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Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association

Annual Banquet

- Program: CFFA Annual Banquet,
Speaker-Jim Bashline.
- Place: Sphinx Temple (next to the Grantmoor) on the
North-Bound Lane of the Berlin Turnpike in
Newington. See page 5 for directions.
- When: Saturday, February 7, 1987.
- Time: Cocktails--6:00 P.M.
Banquet --7:30 P.M.

Our 17th Annual Banquet will feature Jim Bashline, Associate Editor of Field & Stream magazine. Jim will present a slide program on trout and their environment. This will explain how trout adapt to their surroundings, and how the angler can adjust his or her techniques for optimum results.

The winner of the newsletter article prize will be selected at the Banquet, and we will have our usual conservation drawing. Anyone wishing to donate prizes for the drawing should contact 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 member of the Banquet Committee will record it along with your name and address. All Banquet donations will be acknowledged in a future Issue of Lines and Leaders.



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	2	3-13-87	Flies and Fish
	3	3-20-87	Water Types and How to Fish Them
	4	4-11-87	Casting Instruction and Fishing (pond)
	5	May	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.....\$ 25.00 Non-Members.....\$ 30.00

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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.

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CFFA 17th ANNUAL BANQUET

On Saturday, February 7, 1987, CFFA will hold its 17th Annual Banquet. Our guest speaker this year will be Jim Bashline, Associate Editor of "Field & Stream" magazine. Details of his program will appear in the January and February newsletters.

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 \$20.00 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."

DINNER RESERVATION

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From the Federation of Fly Fishers newsletter.

Book Review by Jim Ottarson

Tying Bugs and Flies for Bass by A.D. Livingston, J.B. Lippincott Company, 1977, 141 pp.

Livingston states a basic philosophy common to many of us in his preface, "It's more fun to fool a fish with an artificial lure than to catch one on artificial bait, and it's even more fun if the lure was made by the angler's own hand." He goes on to state more reasons to tie flies for bass, but I think that statement sums it up pretty well.

Livingston starts his book with rather easy forms of cork bugs, then discusses bug design and methods of dressing them. Part two is all about hair bugs and part three covers streamers, bucktails and flies. Finally, there's an appendix covering tools, materials and dealers in fly fishing equipment.

This volume is almost two different books (and perhaps it should have been). The sections on cork, balsa and hair bugs are excellent. They are detailed, well written and include excellent photographs. Additionally, there are a number of creative ideas that should please even the very knowledgeable diehard.

The following articles discuss amateur fly tying competitions that were held in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions. Although it is too late to enter, we thought you would like to know about them. And there's always next year.

Mid-Atlantic Fly Tying Classic

The East Jersey Chapter of T.U. and the management of the Suffern N.Y. Show sponsored an amateur fly tying competition called the Mid-Atlantic Fly Tying Classic. It is open to amateurs only, with amateurs defined as someone who has not earned more than \$1000 tying flies and who does not belong to a professional fly tying organization. There are five categories: dry fly, wet fly, nymph, streamer and salmon fly. Entrants may enter one or more categories, and tyers entering 4 of the 5 categories will be eligible for an overall prize.

The first round of judging was done by the East Jersey Chapter, by judges who did not know the identity of the tyers. Three finalists in each category must submit patterns from the final list to the manager of the Suffern Show by noon on February 28, 1987. They will also tie their final pattern under the eyes of the final judges (well known professional tyers) at the Suffern Show. There will be \$50 gift certificates for the winner in each category, and the overall winner will receive an HHM vise in addition.

SECOND ANNUAL NORTHEAST FLY TYING COMPETITION

A similar event for Northeastern fly tyers was announced in a recent issue of Fly Tyer magazine. This is sponsored by the United Fly Tyers and Eastern Fishing & Outdoor Exposition, and features seven categories. First round winners were chosen by mail, and the finalists appeared at the 11th Annual Eastern Fishing & Outdoor Exposition held at the Centrum, in Worcester.

CFFA member Gary Bogli teaches at the Timothy Edwards School in South Windsor. He submitted the following story, which was read to the students over the intercom at lunchtime.

ESCAPADES OF THE TIMOTHY EDWARDS FLYFISHERS
--April 30, 1986--

Yesterday five excited seventh graders ventured into an unknown--fly fishing the Willi. We stopped at the rest area off Route I-84, and the leader was immediately bombarded with questions. What fly? Willi? Is work? Where do I leave my bag? How do I tie it on? The answers were given in a foreign language: "streamers," "Hendrickson Spinner," "in the well," "improved clinch knot and double surgeons."

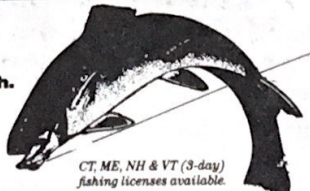
After much interpreting and many knots by Mr. Bogli, we approached our ultimate destination--the Willi. They were warned about its treachery, but they were eager to enter. They pried rocks from the bottom to find six-legged creatures staring back at them--nymphs of the mayflies, caddis and stoneflies. Anxious to get started on their ultimate quarry, they grabbed their weapons and began.

The Willi took its first victim. Bobby Barros was swallowed by the current but survived to become the first member of the Wet Waders Club this year. He was later joined by Brett Silverman and Ron Tedford.

We were lucky a spinner fall was occurring, so we quickly switched to dries. After a brief instruction, the leader proved it could be done by catching a trout on his first cast. Success came first to our only female member, Traci Dreher, as she landed a wiggling dace. "How do I get him off?" She made a valiant effort but was finally aided by our now celebrity leader who was able to extract the hook from the slimy creature. Shouts of success soon came from Brett, who also landed a silver sides.

As darkness approached we had to leave the Willi with its swift current, slippery bottom and wild-flowered banks. Each member had a tale to tell about fish missed, trees caught, an arm hooked. Doug Klenke and Traci Dreher had accomplished the ultimate fear--they remained dry on the Willi.

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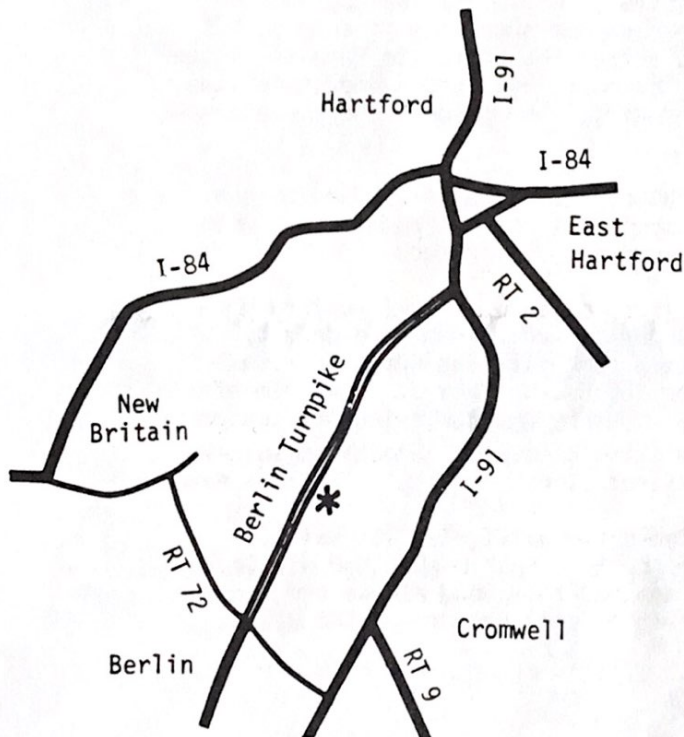
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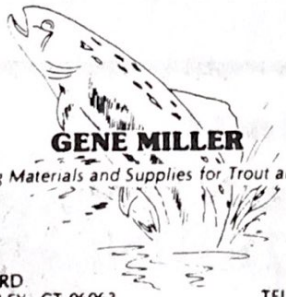


The 17th annual CFFA Banquet will be held at the Sphinx Temple located between the Grantmoor and Bradlees on the northbound lane of the Berlin Turnpike in Newington.

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.

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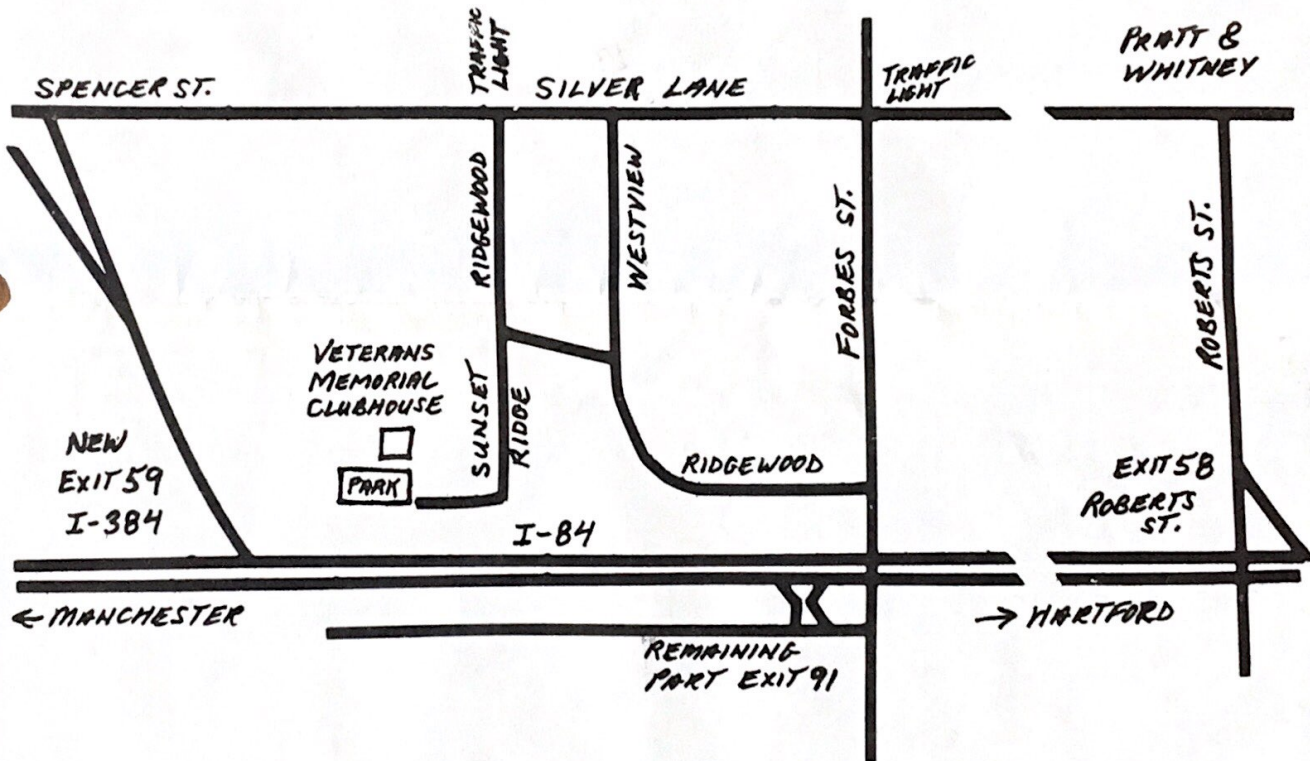
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