



LINES & LEADERS

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DECEMBER MEETING

Featuring Bill Hyatt, CT DEP

Bill, DEP Fisheries biologist, will present a program on Connecticut's Trout Management Areas. Following his presentation, there will be a question and answer session. Bill's first visit with the club was very informative, and was very well received by the membership.

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

DATE: Wednesday, December 11

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

Gary LaFontaine Wins 1991 Arnold Gingrich Memorial Award

Gary LaFontaine was presented the Arnold Gingrich Memorial Award for writing achievement by the Federation of Fly Fishers at the 1991 National Conclave in West Yellowstone, Montana. The award is named for Arnold Gingrich, editor of Esquire Magazine until his death in 1976. Mr. Gingrich, author of classic books such as The Joys of Trout and The Well-Tempered Angler, was a devoted fly fisherman. His own works are marked by insights into the why and how of the sport and the award is given to a writer who achieves that standard of excellence.

Gary LaFontaine is the author of three acclaimed books on fly fishing: Challenge of the Trout; Caddisflies, winner of the United Fly Tyers' Book of the Year Award; and his newest work, The Dry Fly, New Angles.

David Dunne, in his syndicated "Outdoorsman" newspaper column, wrote about the author in his review of The Dry Fly: Some people march to the beat of a different drum. This man has his own orchestra. Only he could construct such a tapestry of ideas, binding everything together on a base of completely new research. The Dry Fly might well be the greatest fly fishing how-to book of all time.

Gary is a long time, well respected member of the CFFA, residing in Deer Lodge, Montana - Ed.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



From the Vest of the President



For some reason this year is really flying by. It seems like we just got started and we're already looking at our December meeting and the coming Holiday Season. I can only hope that one of our presents this year will be an end to the state budget wrangling and the institution of the license fee increases that will keep our excellent Connecticut fishery alive and well.

If you were not one of the twenty members and guests who went to Pulaski on November 1-2 you missed a really great trip. Our rooms at Hidden Acres were spacious and comfortable, the dinner and restaurant food was good and plentiful, the weather was relatively warm (until Sunday, at least), the river was low, and the steelhead were in. The upper river was the recommended place, and we all spent our time in the fly fishing only area and the pools just below it. Not everyone landed a steelhead or even had one on long enough to talk about it, but we probably all had hits or got broken off and there was enough action among the group to get some good fish stories going. Fish on or not, I think everyone had a good time. We've booked Hidden Acres for the same weekend next year.

In the same spirit, George Degen, Ernie Boutiette, and Frank Nott have offered to visit our advertisers and solicit and purchase items for our annual banquet. This will give us an early start with our banquet prizes and chance to renew contacts with our advertisers. This is also the season of our annual election of officers. I have asked Education Chairman Gary Steinmiller to chair a nominating committee to present a slate of officers at the December membership meeting. We do have vacancies on the board - give Gary a call if you want to help out. We will hold our annual elections in January.

I want to wish each of you and your families the very best of holiday seasons and a happy new year. Keep in mind that our rod building, fly tying, and fly fishing schools will be starting soon, and will make an excellent present for yourself or someone you know.

Tight lines,

Larry Johnson





ANNUAL BANQUET: Tom Rosenbauer has been confirmed as the speaker for the banquet. Tom is a noted author who is currently working for Orvis. His program will be on northeast fly fishing. MORE TO COME!!

George Degen, as usual, has presented the board with a few good ideas regarding the raffle prizes to be offered at the banquet. You should be quite pleased as a result. In addition to the General Raffle and Silent Auction, we plan to set up a special raffle for a Full Fishing outfit. All tickets for this raffle will be sold only at the banquet. Only 50 tickets will be sold. They will be \$20 each. If all tickets are not sold there will not be a drawing. The winner will win the entire Fishing Outfit! Details of this outfit will be available in the next L&L.

The banquet reservation form will be available at the December and January membership meetings, as well as in the next issue of the L&L.

The Insurance Raffle prizes are announced as follows:

- 1st: Toshiba, 19" Color TV with remote
- 2nd: Two nights for 2 at The Moorings Lodge, Falmouth Heights, MA during the NEC, FFF Conclave on 5 & 6 June 1992. The room has an ocean view and comes with two breakfasts.
- 3rd: LL Bean's \$100 Gift Certificate
- 4th: Six Course Dinner for 2 at the Eatery, East Windsor (wine not included)

I can't wait! The tickets are expected to be mailed to you in December.

25TH ANNIVERSARY: Soon the CFFA will be celebrating its 25th anniversary since it was founded in the late 60's. Ken Parkany, a Charter member and former Club President, has offered to chair a committee whose task will be to somehow recognize this significant milestone in the club's history. He has already presented many ideas to the Board. If anyone would like to help Ken out or has any ideas please call him. His number is on the last page of L&L.

Our club membership is currently 316.

Membership renewals are due in. Please return your renewals to Dave Harduby as soon as you can. Any Board member will be happy to collect your renewals if it is more convenient for you.

The Hartford Courant reported on 11/16 that three reds were spotted in the Salmon River. It was reported this was the first time in two hundred years that Atlantic Salmon have spawned in Connecticut.

Club News - continued from opposite column

The Steelhead Salmon River trip was great! Many thanks to Gary Steinmiller for organizing this show. It went off like clockwork. The first full weekend in Nov. 1992 has already been reserved for next year. Don't miss it!

The Hammonasset Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be presenting "A Shoreline Fly Fishing Seminar" on 25 January 1992, at the White House Restaurant, Old Saybrook. Contact John Springer for more information. 203-669-5917.

Dick Whitehead will be closing his Broad Brook store. However, he is still offering custom fly tying, tying supplies and instruction on an appointment basis at his home. We are always sorry to hear of a fly fishing dealer closing his shop, but it hits home more when its an advertiser, club member and someone we all know. Best of luck Dick.

CORRECTION: Last month I was in error. The Loomis IMX, 9' for 6 weight, 4 piece travel rod will NOT be in the Insurance Raffle. However, it will be part of the club's banquet raffle.

Ed.

COMING EVENTS

- CFFA Board of Directors Meeting 2 Jan 92
- CFFA Fly Tying & Rod Building Schools 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Jan 92, 7 Feb 92
- CFFA Membership Meeting, Fly Tying 8 Jan 92
- Worcester Fishing & Outdoor Expo 6-10 Feb 92
- CFFA Annual Banquet 8 Feb 92
- Springfield Sportsmen's Show 20-23 Feb 92
- Theodore Gordon Flyfishers Show 9 Mar 92
- CFFA Fly Fishing School 5, 12, 19, Mar 92, TBD Apr 92, TBD May 92
- Hartford Civic Center Fishing Show 12-15 Mar 92
- NE Council FFF Conclave, Cape Cod 5-7 Jun 92

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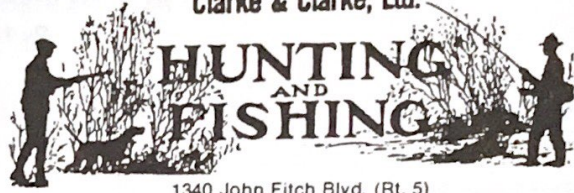
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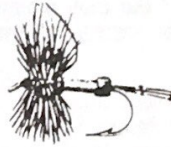
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Where the chicanery comes into play is that all sportsmen are being told if they do not support "THE FEES BILL", DEP workers will be laid off and the hatcheries closed, which will affect fishing for at least three years. So they should support the entire "FEES BILL".

A better course of action would be:

1. Call and/or write your STATE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES.
2. Call and/or write the LEGISLATORS on the committees this bill is assigned to.
3. State that you are a fisher and a voter (we hope you are).
4. State that you wish the portion of "THE FEES BILL" affecting fishers be considered separately from the rest of the bill.
5. State that you support fishing license fees being raised from nine dollars to fifteen dollars provided funds derived from the increase go directly to the affected agencies and not the GENERAL FUND where they may be used for any purpose the state sees fit.

Remember to be polite, but still keep in mind that the

people you are talking to represent you. Therefore, you should have no fear of expressing your opinion to them. If you call the listed 800 numbers ask to speak to your STATE REPRESENTATIVE or SENATOR and the committee members reviewing "THE FEES BILL." If they are not available leave a message including your opinion, name, address, telephone number; and, if you wish, a return phone call. Be sure to talk to both political parties.

Last time around "THE FEES BILL" passed the SENATE but died in the HOUSE. It will come up again any time after 15 November, 1991, so please do not delay action.

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FISHING CONDITIONS HOTLINE NUMBERS



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Farmington River	738-7327 (FRAA)
Housatonic River	248-8616 (HFFA)

FLY FISHING IN GENERAL

By Dale Matthews

Last year, I wrote the article "Fly Fishing in General". What I hope to do with this series of articles is to establish a new column for Lines & Leaders, and to tell you about some of my fishing (fly) excursions. I hope these articles are entertaining and enjoyable. I will try to make these articles a monthly thing. I can only hope I have the time to write.

Now that I've given my intent, it's time to get to the fun stuff. This past year, or fishing season, has been an enjoyable one. I've had the opportunity to meet some famous names in the sport we all enjoy, and to do some salt water fishing with some of the club members. Also, the largemouth bass fishing has been great this past season.

In September, Larry Johnson and I went down to Hershey, Pennsylvania, to attend the North East Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave. On the drive to Hershey, Larry and I discussed the likelihood of getting younger people involved with the club, preferably people in their late teens, early twenties. (Please let me know if you can come up with any ideas on this subject.) We finally got to the Hershey Convention Center, and checked in Friday at noon. The Conclave exhibit was open, so we walked around and took a look at the prizes that were offered for raffle. There were some very nice raffle prizes. The women's raffle prize was a blue handmade quilt. I put a couple of tickets in that raffle, hoping to win so I didn't have to buy a present for my wife, and spend more money for fly tying materials. But as luck would have it, I did have to spend money on her. The main raffle's first prize was a choice of a bamboo fly rod in a presentation case, or a shadow box of flies tied by A.A.B.B. (A.A.B.B. stands for Attitude Adjustment Bug Builders.) These guys sat around all day and night tying flies during the Conclave. At last year's conclave, these tyers donated their best flies, put their autographs to them and mounted them into two shadow boxes, one box went to the raffle, the other was auctioned off, before Saturday's dinner.

Friday night's dinner was a buffet with a steam ship round. The food was excellent. That night Bob Clouser was awarded a certificate of achievement for instituting a size regulation on smallmouth bass in the Susquehanna River. The funny thing about the ceremony was that Bob did not like to wear a tie and sports coat. Lefty Kreh did the presentation and kept on ribbing Bob about his tie and coat.

Saturday morning we woke up about 7:30, and had a buffet style breakfast - all you can eat. The food was fantastic. One thing about the Hershey Convention Center is the great food. If you went away hungry, it was your own fault. After breakfast, we went to the exhibit hall. The programs were starting about 9:00. Larry and I decided to go to Lefty's program on salt water fly fishing. His program was informative and

entertaining. After Lefty's program, we went back to the exhibit hall and walked around some more. We were waiting for Bob Clouser's program about smallmouth bass fishing on the Susquehanna River. While looking at exhibits, I stopped by Bob Clouser's fly shop display. His son was tying his famous Clouser Crayfish pattern. Bob was across the aisle at the A.A.B.B. table, tying the same pattern. Bob is quite the character. He kept getting ribbed by Bob Popovic and Lefty Kreh, and a few zingers from Ed Koch. To watch these guys ribbing one another was great. It made you feel like you were one of them.

It was getting close to Bob Clouser's program, so off we went to the program hall. We sat down, and in came Bob Popovic and Lefty Kreh. They sat down in front. Bob was getting set up, when Lefty started the ribbing again. Bob kept on saying, "No heckling from the front row," but it did not stop. The program was informative and a lot of fun. Back to the exhibit hall to watch the A.A.B.B. fly tyers. Bob Popovic was tying salt water flies. I stayed there for 4 hours watching him tying flies. He was developing a new pattern. I saw his second fly, which was a floating mullet pattern. It was a pleasure to watch Bob tie. He has a very inventive mind. During this time, Lefty Kreh gave two life time achievement awards, one to Charley Fox and the other to George Harvey. Charley Fox came out of the hospital to receive his award. I talked to George Harvey after he received his award, and he said the best gift he got, other than this achievement award, was the thanks of youngsters for teaching them how to fly fish.

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ATTENTION ALL CFFA MEMBERS!!

It is time to renew your membership for the upcoming year. Please fill out the enclosed form (see page 6), include a check for the proper dues, and either send it in or give it to Dave Harduby at the next club meeting. A pre-addressed envelope is provided for you. We appreciate your membership over the past year and look forward to seeing you for many years to come. If anyone has a question about their membership status, you can call Dave at home. His number is on the last page of the newsletter.

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It was getting time to go to the casting clinic performed by Ed Jaworowski. Larry and I went to this program to find out about different techniques on casting. The program was intense. After the casting clinic, we went back to our room to shower and get dressed for dinner. We arrived for cocktail hour and had a few drinks before auction. The auction went fine. Larry bid on a few items. After the auction was another superb dinner. Ed Jaworowski was Master of Ceremony, and brought Lefty Kreh out for a presentation on fishing Australia. Again, this was a very good presentation. Well, Larry and I were getting pretty good at getting from one end of the complex to the other, just in time to go back home.

Sunday was filled with packing and getting everything straight for the trip home. I would like to make a personal observation about the people at the Conclave. First, I was impressed by the friendliness and open arms response by Ed Koch, Lefty Kreh, Bob Popovic, Bob Clouser, George Harvey, Charley Fox, Charley Meck, and all others that were there. This type of attitude enhances this sport so much and also, is a credit to these people's character.

In closing, I'd like to say thank you to the CFFA for sending me to the Conclave. See you on Cape Cod next June 5,6,7 for the next Conclave.

Dale is a very active CFFA member. Not only is he a fan of fly fishing but one also of good food! Ed.

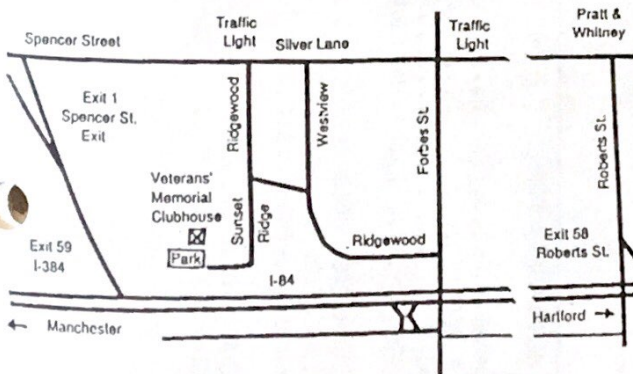


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The FFF also offers its new Audio Visual Catalog, which describes over 90 educational films, videos and slide presentations covering virtually every aspect of fly-fishing from trout to tarpon and bonefish to bass. Included in the FFF library are the rare films of the late Lee Wulff (which have been converted to video) and the ever popular 30-minute video "The Way of A Trout," which is especially popular with youngsters.

To request either publication, call or write the FFF at P.O. Box 1088, West Yellowstone, MT. Phone: (406) 646-9541. - (New England Fish & Game).

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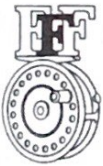
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