Latham	Vin Ringrose
Jim Buchok	Lionel R. MacDonald	Ed Ruestow
Paul Giaugue	Lou Patria	Ed Stasonis
Bruce V. Horner	Dan Record	

We appreciate the efforts these members have made toward maintaining the quality of our newsletter, and we hope that they and many others will submit new material during 1985.

Remember that any new articles are eligible for the Newsletter Article Awards announced in the January issue. Any article submitted and printed after the announcement through the December 1985 issue will be eligible for the awards to be made at our 1986 Banquet.

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* 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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UNTANGLING ANGLING

As mentioned in your last Lines and Leader, we will have two new members this year on the Board of Directors. Our new membership chairman is Mr. Dick Lerche. Dick resides in Newington, Conn. He teaches Industrial Arts Timothy Edwards School in South Windsor. His wife's name is Pat, and he has two children. Dick is also a contractor and remodeler on the side. He does some nice work from what I've heard. Having been a member of CFFA for only three years, Dick has done quite a bit for the club before formally joining the Board of Directors. If there's one thing Dick is known for around here, it is his unusual technique for landing salmon. Next month I will introduce our new Vice President of Activities.

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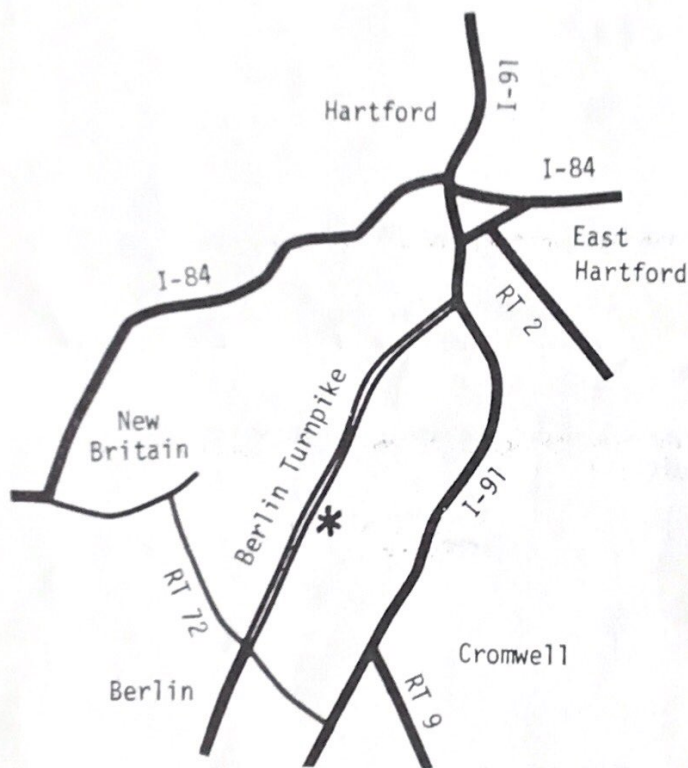
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Banquet Directions



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From Hartford: Take I-91 south to the Rt. 15-Berlin Turnpike exit. Travel south on the Turnpike approximately 5.8 miles. Bradlees 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 Bradlees, approximately 2.8 miles north of the Rt. 72 junction.

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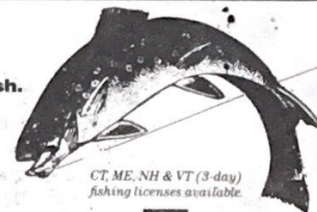
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"Ever Divulge One of Your Secret Fishing Places?"
by Lionel R. MacDonald

How often have you been shown a special fishing hole? I mean a person's special place to catch certain fish. There comes a time in your fishing world when you feel a very special need. One of those needs is the need to share. Even a very selfish person will experience this hunger because in the sharing you get to enjoy some more. At least this is the way I view it and I've experienced it from the giving and the receiving end. Believe me, I felt it was a very good way to wind up this year's fishing season.

For the giving experience shared, I took a friend (#1) of mine to a place I'd found last year, to catch striped bass. We had gone down to the area twice before and had caught nothing. On our second trip, however, we did see a small striper hooked and landed from shore on spinning gear. The fish was released. We tried my special spot each time we went, but caught nothing. This third time we did have success. Both he and I did catch stripers, which made both of us happy. I did not request from my friend that he not divulge my place to his friends--I assumed he would not--but some day he might.

For my receiving experience the price was a little higher, but so was the prize--landlocked salmon! A friend (#2) and I had been invited by mutual friend (#3) to fish for landlocked salmon in upper New York State. We would be wading and fly fishing for these salmon in a lake at the mouth of one of its tributaries. He had mentioned a standard wet fly pattern we'd be using, but we could bring all our old favorites as well.

Just six weeks before, I'd been up to the Rangeley Lake Region of the State of Maine, and had tied several new patterns to try for landlocks up there. For the hard fishing we did up there I did manage to hook and release three landlocks, all on different patterns. These fish took streamers and bucktails, but no pattern seemed better than another.

For our New York trip, the suggestion was made to tie one pattern of a standard wet fly, size 14, on a size 8 hook! Both my friend (#2) and I tied the pattern on hooks we had. He varied a few of his flies with some yellow barbules as a collar because he read somewhere that yellow was a good color for landlocked salmon. I agreed. We were hosted by friend (#3) Friday night and Saturday morning we were at the lake and casting by 10:30 A.M.

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Friend (#3) said fish would be showing if conditions were right. Conditions must have been right, because sure enough they started to show. Salmon in the 2 to 6 lb. range jumped clear of the water. They jumped for no apparent reason. One theory was mentioned that because these fish would more likely be male fish, they were leaping to aid in the loosening of the milt sacs inside the rib cavity.

Friend (#2) was the first to connect with a salmon. When a salmon is first hooked he takes to the air, one leap after another. The fish was finally netted and chained. Friend (#2) connected with a second fish, which he released. "What did you hook him on," we asked? The recommended pattern was the answer. I had already tried that pattern and several others I'd brought. I tried pattern after pattern. I was fishing two patterns, and each time I changed I replaced both for something new. Not much was working for me.

We flailed the water the rest of the afternoon and caught no more fish. We finally gave up and changed when we returned to the truck half frozen. My uncontrollable kneecaps finally stopped jumping when we got to a motel. We unpacked and made ready to go out for some supper. We had not stopped fishing for lunch. After supper, we picked up some munchies and headed back to the motel for some cable tube watching and early to bed.

Sunday morning we agreed to go out fishing before breakfast. We would then eat breakfast, clear out of our suite, and return to the lake for more fishing. No fish were hooked before breakfast, even though they were still showing. When we returned fishing after breakfast I disciplined myself to use two of the recommended pattern and stick with them. I hooked and released three salmon in the 17 to 19 inch class. Then there was a lull. Then friend (#2) started connecting again. I hooked another and lost him.

All this while we were fishing alone. Soon a single fellow appeared, and shortly after that two others came. Now we were six. I hooked my fifth fish, and decided that if I was going to bring one of these fish home, it had better be this one because I might not catch another. The fish was chained. Friend (#2) was hooking and releasing fish all the while. He totaled nine salmon for the two days. Friend (#3) had several good pulls but was not able to solidly hook a fish. I attribute our success to three conditions.

First, the fish were there and showed their presence when water conditions were right. Second, we had the right pattern and size to present to the fish in the best way. Third, we were persistent. Unlike the Rangeley fish, these salmon took only one specific pattern.

We left the lake for our return trip to Connecticut at about 3:45 P.M. Friend (#2) and I marveled at what a great weekend we had and how fortunate we felt for having friend (#3) show us one of his very special fishing places. Friend (#3) did request that we keep this place to ourselves because its popularity would blossom, and, as has been the case too many times, the place would be ruined. We agreed.

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HFFA Annual Banquet

The Housatonic Fly Fishermen's Association (HFFA) will host the 1985 edition of its annual banquet at Septembers' Restaurant, 70 Pond Lily Ave., New Haven, on Saturday, March 16. Dave Whitlock, who has recently greatly reduced his number of speaking engagements, will be the featured speaker.

This year's menu will feature hot hors d'oeuvres and baked stuffed chicken, and the selection at the cash bar will be expanded beyond the choices available at last year's dinner. Corsages for the ladies will again be provided by the club.

All reservations, along with payment, must be received by the banquet chairman on or before March 9th. No tickets will be sold at the door. Anyone interested in attending may obtain additional information by calling Don Mayers (734-0177) after 6:00 P.M.

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	5	5-4-85	Fishing a Stream - (3-5 students per instructor)

LOCATION: (Class 1,2,3).....7:00 P.M. in the Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse (lower level), Sunset Ridge Drive, East Hartford, Connecticut

(Class 4).....A private pond stocked with trout

(Class 5).....During this final session, students will fish the Willimantic River with a CFFA instructor and practice course techniques (approach, wading, stream reading, etc.). NOTE: Students must supply their own transportation and 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: Average class size is 35 students.

TUITION: CFFA Members.....\$ 20.00 Non-Members.....\$ 25.00

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CFFA 15th ANNUAL BANQUET

On Saturday, February 9, 1985, CFFA will hold its 15th Annual Banquet. Our guest speaker this year will be Gary Borger, 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 \$15.00 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."

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- Feb. 1 Fly Tying School-Fifth Class
6 Board of Director's Meeting
8 Fly Tying School-Sixth Class
9 CFFA Banquet-Gary Borger

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COMING EVENTS

- Mar. 6 Board of Director's Meeting
7-10 Fishing Show-Civic Center
8 Fly Fishing School Begins
13 March CFFA Meeting
15 Fly Fishing School-Second Class
22 Fly Fishing School-Third Class

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