

LINES & LEADERS

NEWSLETTER OF THE CONNECTICUT FLY FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER MEETING

SPEAKER: J. EDSON LEONARD

PLACE: VETERAN'S MEMORIAL CLUBHOUSE, SUNSET
RIDGE DR., EAST HARTFORD, CT.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1989

TIME: FLY TYING-7:00 P.M.

PROGRAM-7:30 P.M.

OCTOBER MEETING

The October CFFA meeting will feature Mr. J. Edson Leonard as the guest speaker. An expert fly fisherman and fly tyer, he has fly fished for a wide variety of species from salmon to striped bass. His books include the best selling classic *Elies*, as well as, *A Feather in the Breeze*, and *The Essential Ely Tyer*. The last time he appeared at the CFFA, Mr. Leonard touched all in attendance with his special warmth and presentation. This is a meeting not to be missed!

Mark Philippe, Program Chairman

FROM THE VEST OF THE PRESIDENT

RANDOM CASTS

PLEASE BRING YOUR DOZEN FLIES TO THE OCTOBER MEETING

The end of summer is a very busy time for me, soccer, school, getting three young adults back to college. My fishing is limited but I did manage a few trips.

My last two ventures to the Farmington were interesting. I have been wanting to find out if I could lip hook trout with worms. The answer is yes and no. Fifty to sixty percent of the trout I caught were hooked too deep. I had to cut the leader to release them. This verifies my hypothesis that bait fishing should not be allowed in Trout Management Areas. Bait fishing diminishes the number of trout in a stream to a much greater degree than fly fishing. My second trip was almost uneventful only four trout; it was very slow.

Mark Philippe and I spent three days fishing on Martha's Vineyard near the end of August. The experience can be summed up by that all too familiar phrase "You shoulda been here last week". The week before, according to Coop, they were catching strippers literally by the hundreds on flies. We fished Lobsterville Beach to Wasque Point to Menemsha and from the Edgartown light to Big and Little Bridges all with the same results - zilch. If it wasn't for bad luck we wouldn't have any. Actually the weather was great, we stayed in a beautiful new house, and I had a nice visit with my daughter who worked on the island for the summer. You know how I have this propensity to loose or lock my keys in the car? Well I did it again. After the car was parked aboard the ferry Mark and I went topside for the ride across Vineyard Sound. We had just about gotten settled, when we heard an announcement; "will the owner of Connecticut license IFISH report to his car the motor is running and your keys are locked inside." Mark, knowing my reputation had previously requested another set of keys anticipating such a situation. So somewhat chagrined I descended the narrow iron stairs to my car.

Where was my rod when I needed it? On Sunday September 24 some friends and my wife and I were walking on Charlestown Beach in Rhode Island. Suddenly a school of blues caused panic and pandemonium in a pod of bait fish. I could see birds circling wildly right next to the edge of the water and white splashes twenty feet out. I ran to the spot and was entertained but frustrated watching three people hook blues on every cast. I could see the fins of the blues slashing through the first wave where I could have easily reached them with a fly. Oh well it was a spectacular day, warm, sunny and clear; so clear "The Block" looked within casting distance.

Good luck to all you fall fishermen. The hatches (baetis and pseudocloeon) should provide plenty of action. I hope the salmon fishing is great and that the weather is comfortable in Polaski.

Please help out when you can - BRING YOUR DOZEN FLIES

*Happy Hatches,
Henry*

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 1989

9 AM

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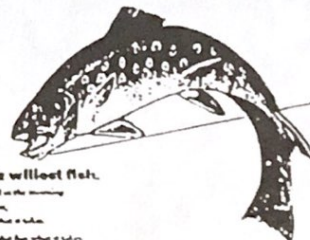
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