



# LINES AND LEADERS

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## Annual CFFA Outing

PROGRAM: Tailgate Outing on the Willimantic  
PLACE: Nye-Holman State Forest, Route 74,  
Willington, CT  
WHEN: Sunday, May 19, 1985  
TIME: 10:00 A.M. to 6 P.M. Rain or Shine

Bring your own food and beverage

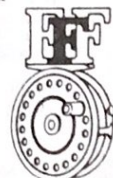
CFFA's 1985 Annual Outing will be held on Sunday, May 19, 1985 at the Willimantic River Trout Management Area. We will be at the Nye-Holman State Forest from 10:00 A.M. to 6 P.M. Bring your families and/or your fishing buddies and enjoy a hopefully nice day on the stream. There are no planned fly-tying or other demonstrations, but there is a good chance for a repeat of last year's casting contest, maybe even the blindfolded casting. There will also be 50 large trout stocked in the Trout Management area before the outing. Check with us before you go out to find out how they are tagged and how to report catching one of these special fish. See you at the outing!

### CFFA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Your Board of Directors is always concerned about how well the club is serving members' needs. We have tried suggestion boxes and discussion sessions in the past, but have never been able to reach the full membership. This year we are sending every member a short survey form, enclosed with this issue, which we hope everyone will complete and return. All responses will be kept confidential, and we will report the results in September. Bring it to the Outing, or send it to CFFA Survey, P.O. Box 18365, East Hartford, CT 06118. Please return your survey by June 1, 1985.

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## PHOTO CONTEST OUT---NEWSLETTER "ENCOURAGEMENT" IN

For the past few years we have sponsored a photo contest for pictures taken by members during the coming season. During this time we have gotten some really good photos--several of our winners have had photos published, and one has gotten an award from FFF. What we have not had is a high level of participation by the membership. We have therefore decided to set the photo contest aside, at least for now.

Our main emphasis this year will be to generate more articles, stories, cartoons, fly-tying tips, etc. for the newsletter. We have previously announced a newsletter contest in which anyone submitting material for the newsletter would be eligible for one or more prizes through a drawing to be held at the annual banquet. There is also to be an award for best article. We prefer to think of this as an "encouragement" rather than a contest, since everyone will gain something from the process. The authors will get something published, and possibly gain some financial reward. The members will get lots of good articles to read. Your editor will get lots of material to publish. We also gain because we can publish all of the articles, but are limited in using photos. A new fishing season is ahead of us, and the potential for interesting articles is unlimited. Have a good time fishing--then tell us all about it!

Also--don't forget to fill out and return your survey! This is really important to your Board of Directors and could change what we do as a club, and how we do it, next year. Have a great summer--see you in September (if not at the Outing).

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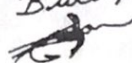
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UNTANGLING ANGLING

It was apparent on Good Friday morning that the weather forecast had not dampened the spirits of those individuals standing around at Nye Holeman State Forest. These hardy souls were here for the long overdue task of brush cutting and trail maintenance along the "Willi" fly fishing area. By the time the work detail was over, the sky was bright (temp around 60-65 degrees), the river looked inviting, and spirits were high. It felt good to meet some new people and renew old friendships. One individual told me that after being a member for four years, and not having a chance to make our meetings, he just felt that maybe we could use his help that day.

Our sincere thanks to these individuals for their time and efforts for making the "Willi" fly fishing area a better place to fish:

Ken Lerche	Steve Becker	Bruce Cole
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Major Eastern Hatch Sequence-Mayflies

The following information is reprinted from the April, 1983 issue of Gordon's Quill, the newsletter of the Theodore Gordon Flyfishers.

Name	Common Name	Size	Approx. Date
1) Baestis Vagans Cingulatus	Blue-Winged Olive	16,18	4/10 to early May
2) Epeorus Pleuralis	Quill Gordon	12,14	4/21 to 5/21
3) Paraleptophlebia Adoptiva	Blue Quill	16,18	4/23 to 5/21
4) Ephemerella Subvaria	Hendrickson	10,12	4/25 to 5/25
5) Ephemerella Invaria Rotunda	Hendrickson	12 14	5/15 to 6/14
6) Stenonema Vicarium	March Brown	10,12	5/15 to 6/14
7) Fuscum	Gray Fox	10,12	5/21 to 6/21
8) Ephemerella Dorothea	Sulphur	16,18	5/30 to 6/20
9) Epeorea Vitera	Sulphur	12,14	6/3 to 7/2
10) Ephemera Guttulata	Green Drake	6,8	6/3 to 6/4
11) Isonychia Bicolor	Dun Variant	8,10	6/10 to 7/7
12) Ephemerella Cornutta	Blue-Winged Olive	14	6/7 to 6/20
13) Attenuata		16,18	6/14 to 7/7
14) Stenonema Ithaca Canadense	Light Cahill	10,12 12,14	6/14 to 7/7
15) Ephemera Varia	Cream Variant	8,10	6/21 to 8/7
16) Potomanthus Distinctus	Cream Variant	8,10	6/21 to 8/7
17) Ephemerella Lata	Blue-Winged Olive	16,18	7/5 to 8/1
18) Pseudocloeon Carolina Dubium	Tiny B-W Olive	20,22 24,26	May, Aug. & Sept. July, Aug. & Sept.
19) Tricorythodes Atratus Stygiatus	White-Winged Black	24,26 28	Late June to Mid-Sept.

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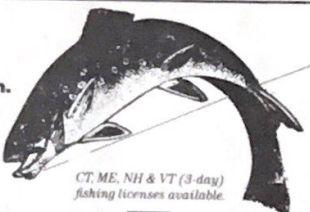
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## A SLIGHTLY STRETCHED CAST

by Michael A. Baio, Jr.

I had just finished with the fly fishing course CFFA had given. With opening day coming up quick I was psyched. Penny and I loaded up the truck and headed for the little river in Hampton where I met Charlie, the owner of the land on which we were to fish. Charlie put out his hand in a friendly gesture and so did I, never realizing that I would never play the violin again. Charlie clamped down on my hand, my little finger said hello to my index finger, my eyes bulged out and I said "I hope you don't milk the cows." Penny and I broke out the fly rods and began fishing down stream. We fished without a rise in sight, switching from wets to dries to nymphs.

On opening day I normally have my limit within the first half-hour of the season, but here it was 2:30 and I hadn't had a bite. I kept on fly fishing, but was overwhelmed by the need to catch a fish. Down on the ground went the fly rod as I dove for my spinning rod with my old faithful Panther Martin. Now remember I had been fly fishing all day, so my first cast with spinning tackle went right into the tree above the pool with deadly accuracy. My second cast was an improvement, I cast right into a bush. My third cast was even better, I hit the water. Half-way back I had a fish on. It was only a 10 inch river chub, but it was a fish. After gloating and releasing my fish I proceeded to fish again. About 20 minutes later I landed a 10 inch brown trout. I gently laid my spinning rod down beside my fly rod, and asked my fly rod what I was doing wrong. It didn't answer, so we packed up and left with the one fish.

The scuba club I belong to goes up to Lake George, NY where we dive for old bottles in the muck. Fishing rods always go along, so I've found a few good places to fish. Last spring I took Penny to fish for native trout in my favorite stream in the Adirondack State Park. We parked the van, put on our waders and I handed Penny my spinning rod with a small Panther Martin. She looked a little puzzled and said, "I thought we were going to fly fish?" Quick to respond, I said, "You want to catch fish, don't you?" We fished upstream, catching and releasing small trout and salmon smolts as we fought branches and black flies.

I hadn't given up on fly fishing, because in June a friend took Penny and I to the Yantic River. Since that section of the river was restricted to fly fishing, I had to leave my spinning rod at home. The waders went on and the three of us went upstream. I watched the mayfly hatch and after 20 minutes of watching the fish feed I decided to try and match the hatch. I put on a dry fly that was size 14 or 16, with a tan body and woodduck feathers or something like them for wings. I stripped out some line and laid my first cast in the middle of the head of the pool. After a short drift a trout nailed my fly. It was like catching my first fish! I even used my landing net, and this fish was only 8 inches long! We fished until dark, but I didn't take any more fish. I did lose 6 or 14 flies to the trees behind me. When we left, Penny had caught 2 trout, John had taken 5 trout and I had one trout and 6 to 14 trees. I haven't given up yet!

The following material is taken from newsletters of the Housatonic Fly Fishermans Association. The river flow and temperature number for 1985 is still 824-7861. Information changes daily at 8 AM.

Hatches and Flies

When there is no surface activity, the nymph form of the dominant fly of the period should be used. Caddis larva imitations and stone fly nymphs are always useful; the stone fly is best in the morning. Good streamer patterns include: black and gray ghost, muddler minnow, badger and grizzly matuka. A sinking line (or sink-tip) is needed for high water.

Sequence for the middle of May through early June

May-2nd week	Tan-Brown Caddis	size #14-18
3rd week	Green Caddis	#14-18
4th week	Light Cahill	#14-18
	Blue-Winged Olive	#16-18
	March Brown	#10-12
	dun hatch sporadic, spinner fall very heavy-should be fished.	
	Grey Fox	#10-12
	Green Drake	#10
	late evening best. #10 White Wulff works well.	
June-1st week	Alder Fly (fished wet and dry)	#12-14

The Alder, Blue-Winged Olive, Light Cahill and various Caddis Flies continue for weeks and months after emergence begins.

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


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## WEB-STYLE STREAMER FLY PATTERNS

by John J. Weber

One of the finest materials that is over-looked and under-used by flytiers and fishermen is marabou. It is God's gift to fishermen. When tied to imitate bait fish they are most deadly. There are three or four patterns in books today. The white, yellow and black marabou. The black one I tied in class years ago, but never fished it. The other two did not appeal to me. Why? Did you ever see a white, yellow or black bait fish? I haven't and I don't think you have either.

The point I am getting at is that Web-Style flies are tied to imitate bait fish in the water you fish. Match the color as close as possible with the marabou. Why? There are about 40 colors for dry, nymph and wet ones. Need I say more?

Here are two patterns I use most. (Hook 3665A, 6-12, weighted)  
Here are two patterns I use most, tied on 3665A hooks, sizes 6 to 12, weighted.

### Web-Calvert

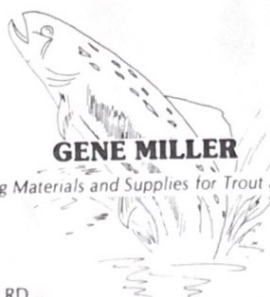
Body-Black floss with fine silver tinsel  
Tail-Black marabou  
Wing-Brown and olive mixed marabou, or dyed olive brown  
Throat-White marabou to the hook point, with an optional over-throat of red marabou, very short

### Web-Shiner

Body-Fine oval tinsel  
Wing-Black Marabou  
Throat-White marabou to the hook point, with an optional over-throat of red marabou, very short

Fish 'em fast, fish 'em slow, any way will go  
Fish 'em to the east, fish 'em to the west, any which way is best  
Fish 'em to the north, fish 'em to the south, He'll end up in a good fish mouth  
Fish 'em hard, fish 'em deep, till a good fish leaps  
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Fly of The Month

This pattern appeared in a recent issue of the HFFA newsletter.

**MARCH BROWN NYMPH**  
(Stenonema Vicarcium)

**Thread:** 7/0 Brown  
**Hook:** Mustad No. 9671 — Size 10  
**Tail:** Three cock pheasant fibers, ½ the length of hook  
Spread tails apart with tying thread.  
**Abdomen:** One strip of medium size lead wire on each side of hook. Otter fur, and amber seal fur. Mixed half and half. After spinning fur on abdomen, trim top and bottom to make it flat, trim sides to taper.

**Rib:** Copper wire.  
**Wing Case:** Dark Brown Turkey.  
**Thorax:** Same as body without rib. leave the guard hairs on thorax. Trim bottom of thorax flat.  
**Hackle:** Two turns of woodcock hackle, ½ length of hook.  
**Head:** Brown tying thread.  
Bend down barb of hook, and sharpen hook before starting to tie nymph.

This is a very effective pattern during the month of May, and the early part of June.

Further tips from Lionel Mac Donald: **Housatonic River**

The Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear, wet and the Montana Nymph are good, as is the Housatonic Special Streamer. An Alderfly wet, fished just under the surface also works well. Light Cahill and Grey Fox dries are recommended, and a # 10 Light Cahill can be used for the Green Drake.

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# 10 Streamer hook (1 1/4 in. long)  
Grey wool body  
White tail (Bucktail, etc.)  
1/4 body length  
Brown bucktail wing  
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ALDER FLY

# 10 dry fly hook  
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Caddis style wing of turkey  
wing  
Black hackle




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- 12 UPPER BRIDGE POOL
- 13 LOWER BRIDGE POOL
- 14 TALL PINES POOL
- 15 FOREST RUN
- 16 DEER RUN
- 17 SECOND ISLAND
- 18 SAND PIT RUN
- 19 GRAPE VINE POOL
- 20 ELBOW POOL
- 21 DOVE HOLLOW POOL & THIRD ISLAND
- 22 BANK POOL
- 23 HORSESHOE POOL
- 24 END FLY FISHING ONLY & NO-KILL
- 25 SECOND ABUTMENT
- 26 LABONTE BROOK
- 27 THE CULVERT
- 28 SCHOOLHOUSE BROOK
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- 32 ROUTE 74
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- 40 RIVER ROAD

MAP BY LONEL R MACDONALD

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MAY 1985 CALENDAR

- May 1 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4 Fishing School-On Stream Lesson
- 19 CFFA Outing-Willimantic River T.M. Area

COMING EVENTS

- Jun. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
- Jul. 3 Board of Directors Meeting
- Aug. 7 Board of Directors Meeting
- Sep. 4 Board of Directors Meeting
- 11 September CFFA Meeting

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