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Meeting Notice

Program: Films on Ocean Fishing With a Fly Rod.
Place: Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse, Sunset Ridge Road, East Hartford, CT.
When: Wednesday, January 9, 1985.
Time: Fly Tying -7:00 P.M.
Program -7:30 P.M.

CFFA's January meeting will feature films on ocean fishing with a fly rod. 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.

Random Casts

Remember that CFFA's Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 9, 1985 at the Sphinx Temple. See page 4 for a location map. Our guest speaker this year will be Gary Borger, who will give a presentation entitled "Four Seasons of Fly Fishing." There will be a cocktail hour starting at 6:00 P.M. and the Banquet will start at 7:30 P.M.. Anyone wishing to donate prizes for the conservation drawing should contact Elmer Latham (742-6584) or Dick Smoragiewicz (569-0364). Instructions for persons bringing donations to the banquet will be provided in the February newsletter.

This month's newsletter contains the announcement for our Fly Fishing School which will begin in March. There is also still time to sign up for the Fly Tying School which begins in January.

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CFFA Newsletter Article Awards

We have been pointing out our need for more articles in recent issues, and have, in fact, noticed an increase in material from our members. We would like to increase the increase, and therefore announce the CFFA Newsletter Writing Contest. Any article submitted and printed after this issue through the December, 1985 issue will be eligible. Winners will be announced at the 1986 Annual Banquet.

This will run along the lines of our latest Photo Contest, and consist of two parts. Part 1-Anyone submitting an article will have their name placed in a pot for a random drawing for one or more gift certificates from one of our advertisers. This will probably include having your name entered for each separate article. You will not win more than once, but you can increase the odds in your favor.

Part 2-In addition to the above will be one or more awards for the best article(s) during this time period. Categories will be determined by the type and volume of submissions, and an impartial selection process will be established. This could include a ballot sent to members in the newsletter.


We will mention some thoughts on articles we would like to see done in future issues. This will not get you extra points, but may give you some ideas. We invite comments on both the award categories and the selection methods. We also invite lots of entries.

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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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UNTANGLING ANGLING

We will have two new directors on the Board for 1985. More info on them will be in the February Lines and Leader.

Don't forget to "vote" at the election of officers for 1985 at the January meeting.

We are in the final preparations for our annual banquet. This is time when we make our appeals for raffle prizes. If anyone would like to donate a prize for the raffle, please contact Elmer Latham, at 742-6584. I will make arrangements to pick them up. Your continuing support of our one and only fund raising event will be greatly appreciated.

Opening day for the 1985 fishing season will be April 20th.

By Burlap


Trout Unlimited Banquet

The Thames Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold their first annual, National Banquet on March 1, 1985 at the Port & Starboard Room, Ocean Beach Park, New London, CT. The evening will begin with cocktails and an auction preview at 6:00 P.M. followed by dinner at 7:15. Dinner choices are prime rib and baked stuffed shrimp.

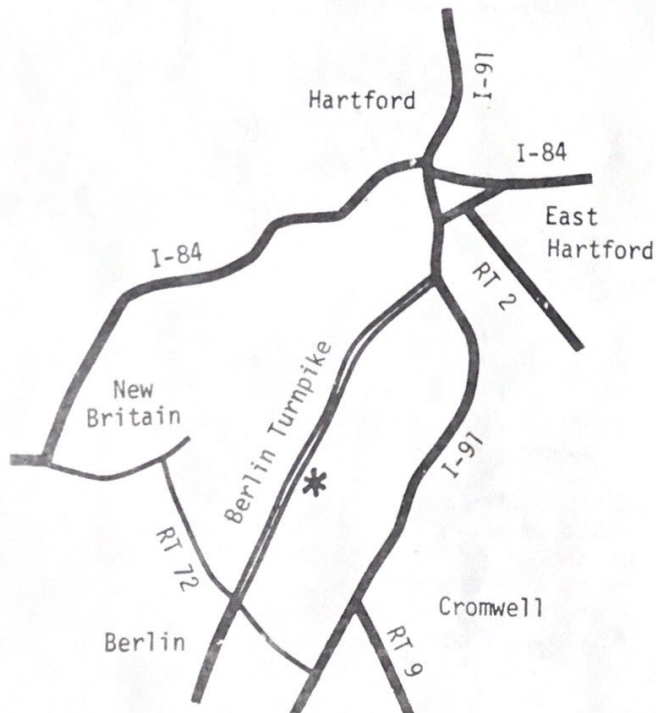
The guest speaker for the evening will be Lefty Kreh, noted author, photographer and fisherman. There will also be an auction of framed art, sportswear and angling tackle and accessories as well as various raffles so that all guests can go home with a reminder of the evening. The cost is \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. Anyone interested should contact Max Lambert, 28 Village Dr., Ledyard, CT 06339. Checks should be made payable to "Trout Unlimited."

Nomination of CFFA Officers for 1985

Your nominating committee, composed of Lionel Mac Donald, Chairman, Pete Trani and Richard Lerche, has submitted the following proposed slate of officers for 1985. The election will take place at the January membership meeting, and nominations will be accepted from the floor at that time. The election of officers will take place on the January meeting date regardless of the weather!

President	Elmer Latham
Vice President-Promotions	Gary Bogli
Vice President-Activities	Errol Groff, Sr.
Vice President-Environment	Robert Martinchek
Treasurer	Lionel Mac Donald
Recording Secretary	Pete Trani
Legal Secretary	Richard Smoragiewicz

Banquet Directions



The CFFA Annual Banquet will be held at the Sphinx Temple located between the Grantmoor and Bradlees 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. 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.

(This month's feature article is an Editor's Choice. It is reprinted from the March, 1982 issue of Lines and Leaders, and is one of the most original and humorous articles we have received. Not only that, but there is little chance of getting skunked!)

WINTER PASTIME

Written by Gary Stebbins

Illustrated by Jon Ridolfo

Winter is here. The streams, ponds and lakes are frozen over. Avid fly fishers spend the time tying creations for the spring thaw. Even the truly dedicated tyer reaches the point where with bleary eyes and aching back he throws his arms up in despair and stalks away from the tying bench to search for a winter diversion. A pastime must be found to satisfy the fishing urge.

Most are turning to ice fishing but find it lacks the finesse of a well cast line. Rumors of the self heated ice breaking fly line appear to be a technical dead end. Fishing in your son's aquarium, with fine leaders and microscopic midges, for junior's prize Golden Platy only brings agonizing cries from your offspring. Slumping in your recliner after a tying session, you dream of tight lines during the eternal season of M*A*S*H* reruns. Despair fills your heart. Will spring ever come?

But wait!! There is hope in many homes! There exists a creature which has habits similar to the trout. A creature that is cunning and selective. A creature that will run with the line or roll with the best trout. A creature whose habitat duplicates tight casting areas. I speak of the denizen of the den; Felis catus, the household cat. Yes, you're right, cat fishing--not to be confused with fishing for catfish. One of these land trout can provide hours of diversion to survive the winter.

Equipment

In this type of fishing everyone gets to be a Lee Wulff, casting without a rod. You can even go one further and cast without a reel! Your basic piece of equipment will be your line. Since water is not involved, floating or sinking makes no difference. Be sure not to use your brand new Cortland. Use a retired line. You may fantasize yourself as Izaak Walton using rustic twine or laces. This line should be about 1/8 " wide and at least 72 " long. Any connections should be made with the nail knot. Tapered leaders are not necessary. As a matter of fact, no leaders are necessary. The end of the line is directly attached to the fly (two types to be discussed shortly).



Casting

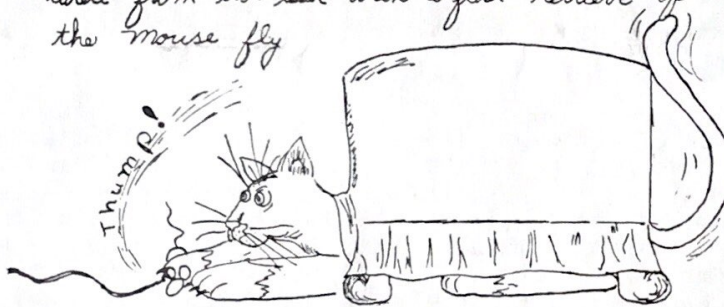
The basic casting position is with the right hand holding the line about 24" from the fly. The left hand holds the open end. The right forearm and hand provide the back and forth momentum. When the appropriate amount of line has been fed out, release your right hand and the fly will settle on target. Your left hand can follow the line to provide the extra reach. Releasing your left hand will usually cause the fly and line to sail beyond your casting point, hitting bystanders. Also, watch your back cast. A back cast that destroys the family Ming vase will put you and your prey out in the cold.

The roll cast takes a bit of practise but is very handy for getting the fly up off the floor when your bottom is hopelessly stuck in your favorite chair.

Trolling, as usual, is done on the move. When trolling, your line follows behind and to the side. The open line end should be held firmly in hand or secured in your belt. Trolling to the toilet or the fridge will result in many strikes from the cat living in your home.

Flaying is another effective technique that is successful with cats but is not recommended for the streams. If a luncker fails to show interest in the fly, the fly should be repeatedly cast to the head until a strike is received. Flaying can be quite exhausting and may also cause your quarry to attack.

*The explosive strike of a luncker cat
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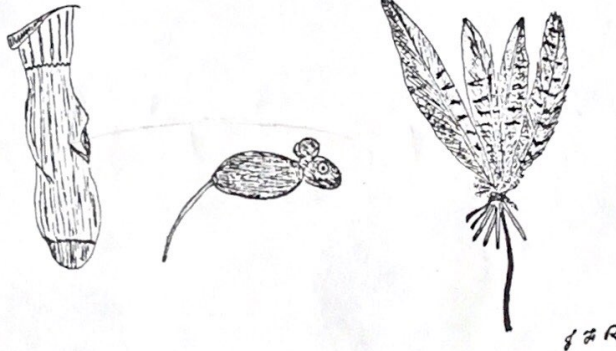
Flies

To date two standard flies are in use. The mouse which is fished like a streamer, and the bird which is fished like a dry.

To tie the mouse start with a sock. Stuff the toe of the sock with another sock or cloth forming an oval shape about 3" maximum. Tie the oval off. The remaining sock forms a tail. Premade mice are available and can be immediately attached to the line at the nose. (See illustration) Cast the mouse out, putting a slight twitch in the line, and retrieve. You may not get a strike until the mouse just passes out of the cat's vision-but be ready.

The bird fly is tied with pheasant or grouse tail feathers. Two feathers are tied together in a V configuration. Two other feathers are tied at the V's point, forming a body. (See illustration) A lunker cat will always make short work of a bird. A twitch in the line gives good results. When your trophy is holding in a difficult position, you can perch on the arm of a chair dapping the bird. Just like poking a rod through the brush to fish a pool.

Favorite Patterns



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A final word of caution. Once a cat hooks your fly care must be taken when landing it. Do not try to tail a cat or you may get ten of its hooks in your forearm. There is nothing more embarrassing than displaying your trophy while it feeds on your arm.

Following these basics you will hopefully have an exhilarating indoor fishing session.

This Beauty hit a "dapped" sock fly, it was quickly released after this sketch



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<u>No.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
1	1-4-85	<u>Matuka and Muddler Minnow</u>
2	1-11-85	<u>Parachute and Poly Spinner</u>
3	1-18-85	<u>Henryville Special and Elk Hair Caddis</u>
4	1-25-85	<u>Conover and Blue-Winged Olive</u>
5	2-1-85	<u>Terrestrials</u>
6	2-8-85	<u>Bass and Bluegill Attractors</u>

EQUIPMENT: All necessary hooks and materials will be furnished. Students must supply their own vise, bobbin, thread, scissors, etc. It is suggested that each tyer bring a portable lamp and a notebook.

INSTRUCTORS: In addition to the main instructors, several CFFA tyers will be on hand to assist students.

CLASS SIZE: Limited to the first 25 people submitting applications.

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

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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 is desired, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.)

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For additional information contact Gary Bogli, 82 Elizabeth Drive,
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	2	3-15-85	Flies and Fish
	3	3-22-85	Water Types and How to Fish Them
	4	4-13-85	Casting Instruction and Fishing (pond)
	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.

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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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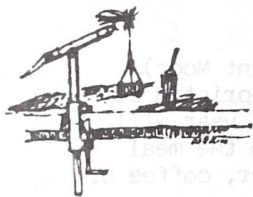
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---1985 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE THIS MONTH---

JANUARY 1985 CALENDAR

- Jan. 2 Board of Director's Meeting
- 4 Fly Tying School-First Class
- 9 January Meeting-Ocean Fly Fishing
- 11 Fly Tying School-Second Class
- 18 Fly Tying School-Third Class
- 25 Fly Tying School-Fourth Class



COMING EVENTS

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

- Mar. 6 Board of Director's Meeting
- 8 Fly Fishing School Begins
- 13 March CFFA Meeting

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

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