



# LINES & LEADERS

Newsletter of the Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association  
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## SEPTEMBER MEETING

**Lou Tabory**

### "Saltwater Fly Fishing"

Lou is a well known fly caster and fly fisherman from Connecticut. He has written articles for Fly Fisherman Magazine. He has taken striped bass on a fly rod up to 40+lbs. This program should be of great interest to all who fly fish the salt and those who would like to get started in this exciting sport.

**PLACE:** Veteran's Memorial Hall,  
Sunset Ridge, E. Hartford

**DATE:** Wed., September 12, 1990

**TIME:** Fly Tying - 7:00pm  
Program - 7:30 pm

Our new address is:

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## From the Vest of the President



Welcome back to another fine year of CFFA programs and activities. We're starting off with our new computer enhanced newsletter and a salt water fly fishing program by Lou Tabory. We also already have enough students to definitely have a rod building class this fall, and we will be having a speaker at our next annual banquet. We will also have a booth again at the Hebron Harvest Festival on September 6-9. Not a bad start to the year!

I hope that all of you have had a good summer, with lots of fishing adventures to tell us about at meetings and perhaps in Lines & Leaders. Actually, since I'm writing this in early August, our summer adventures are far from over, but tighter newsletter deadlines are part of the price we must pay for a better newsletter. At this point, I have not yet done any river bass fishing, but there's plenty of time left for that. I did fish the Willi and Farmington in Connecticut, and the Williams River and Battenkill in Vermont. The high point of my fishing so far this summer was finally managing to be on Lobsterville Beach on Martha's Vineyard when the blues and stripers were actually hitting. I hope that a future high point will be repeating the experience with a fly rod instead of a surf rod.

We all benefit from CFFA's quality programs, activities, and newsletters, and we need your help to maintain that level of quality. We still have openings for a Banquet Chairman and Education Chairman, and unfortunately we now have an opening for Membership Chairman as well. Neil Bantly was planning on retiring from Stanley Works and spending some time on the board, but the company made him an offer he couldn't refuse and he will continue working for them in the far east for another 18 months. This is a good move for Neil, but he was just getting settled in as membership chairman, and he will be missed. These are all important positions, and we want to fill them as soon as possible. If you are interested in a specific position, or just want to know more about what they involve, speak to me or any board member at the September meeting.

Tight lines,

Larry Johnson

The Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association, Inc. is organized "To Preserve and Promote the Pleasures and Tradition of Fly Fishing and to Conserve Game-Fish Waters." CFFA membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May. Meetings are held at the Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse, Sunset Ridge Drive, East Hartford, CT.

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**(you can leave a message)**



## AMFF Auction Dinner

Thursday November 1, 1990

5:30 pm Cocktails  
7:00 pm dinner

### Wampanoag Country Club

#### Directions:

**From West:** Take Route I-84 East to Exit 43 (Park Road, West Hartford Center), a left-hand exit. At the end of the ramp at light turn left onto Park Road. Go to the second light which is South Main Street. Turn right. Drive 3.3 miles through town, to Wampanoag Drive and make a left (at the sign for Northwest Catholic High School). Wampanoag Country Club is at the end of the street. Make the first right after the tennis courts.

**From East:** Take Route I-84 West to Exit 43 (Park Road, West Hartford Center) which is a right-hand exit. Follow directions "From West."

**From South:** Take Route I-95 to Route I-91 North to Hartford. Get off at Exit 32 (Route 84 West/Main Street), which is a left-hand exit. Follow overhead signs for Route 84-West to the traffic light. Stay on the left at light, proceed straight ahead at light onto Route 84. Follow directions "From East."

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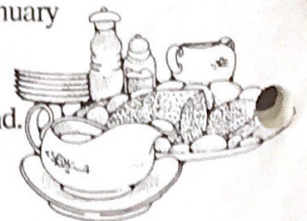
## Watch For . . .



Fly Tying School in November

Fly Fishing School in January

CFFA Banquet on February 2nd.



## An Opening Day to Remember

In the first minute of fishing on Roaring Brook - and it was roaring and fat with water Opening Day - I caught a small trout. I threw it back, fished for another three hours, and had not one more nibble! But it made no difference to me. Walking along a favorite stream in early spring was treat enough. Memories of past triumphs and failures were there.

I stepped on the rock from which my son Danny, then age 5, came rushing 16 years ago, yelling in excited terror, "Daddy, Daddy, I've caught a LOBSTER!!!" Closer inspection showed it to be a large crayfish. Of course down in New Orleans a mess of those crawdads would have been served up as a mighty sweet meal that day, but I doubt you could have convinced Danny that people would actually want to eat one.

Upstream from there I fished a stretch where, on another cloudy day, I was certain I had come face to fin with the largest fish of my life. A glistening hump undulated in the pool six feet ahead of me. I was shaking as I got ready to cast to the spot, and suddenly the largest-fish-of-my-life (surely a confused salmon) turned into a beaver, swimming right toward me with a tender branch in its mouth. We respected each other's privacy but spent a minute inspecting one another before parting. "Good God," I thought, "they used to make HATS out of your KIN." The beaver shot back lower-order mammalian thoughts at me, but I could not understand them.

Downstream later in the day, hoping that the dripping trees I kept brushing against harbored no ticks of the Lyme Disease variety, I reached the spot of a genuine triumph. I had been talked into taking a neighbor's visiting brother fishing. You know how it goes - the resident fisherman is thought to know all the best spots (in reality the resident is a poor slob like you or me who just gets by, most days). Gesturing blithely toward a stretch I'd fished a week before without any success I said, "Try over there, Peter." He caught a 20 inch, two and a half pound behemoth of a trout. I can't count the number of times he thanked me during the rest of his visit. Ah fame! For a short while back in King of Prussia, PA, my name as Connecticut's premier fishguide was supreme - or so I've been told.

How can a fellow not enjoy Opening Day on such a stream, even though he be skunkerooed?\*

Mike O'Neil

\* def. skunk•a•roo•ed: (Sopus Indian) meaning, spirit of polecat has taken the fish you would have caught and so you have none.



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**CLASSES:** There will be five classes. Classes will meet on the following Thursday evenings, at 7PM in the Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse (lower level), Sunset Ridge Drive, East Hartford, CT. Directions to the Clubhouse are provided on the reverse of this form.

CLASS No. 1: September 13, 1990

CLASS No. 2: October 11, 1990

CLASS No. 3: October 25, 1990

CLASS No. 4: November 1, 1990

CLASS No. 5: November 8, 1990

**INSTRUCTOR:** E.F. ROBERTS, Custom Rod Builder

**ROD SELECTION:** Your choice of the following rods:

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8 foot 5/6 line Graphite

9 foot 7/8 line Graphite

**CLASS SIZE:** Limited to 10 students

**REGISTRATION:** Because of the small class size registration is by MAIL ONLY on a first come first served basis. Ed Roberts will be at the September members meeting to answer any questions relative to rod selection and material costs. Ed can also be reached at home by calling 651-8402 between 5:00 and 8:00PM. Or call Wally Murray at 632-1449.

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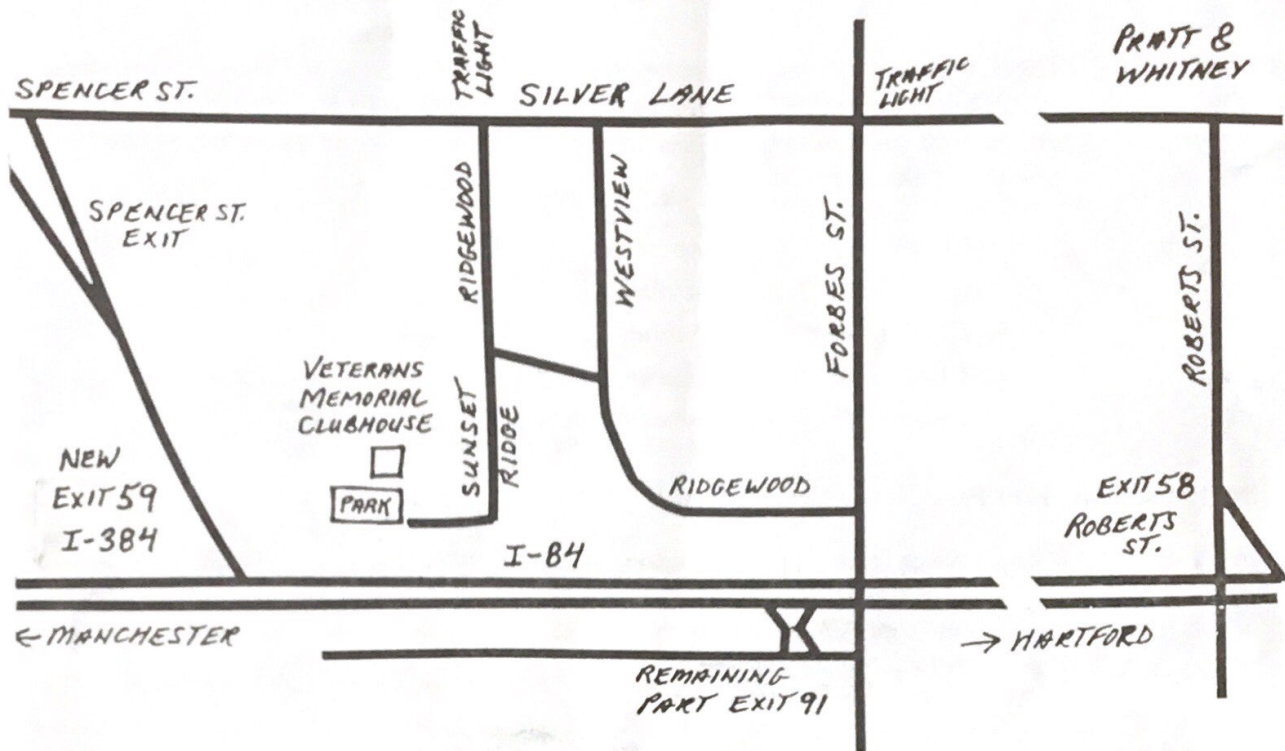
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**TUITION**

\_\_\_\_\_ Member \$10.00

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