



# LINES & LEADERS

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## JANUARY MEETING

The **JANUARY 9** meeting features several CFFA fly tiers who will demonstrate various fly tying techniques and patterns. Trout flies will be emphasized, but flies for other species will be tied as well. There will be an opportunity for a limited number of people to tie along with each featured tier, so bring a vise, bobbin and other necessary tools. Here is a chance to get some new ideas for your winter tying.

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

**DATE:** Wed., January 9, 1991

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

## DON'T FORGET THE C.F.F.A. BANQUET

*Saturday February 2,  
1991*

*At the Manchester  
Community Club*

*5:30 pm*

*Guest Speaker: Harry Murray  
Reservation form inside!*

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## From the Vest of the President



We begin a new calendar year of CFFA activities with quite a few changes and improvements. We have some new officers and board members, we have the nicest looking newsletter we have ever produced using our own funds, including the as yet unused capability of including photographs (hint, hint), and we have a revised Beginners Fly Tying Class and new Advanced Fly Tying Class. Many CFFA members were or will be involved in bringing about these changes, but special thanks go to Pam Murray and Mike Stewart for setting us up with a new printer and newsletter format for Lines & Leaders and to Ernie Boutiette and Gary Steinmiller for developing the new fly tying classes.

The new advanced class offers a variety of patterns and techniques for any tying and fishing interest, and I hope to see the class filled up very quickly. If there is a high level of interest in this class we will consider running it on a regular basis. We will also be looking for members to help out with the beginners class. Anyone interested should contact Gary Steinmiller.

The January meeting is our annual election of officers. The slate of officers presented by nominating committee members Ed Fidrych and Dave Foley is printed elsewhere in this issue. I am pleased that all but one of our officers and board members has agreed to serve again. Vice President of Activities, Bruce Cole, has decided to step down from the board after three years of enthusiastic effort. We will miss Bruce at our board meetings, but his leaving creates an opportunity for someone else to become involved with the running of CFFA. We will accept nominations from the floor for this or any other elected position on the board at this month's meeting. The only restriction is that anyone nominated must have agreed to serve.

Full details and a reservation form for our Annual Banquet are in this issue. Elmer and Dale Latham have again agreed to handle the reservations by mail, and there will be no tickets available at the door. Gary Bogli will be handling tickets for the insurance raffle, and Ed Fidrych will be coordinating donations for the conservation drawing. Detailed instructions for bringing donations for the drawing to the banquet and directions for getting there will be in the February Lines & Leaders.

Tight lines,  
Larry Johnson



# Eastern Steelheading

By Wally Murray

What trout fishing is to the intellect, steelheading is to the gut. I have steelheaded a total of eight days, have yet to land fish One, have never been west of the Roaring Fork, but I consider myself a confirmed, if not veteran, steelheader. My introduction to the sport this year has been compact, intense, and I have had the extraordinary luck of having fished with, tied with, discussed with, and learned from experienced Pulaski guides and anglers. They are a generous lot, I found, devoted to their sport, and striving with increasing boldness to develop their fisheries resource.

Prior to my experience on (and in) the Salmon River this year, the mention of Pulaski conjured up images of 1/0 stainless steel treble hooks dressed with a half-ounce of lead being heaved through the air by a mob lining litter strewn banks. Even the Fly-Only, No Kill area was a shoulder-to-shoulder proposition, I was told. For this held very little attraction. However, accidents happen, and it was in the conviviality of the New York Anglers Club, warmed by the glow of some 12-year-old, that I was persuaded by a good friend and angling companion that a float down the Salmon River with a couple of flyrods held interesting prospects.

Indeed, there are some shocking contrasts. It is startling to settle into a cedar and ash boat cradling nine feet of varnished cane and set out into roaring water only to have to duck a glob of shark hooks and lead weights dangling from overhead utility wires. I have hooked salmon, steelhead, the bottom, and a good deal of 40 pound test mono and assorted tuna tackle in the Altmar holes. But I also later encountered anglers returning to their cars with memories of released fish and a handful of this junk lost during the snagging season earlier. Attitudes are changing, and so are the regulations. Snagging time is being progressively phased out. More flyrods are poking their way along the access trails. More fish are being released, and more fish are appearing in the river. And Niagra-Mohawk is cooperating in the water control effort.

My purpose in writing this is not primarily to instruct, but to encourage. There are, however, a few things that bear mention. Accommodations range from the Motel 8 to the crudest of barracks. I stay in a place called the Sportsmans Lodge that is styled along European lodging lines, has a small fly shop in-house, and provides hot coffee at sunrise. Kent minds the store and Gary Jackson is one of two guides that specialize in fly fishing the Salmon River; Fran Verdoliva is the other that I am aware of. There are lots of places in Pulaski to get started with a generous breakfast, grab a quick lunch, or relax after a day's hard fishing and contemplate a good cut of beef.

The Log Cabin in town serves a magnificent filet.

Croakers are literally a requirement on certain stretches of the river. Croakers are iron studded (hob nailed) sandals that go on over your wader boots. I have had mine permanently attached to my rubber soled waders. You won't be allowed on the Douglaston Water without them. And by all means, carry a wading staff. Not everyone does; I saw Susanne Johnson wade a piece of water that I would not have taken a Coast Guard surf boat through. But she's an expert. I got out of serious (stupid) trouble twice by dint of a collapsible staff that I carry in a wader belt holster.

Don't leave your trout leaders behind. The rule of the day in early December was two and three pound tippet, twelve to fifteen feet, size eight and ten salmon hooks. Heavy wire! I had two low water Mustads straightened out on me. If all of this sounds a bit far-fetched, consider that you will probably have additional lead attached to your leader (at least 24" from the fly).

Steelhead are insanity with fins, and there is a remarkable steelhead fishery (and rainbows, browns, Chinook, Bass, etc) a mere five hour drive from Hartford. But it is also a fishery that needs the patronage and support of informed sportsmen, particularly flyrodders, I think. This is a changed and changing river. As my friend, Craig Schulze, was quoted recently (Jan/Feb., FLY ROD & REEL), "If you haven't been here in the last three years, you've never been here."

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CLASSES: There will be six lessons. Classes will meet downstairs at Veterans Memorial Clubhouse, Sunset Ridge Drive, East Hartford, at 7pm on the following evenings:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1	1-4-91	Streamers: Black Marabou, Olive Wooly Bugger
2	1-11-91	Wet Flies: Dark Cahill, Soft Hackle
3	1-18-91	Nymphs: Scraggly, Dark Stenomema
4	1-25-91	Drys: Brown Hackle, Light Cahill
5	2-1-91	Spinners: Rusty Poly Spinner, Cream Hen Wing Spinner
6	2-8-91	Panfish, Bass Attractors: Black Ant, Deer Hair Bug

Equipment: All necessary hooks and materials will be furnished. Students must supply their own vise, bobbin, tread, scissors, etc

Instructors: In addition to the main instructors, several CFFA tyers will be on hand to assist students.

Class Size: Limited to the first 25 people submitting applications.

Tuition: CFFA members \$30.00, Non Members \$35.00

### CFFA Enrollment Application

Please PRINT the requested information. Forward application forms and tuition (Checks payable to CFFA) to Gary Steinmiller, Education Chairman, 12 Horizon Hill Road, Newington, CT 06111

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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PRESENTS  
1991 FLY FISHING SCHOOL - A SCHOOL FOR BEGINNERS

<u>CLASSES:</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
	1	3-1-91	Rods, Reels, Lines, Leaders, Knots
	2	3-8-91	Flies and Fish
	3	3-15-91	Water Types and How to Fish Them
	4	TBA	Casting Instruction and Fishing (Pond)
	5	TBA	Fishing a Stream

LOCATION:

Classes 1,2,3  
Class 4  
Class 5

7:00pm, Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse, East Hartford, See Map Page 7

A private pond stocked with trout

During this final session, students will fish the Willimantic River with a CFFA instructor and practice course techniques (approach, wading, stream reading, etc.) Note: Students must supply their own transportation and equipment, and have a valid Connecticut fishing licence.

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 materials to take notes.

CLASS SIZE:

Average class size is 35 students.

Tuition:

CFFA members \$30.00, Non Members \$40.00, Sixteen years and under \$20.00

**CFFA Fly Fishing School Enrollment Application**

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Pattern</u>
1	1-4-91	Underwater Trout Flies	Muddler Minnow, Nymph Stone Fly
2	1-11-91	Floating Trout Flies	Comparadun, Parachute
3	1-18-91	Underwater Bass Flies	Clouser Crayfish, Hare Water bug
4	1-25-91	Floating Bass Flies	Dalberg Diver, Deer Hair Poppers
5	2-1-91	Underwater Saltwater Flies	Hy-tie, Lefty Deceiver
6	2-8-91	Floating Saltwater Flies	Cork Popper, Slider

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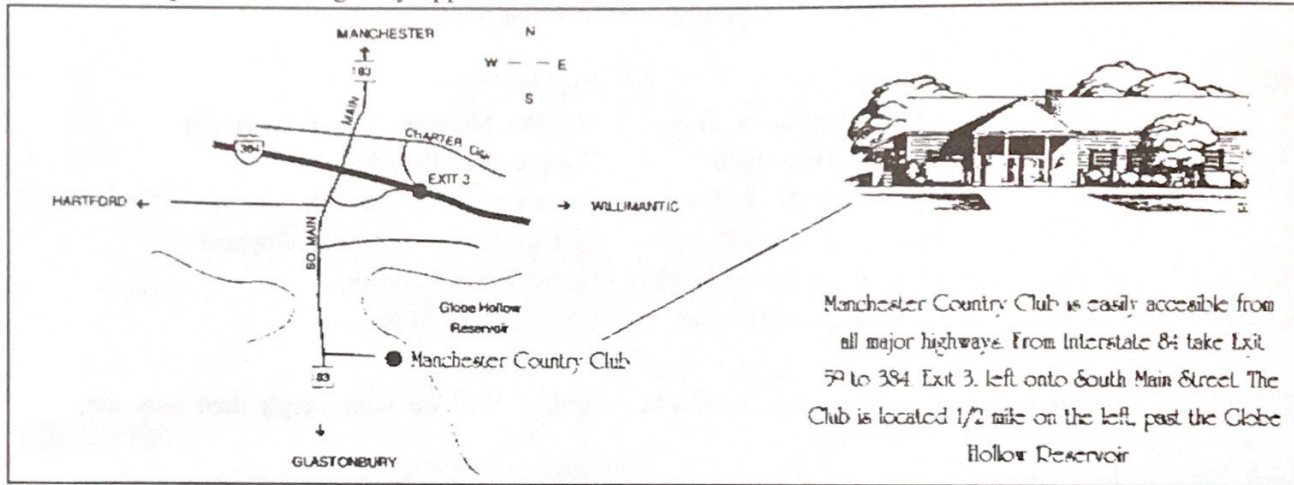
## *CFFA 21st Annual Banquet* *February 2, 1991*

The banquet will be held at the Manchester Country Club (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 \$25.00 per person. We will also be holding our raffle drawings that evening.

Please 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 Gary Bogli at 649-4227. All prizes will be greatly appreciated and all donations will be acknowledged in "Lines & Leaders".



Manchester Country Club is easily accessible from all major highways. From Interstate 84 take Exit 3 to 384 Exit 3, left onto South Main Street. The Club is located 1/2 mile on the left, past the Globe Hollow Reservoir

### *Dinner Reservation*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I will require a reservation for \_\_\_\_\_ persons at \$25.00 per person.  
Check or money order in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed. (Please make payable to CFFA)

Mail reservation form to: Mr. Elmer Latham  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Baked Stuffed Shrimp \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib of Beef

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOTICE

Committee members Ed Fidrych and Dave Foley nominated the following slate of officers at the December members meeting. Elections will be the first order of business at the January Meeting.

President - Larry Johnson  
 Vice President (Environment) - Kurt Jagielow  
 Vice President (Promotion) - Dale Matthews  
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All money and filled out stubs or unsold tickets should be returned to me by January 26, 1991. Prizes will be drawn at our banquet and winner need not be present. If you need more tickets call me at 649-4227 and I will put them in the mail.

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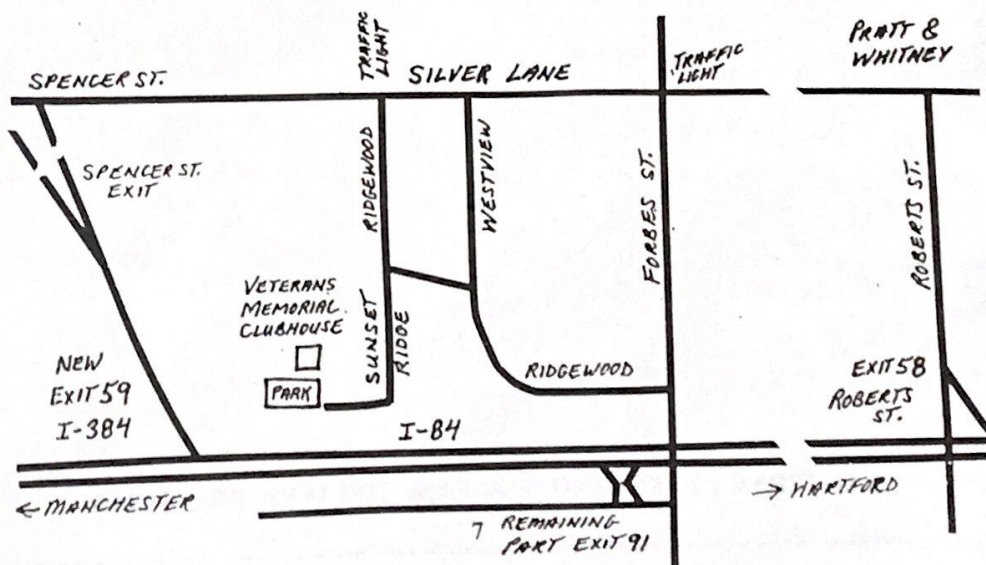
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**JANUARY 9 MEETING - Fly Tying Techniques and Patterns - CFFA Fly Tiers**

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