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# LINES & LEADERS

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NEWSLETTER OF THE CONNECTICUT FLY FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL OUTING

SATURDAY JUNE 3, 1989

ON THE FARMINGTON RIVER

11:30 AM

Hot dogs, Hamburgers etc. will be served

SEE DIRECTIONS PAGE 3

PLEASE CALL BRUCE COLE FOR YOUR RESERVATION

TELEPHONE: 693-2250

RAIN DATE IS SUNDAY JUNE 4

## "From the Vest of the President"

Now that all the streams are open, how are you doing? I hope you did better opening day than I did. I felt no pressure to begin fishing early so I made a leisurely jaunt to the Willi at ten. To my surprise virtually no one was there. I began above the island near the west bound rest area and worked my way down to the lower highway pool in the next four hours. It is a good thing no one was there (actually I encountered seven others) because I looked and felt like a beginner. My hooking ratio was very heavily weighted to trees over fish. My one conquest was an 11 inch brown caught on a gold ribbed hare's ear fished dead drift with a strike indicator. I am working to improve my nymphing technique this year. There seems to be a plethora of "how to" information now available on this subject.

I fished the "Willi" four more times the following week with less than bragging results. The water was high during this time but gradually receded while the water temperature was rising to a high of 58 degrees. The Hendrickson hatch seemed to be improving but few fish were rising. Why was the fishing so slow? I have my own nonscientific theory - a northwest wind. I cannot recollect any successful stream fishing under this condition. How about you? Have you had similar experiences? I will try to include the direction of the wind in my diary from now on. I managed 3 on a Hare's Ear Monday, none Tuesday, two on a pheasant tail Wednesday and one on a Hendrickson dry Friday.

The days were sunny and the conversations pleasant so it was all worthwhile. Wednesday I took two you boys, members of my fly fishing club, to Mt. Hope and the Willimantic. Rob, who had never been fly fishing, caught a nice brookie on the first fly he ever tied. Included in his rookie success, however, was his baptism in "the wet waders club". I hope your fishing has been as much fun but more fish-filled.

## FROM THE VEST Continued

Where are the flies? I still have only 20 of the 100 dozen I need. Come on it's not too much to ask. It is something YOU can do for your club. Mark Phillippe has taken over the Program Committee and is looking for a few people to help. We have the nucleus of a banquet committee but could use someone who has an apple computer and a printer to help with the solicitation letters which are now on Appleworks.


Make sure you contact Bruce Cole if you're interested in the Pulaski trip this fall and the outing on the Farmington River June 3.

Kudos to Dan Record for his fine job as Education Chairman. He is stepping down after many dedicated years. Wally Murray will take over in the fall and he too could use some help. We just graduated 40 students from our fly fishing school which means we have helped over 500 neophytes learn the pleasures of our sport.

This will be the last newsletter until September so send me those flies and have a wonderful summer.

Happy Hatches

Gary Bogli

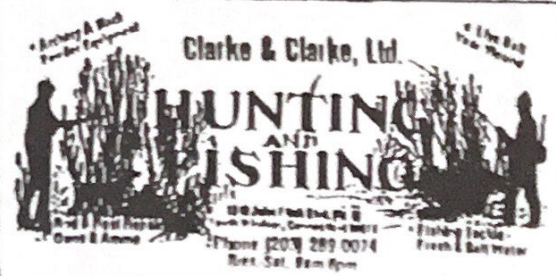


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## ANNUAL SPRING OUTING

This year's CFFA Spring Outing will be held at the People's State Forest, Matthies Grove Recreation Area, in Barkhamsted. Despite earlier announcements, the outing will be held on Saturday June 3 with a rain date of Sunday June 4. Starting time is 11:30 AM.

This is an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with the new trout management area on the Farmington River. For non-anglers, the interesting town of Riverton is just a mile or two up the road. The CFFA will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, sodas, chips and salads - you supply the appetite. There is no charge. All CFFA members and their families are welcome. PLEASE PHONE BRUCE COLE AT 693-2250 AND TELL HIM IF YOU ARE ATTENDING.

### DIRECTIONS

From center of New Hartford, take Route 44 WEST 1.4 miles. Turn right at the sign for Riverton and turn right onto the steel bridge crossing the Farmington River. (The steel bridge is opposite the Pleasant Valley General Store.) Immediately after the bridge turn left and continue 1.1 miles to the Matthies Grove Recreation Area. The entrance will be clearly marked and there will be signs pointing to the CFFA outing. SEE YOU THERE!

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AMFF OPENING/RECEPTION HONORING WILDLIFE ARTIST PETER CORBIN

FRIDAY JUNE 9, 1989

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ALSO

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- 5 LAUREL FLATS
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- 7 TARZAN POOL
- 8 THE ISLAND
- 9 THE FLATS
- 10 ABUTMENT POOL
- 11 BOULDER POOL
- 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
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