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Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association

Program: Fly Fishing Potpourri.  
Place: Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse, Sunset Ridge Dr., East Hartford, Connecticut.  
When: Wednesday, March 11, 1987.  
Time: Fly Tying--7:00 P.M.  
Program --7:30 P.M.

Leader to Line Splice--Elmer Latham  
Rod Care and Cleaning--Ed Roberts  
Making Fly Tying Tools--Leo Leggitt  
Fishing Vests--Lynn Smith  
Waders--Mark Philippe  
Fly Tying--Gary Steinmiller  
Net Making--Pete Trani  
Dying Materials--Ernie Boutiette  
Collecting Fishing Books--Dan Record  
Housatonic, Willimantic--Lionel MacDonald  
Shad Fishing--Jim May

Our program will begin with a short film, and then break up into the sessions which will repeat every 15 minutes. Chuck Phillips will be here to pick up Willi Diaries from those who forgot to bring them last time!

#### Last Notice on Membership Renewals

Second and third renewal notices have gone out, and those who did not renew will be dropped from the mailing list. If your issue has a red dot to the right of this notice, this will be your last newsletter unless you contact Membership Chairman Dick Lerche and renew.



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# THE CORNER POOL

Ed Fidrych

Larry Johnson

## Banquet Awards

Quite a few CFFA members received awards and gifts at our Annual Banquet, including outgoing President Elmer Latham and CFFA itself. Elmer was presented with the traditional CFFA gift of a handsome display case with an inscribed plaque and containing flies tied by CFFA members. However, in view of Elmer's extensive efforts for the club, the Board of Directors felt that something special was called for:

Elmer was very active in CFFA's former Eastern Council, has served a record seven year term as President, and, with his wife Dale, has handled your reservations for the Annual Banquets. If you've seen Elmer's den, you know that he doesn't need, or have much room for, more fishing gear. The Board gave Elmer a "Lion Trimmer," along with a gift certificate for both Elmer and Dale to an area restaurant. No, it's not a tool for trimming large kitty toenails. It is a very special tool for cutting precise angles in wood as in making picture frames. Elmer has had one of these on loan from Pete Trani for some time, and now he won't have to worry when the phone will ring with a request for its return.

The club also received a special gift from Elmer. He presented all of us with a beautiful walnut plaque with the CFFA logo and places for the names of quite a few past presidents (his own name will soon be added). This will be on display at our next meeting for all of you to see. In spite of being almost 20 years old, CFFA has not had that many presidents. Your homework question for the March meeting--"Who are the past presidents of CFFA, and when did they serve?"

The Scarlet Ibis Award is given to a member of the Board of Directors selected by the President for their service to the club. This year's recipient was Membership Chairman Dick Lerche. Dick was presented with a 9 ft. for 9 wt. graphite rod made by Ed Roberts. Dick was also the lucky winner of another Ed Roberts rod, for 3 or 4 wt. line, during the Conservation Drawing.

The Ted Barbieri Award, an inscribed Wheatley Fly Box, is given by the President to a non-Board member who has done special work for the club. This year Elmer decided to give two awards. One went to Ernie Boutiette, who has done a lot of work for our fly tying school, and the other went to Ed Roberts, who conducts our Rod Building School and assists with the Fly Fishing School as well, Congratulations to all of you!!!

The final awards were two gift certificates for CFFA members who wrote articles for the newsletter published in 1986. Our newsletter cannot last without contributions from the membership, and this is an editor's "thank you" for their work. The winners are chosen at random, with more frequent contributors having a better (but only one) chance of winning. This year's winners, drawn from the famous Bass shoe box by guest speaker Jim Bashline, were Lionel MacDonald and Gary Steinmiller. Many thanks, as well, to everyone else who contributed material.

## The Future of Lines and Leaders

by Larry Johnson, Editor

I have been the editor of Lines and Leaders for almost eight years, since the fall of 1979, when Ed Fidrych and I took over as co-editors. Because I have felt that change would be good both for myself and the newsletter, I agreed to be a nominee for the Vice President's position vacated by Gary Bogli. I now find myself with two full-time jobs, and only one full-time to do them in. I am therefore posting a want ad for an editor or editors to take over the newsletter. My goal is to receive a September, 1987 issue of Lines and Leaders that someone else has put together.

The work is not as complicated as you might think. There is a set process and schedule, and someone else does the printing, collating and mailing. The editor selects material, does some editing and typing, and spends one evening per issue cutting and pasting. There is a complete set of past issues, including much original copy you can reuse; we receive a good selection of newsletters from all over the country; and members submit new material each year. It can be as simple or as complex as one person or a committee wants it to be, and I will still be around to explain how I did things and help out with your first few issues.

Getting the newsletter out is an important club function. It is our only contact with the entire membership, and with other clubs as well. The deadlines are known in advance, and a lot of the work can be done in spare moments. If you're interested, talk to me at the March meeting or give me a call at 246-0728.

### Member Classified

CFFA member Ernie Boutiette has more than 800 flies for sale. Popular patterns and sizes. Some streamers with genuine jungle cock. More than 385 dries including mayflies, caddis and wulfs. Plus nymphs and stoneflies. All for \$250. Extra bonus lot for buyer. These are extra flies that Ernie has tied during the past year or so. See him at the meeting, or give him a call at 289-3605.

### Fly of The Month

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

#### **MARCH BROWN NYMPH** (Stenonema vicarium)

**Thread:** 7/0 Brown  
**Hook:** Mustad No. 9671 -- Size 10  
**Tail:** Three cock pheasant fibers,  $\frac{2}{3}$  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,  $\frac{1}{5}$  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.

## Hatches and Flies for the Housatonic

### 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

### 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.

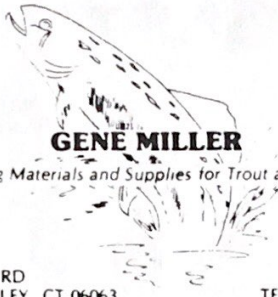
#### HOUSATONIC SPECIAL

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

#### ALDER FLY

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

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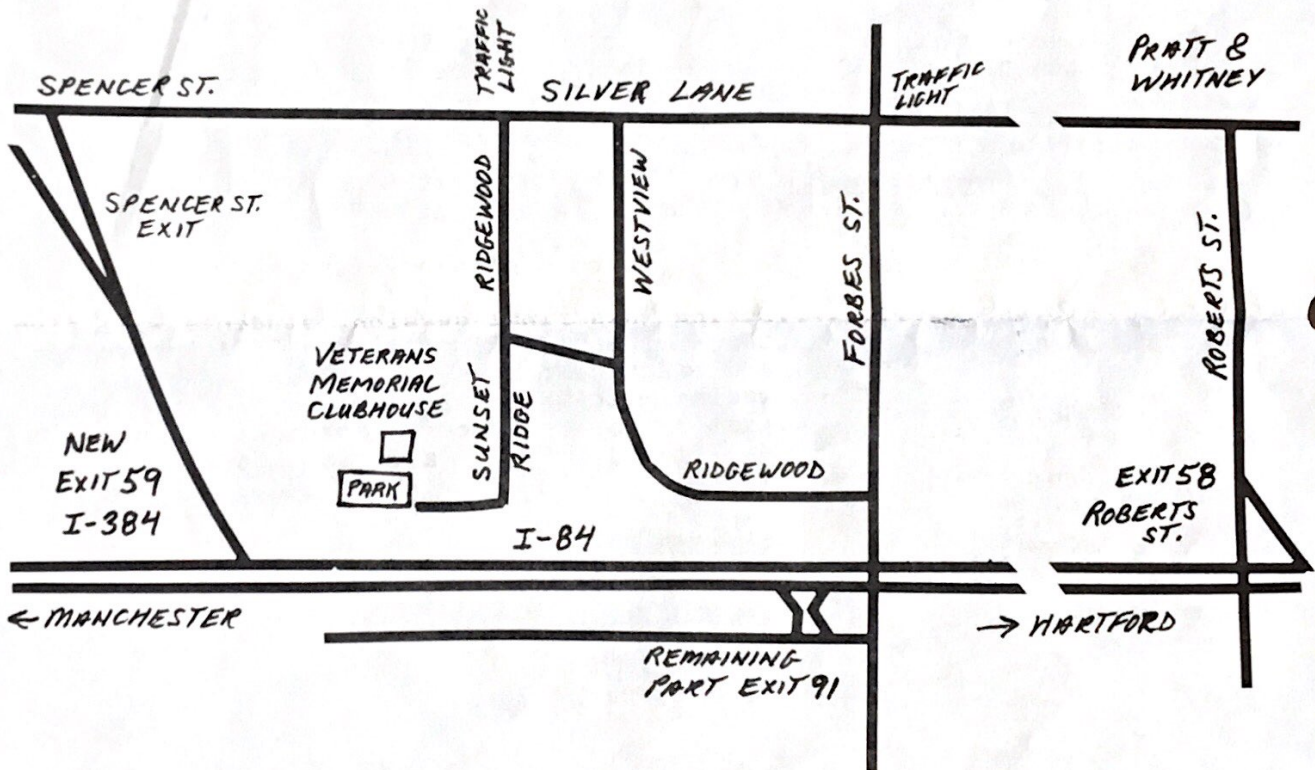
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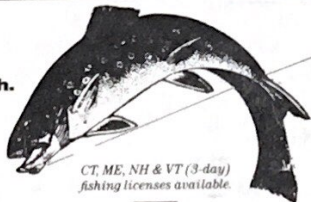
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	2	3-13-87	Flies and Fish
	3	3-20-87	Water Types and How to Fish Them
	4	4-11-87	Casting Instruction and Fishing (pond)
	5	May	Fishing a Stream - (3-5 students per instructor)

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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