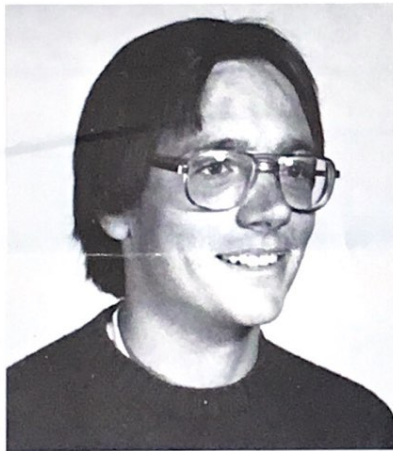




LINES & LEADERS

NEWSLETTER OF THE CONNECTICUT FLY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION



January Meeting—

Subject: Saltwater Fly Fishing from the Sound to the Carribean

Place: Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse, Sunset Ridge Dr., East Hartford, CT.

When: Wednesday, January 13, 1988

Time: Fly Tying—7:00 P.M.
Program—7:30 P.M.

Tom Shubat, President of the 'Compleat Angler' shop in Westport, Conn. will present a slide show about saltwater fly fishing from the Sound to the Carribean. He is a guide and the writer of many articles for leading fishing magazines.

Member Profile

Our member in the spotlight this month is Don Phillips. Don has been a member since 1971.

A fisherman for most of his life, Don has made a contribution to our sport in research and development of boron as a fibre for rod production. Don has had hands-on experience with boron and graphite fibres since they were first introduced. In the mid-60's Don was involved with inventing the process for making boron fibres; scaling up a research activity to a production operation at Hamilton Standard.

He operated his own one man company, FlyCraft Associates, for several years. Don's output of fly rods is in excess of 700 over a 15 year period, shipping many of them all over the world.



Don's current project is a fly fishing magazine information service.

Don says, "In preparation for an extended tour of the Rockies a few years ago I reviewed my magazine files, and

vowed not to repeat that exercise again, and further to develop a data base and computer program that would do the sifting and sorting for me. Currently the system is fully operational for Fly Fisherman, Rod and Reel, Flyfisher, Trout and Flyfishing magazine. The data base is now available to others and is an excellent resource for those who are: looking for data on rivers, fly patterns, etc. . . . planning trips . . . writing articles or books . . . doing personal research."

The writer of many articles on fly fishing, the holder of two U.S. patents and a consultant to rod manufacturers, Don lives with his wife Dee in Windsor Locks.

If you would like to know more of Don Phillips and boron rods, there is an interesting and informative interview with Don published in the winter '88 edition of FlyTyer Magazine.

A CALL TO THE BANQUET TABLE

by Vin Ringrose

Something has happened to our winter banquet.

Anyone who has been around CFFA for more than a couple of seasons can plainly see that our attendance has fallen off by at least 10 or 15 percent. At least 25 or 30 fewer attendees have been appearing on the first Saturday in February.

This is sad, because the banquet has traditionally been the rallying point for our year's efforts from an emotional standpoint, and it is our only real way to raise any significant money above our dues level.

When we held our first banquet at Valle's in 1969, Ted Barbieri was our first President, and Ted Rogowski of the Theodore Gordon Flyfishers was our first celebrity speaker. We were also entertained by our very first look at a just-released film called "The Way of a Trout". About 80 people were present and we considered the evening a rousing success for several reasons, not the least being that we made several hundred dollars via our raffle, and we were finally solvent. No longer would we have to operate on the deep-pocket gratuities of a few anonymous members!

As the years went by our banquet continued to grow as we brought in all the superstars of fly fishing, some of them more than once, to inform and entertain our members and guests. Paralleling our artistic successes at the banquet, our raffle became so successful that it was never necessary to raise our original dues until our 18th anniversary. I know of no other club like ours that ever came close to such a long period of dues stability.

Now, however, 1988 is upon us. This is our twentieth banquet, and we are approaching middle age as clubs go. We can't afford to settle into a self-satisfied complacency, staying home to let others do it for us. The leadership of CFFA needs your emotional support and enthusiasm, and frankly, we need your financial support at the raffle. Our speaker this year, Jack Fallon, is one of the bright new stars of the fishing banquet circuit. If you haven't heard him before, you owe it to yourself to come, and if you have heard him — bring a friend. On second thought, bring a friend in any event — we can use him in CFFA, too.

Hope to see you all on February 6th!

"From the Vest of the President"



I hope you are having a wonderful holiday season. May the new year bring you many memorable fishing experiences.

This is traditionally the time to set goals or make resolutions. What are mine? First I would like to see more members become actively involved even if it is only once a year. You will feel more a part of CFFA and enjoy your membership to a greater extent. If we are not getting to you, please seek out one of the Board members to make your feelings known. A second goal would be to help members increase their fly fishing proficiency. We will provide a form for you to fill out at our January meeting. With this information the Club can set up seminars to address those perceived problems.

The following are some of my personal goals. I will fish the new trout management area on the Farmington River. I will explore and fish a new stream (maybe

the Connecticut River). When taking my junior high students fishing I will leave my fly rod in the car and spend more time helping the kids. I will tie only the flies I plan to use for the coming season and enough to last the season. Can you imagine that? I will use the proper leader for the flies I am fishing and not just make do with what is presently attached. I will not mention fishing around my wife or in my classes at school. Well, enough of my fantasies. How about you? You must have better ones! Why don't you sit down and make your list then send it to your Newsletter. We will publish the most outrageous ones.

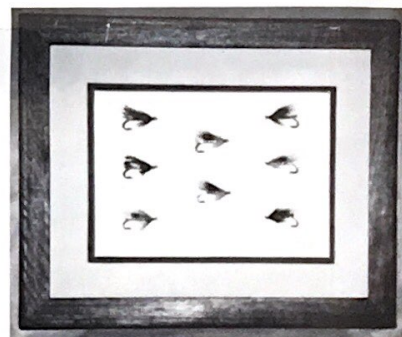
Help support your club and come join us for a great evening February 6th at the Annual Banquet. See you there.

Happy Hatches,

Gary L. Bogli

J. EDSON LEONARD DONATES FLIES TO CFFA

Impressed with the membership of CFFA Mr. Leonard has donated the Cosseboom Series of Salmon Flies to our club for use at our annual fund raising banquet. The series consists of the original pattern, The Margaret, and six other color variations. They have been pin mounted and framed by the duo of Peter Tranni and George Degen. On the back of the frame the patterns will be documented. Plan on some extra bucks toward this prize as it surely will be a valuable collectors item.



Tying the Finest Floating Dry Fly

By John J Weber

Place a 12 or 14 size hook, no. 94840, in your vise. Tie in the wings and hackle, tie the tail in.

Now take a sheet of (closed cell) poly foam, which should be no thicker than .040., cut a strip 1/8" wide and as long as the sheet. Wrap the body with the

foam strip, leave room for your dubbing. Now wrap your dubbing material. Wind your hackles and tie in, whip finish.

1. Closed cell foam won't entrap water
2. Fly floats better
3. Less false cast
4. More time fly will be on the water
5. More fish

John J Weber

The FFF Eastern Council News

Conclave 1987

The annual gathering showed a huge attendance increase. Many, diverse programs were presented, the Youth Program was very successful, the Executive and Directors Meetings produced a lot of positive results. Other highlights included an outstanding outdoor photography show by Lefty Kreh, author of a soon to be released book on the subject, Lefty's casting clinic, Dave Whitlock's warm waters program and Gary Borger's talk on stream tactics. The Conclave also featured a great assemblage of most of the finest fly-tyers in America, some 45 tying for three days. You missed a good one if you weren't there. Conclave 1988 will be held in Livingston, Montana, August 8-11.

Industry Giants Fight Acid Rain

Three giants of the outdoor field, Coleman, Winchester and Zebco, have agreed to participate in a joint effort to reverse the effects of acid rain on selected American water resources. The program involves a special promotion in which each manufacturer will contribute a portion of revenues derived from sales of pre-determined products to the FishAmerica Foundation, Washington, D.C. The Foundation has been successful in funding action-oriented projects submitted by responsible local organizations to offset the effects of acid rain on lakes and watersheds.

Key to the success of the program is the cooperation of over 70 newspapers and magazines that have agreed to run advertisements promoting the program at

no cost. Total circulation of the publications ranging from *Field and Stream* to *Gun World* exceeds 20 million. Congratulations to the three firms and the publications for this monumental effort at addressing outdoor enemy number one.

Legislative Hotline

Here's a number every club can use: (202) 737-2024. It gets you a tape recording, updated Tuesdays and Fridays, with the latest information on progress in environmental issues being considered at the federal level. The National Wildlife Federation sponsors the hotline.

TACKLE-FLIES-SCHOOL

Ernest Boutiette

I would like to make one thing clear at the beginning of this article. I am an average fly fisherman knowing a little about rods, reels and equipment; but I do pride myself as a darn good fly tyer as I have been at it for 40 years tying commercially for most of this time; but this article is not about myself. It is about flies and their importance. Any time two or more fly fisherman get together the talk turns to tackle. First, rods will be the subject with each expounding on the merits of any of a hundred different rods. As a rule no two will agree. Next will be reels, Ross, Hardy, etc. Again, no two will agree. Next, lines. As Scientific Angler advertises that they manufacture over 300 different lines, I doubt if anyone can voice anything but personal preference. Next, waders, boot foot, stocking foot, neoprene, etc. Again personal preference. Let us break down cost. A graphite rod at \$250.00. Reels and extra spools \$200.00 - \$500.00. Lines \$25.00 each. Waders \$150.00 each. Jacket, net, etc. \$200.00. Let us assume that the average fly fisherman steps into the river with a minimum of \$500.00 worth of equipment on him. The equipment may as well be hanging in the store as it is useless without the cheapest part of his equipment, the fly. Now you are in my corner. The people in the before mentioned conversations never discuss flies unless mentioning on that caught fish on a given day.

The main gist of this article is aimed at the fly fisherman who buys instead of making his own flies. It is rare to go into any fishing store and find well tied flies. Most are made by women in foreign countries who have no idea of their use. You will see streamers with bulky head, wings poorly tied, and so overdressed that they are only a glob of feathers coming through the water, nymphs, so tied are worse. They are generally poorly made and the patterns do not conform to the nymphs found in our area. Bodies generally are of wool as a person can tie a dozen much faster than dubbing a fur body and it is the translucency in fur. That makes a fur nymph so effective.

Dry Flies.

These are generally the poorest tied. Most have large heads, oversized hackle, wings at any old angle, and body and hackle color not conforming to what we see on local streams. If you do buy; try to find a store that sells flies tied by a local tyer. The only way to know what you are buying is to attend a fly tying class. I believe that whether a fly fisherman never ties a fly, he should see how they are made and he will no longer waste his money on bad ones. the best investment you can make is to attend the CFFA fly tying class. This winter, you will not only learn about flies; but will get enough

fishing talk to get you over the winter doldrums. All our instructors are expert tyers and can answer any questions put to them. As a tyer and instructor at our classes, I always boost our tying class as I whole heartily believe that it is the best buy in town. I am also the number one booster for our learn to fly fish class. A class at one of the major sporting store outlets will cost in excess of \$300.00 At the CFFA class, you will learn as much for only a few dollars and be taught by fisherman who are expert in this field. The ultimate is to catch fish on a fly you have tied and a rod you have made. We also have a rod building class taught by a professional rod maker. As you can see our club has much to offer you this winter. So join one or all classes and the winter will fly by.

Your Club at Work

On November 15, 1987 a conservation work party met in Nye Holnam State Forest to assemble 56 foot of raised walkway over the swamp. The bridge replaced the existing structure which was beyond point of repair. Karl Sentivany and myself (Mike Baio) designed and created the modular bridge which consisted of seven eight-foot sections which were built in my back yard in Old Lyme, CT. Then we trucked them to Nye Holman for final assembly.

The assembly group deserves a lot of praise for they worked hard and accomplished a task which over time will protect the environment. My goal is to have people use the provided walk way way instead of trudging through the swamp disturbing the vegetation.

Special thanks to Warren Sentivany, the photographer who supplied the photos, and the work party: Karl Sentivany, Bob Martinchek, Paul Croteau, Jim

Bryan, Bub Russel, Frank Wankerl, Steve Becker, and the unknown worker who left before we were able to get his name, and myself.

Thank you
Michael A. Baio, Jr.
Conservation Chairman



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CFFA comments, suggestions, etc ...

Check if you do not want your name put on a mailing list.

Please check any committee you are now on or wish to be on.

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If you haven't received your renewal form for 1988 CFFA membership and yours expires in December 1987 - then by all means use the Renewal Form shown below:

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Thanks
 Dick Lerche
 Membership Chairman

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CLASSES:

| No. | Date | Subject |
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| 2 | 3-11-88 | Flies and Fish |
| 3 | 3-18-88 | Water Types and How to Fish Them |
| 4 | 4-09-88 | Casting Instruction and Fishing (pond) |
| 5 | May | Fishing a Stream (3-5 students per instructor) |

LOCATION:

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| (Classes, 1, 2, 3) | 7:00 P.M. in the Veterans Memorial Clubhouse (lower level), Sunset Ridge Drive, East Hartford, CT. |
| (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 practise course techniques (approach, wading, stream reading, etc.). <i>Note:</i> 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

CFFA FFS ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

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, CT 06516.

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For additional information contact Larry Johnson, V.P. Promotion, 60 Willard Street, Hartford, CT 06105. Phone (203) 246-0728.

WANTED

Someone to work under the direction of the program chairman to assist in the recruitment of tiers for before the meetings. Help to set up a list of people willing to serve at the door so no one person has to do it every month. Occasionally purchase the door prizes. Stand in for the program chairman and meet and entertain the speaker should the need ever arise.

George E. Degen
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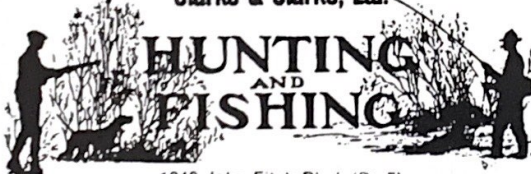
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Lawrence's Jack Fallon to address Club Banquet

Noted Angler Jack Fallon will take us fishing in Ireland for Atlantic salmon, brown trout and sea trout. He will start out with a tour of the Island, moving on to discuss how to get there, where to stay and where to fish. The costs involved will be related to those dream trips to Alaska and he will show that you can get there in less time and by comparison do it relatively inexpensively. This should be a colorful portrayal of the Emerald Isle, something for all to enjoy and brought to us by a gentleman who has a wonderful way with words. It is my hope that you will support the banquet, remembering that it is our primary source of funds for the coming year.

*George E. Degen
Program Chairman*

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**CFFA 18th Annual Banquet
Feb. 6th, 1988**

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

Date _____

I will require reservation for _____ persons at \$20.00 per person.

Check or Money Order in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.

(Please make payable to "CFFA.")

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Mail your reservation now – Phone reservations will not be accepted. – We must have your reservations by January 31, 1987 – Tickets will not be available at the door.

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Mark Your Calendar

Dates for 1988 CFFA Schools

NOTE: All classes meet at the Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse, except those noted by an asterisk (*).

FLY TYING SCHOOL:

January, 1988
8
15
22
29
February, 1988
5
26

FLY FISHING SCHOOL:

March, 1988
4
11
18
April, 1988
*9 (Casting Instructions)
May, 1988
*Date to be Determined (Fishing A Stream)

CFFA BANQUET – Feb. 6th, 1988

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