



LINES & LEADERS

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Memorial to Lee Wulff

The world has lost a great person. Lee Wulff, 86, died Sunday, 28 April 1991, during a renewal of his pilot's license. His 1953 Piper Super Cub crashed into a wooded hillside near Hancock, NY. Our sympathies go out to his wife, Joan Wulff, and their family.

I have never had the pleasure of meeting Lee Wulff, but like many others in fly fishing, I have been affected by his contributions to fishing, in particular to fly-fishing.

Lee Wulff began fly-fishing and fly tying at nine. When he began fly fishing lancewood and greenhart rods, horsehair lines, silk-worm gut leaders and snelled hooks were being used. Today, fly-fishing equipment, fly tying materials and fly-fishing techniques have changed significantly. A lot of these changes were influenced by Lee Wulff.

Lee Wulff was a fisherman, author of eight books, innovative fly tier, producer of award winning fishing films, instructor, conservationist and gentleman.

As a fisherman he revolutionized salmon fishing and set world records for sport fishing. Some of his records included a 597 pound bluefin tuna caught in August 1967 which set a 50 pound test record. Other personal records included catching a 148 pound striped marlin on a fly with a 12 pound leader, a five ounce glass fly rod and a reel with a click drag. Then there was the 10 pound Atlantic Salmon caught on the Restigouche with a size 28 Prefontaine skating dry fly pattern! I'm not sure if this was a recognized world record, but it is in my eyes. Other fish caught have included a 60 pound sailfish on a 4/0 Spentwing White Wulff Dry.

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From the Vest of the President



When I said in May that things would be happening over the summer, I didn't anticipate just how much would be going on. For starters, beginning with this issue,

Lines & Leaders has a new editor, or I should say, editors. Pam Murray has decided to step down from the board after serving as editor for three years. She took over in the summer of 1988 when Malcolm MacKenzie left the position. If you remember the quality of Malcolm's newsletter, you realize what a tough act she had to follow. For those who don't know, Malcolm is the owner of a major Connecticut printing company.

Pam stepped right in and kept us going without missing an issue. About a year ago, she and Mike Stewart helped us change over to what will probably be the highest level of production quality we can afford on our own budget. Unfortunately, Pam also happens to work for one of Connecticut's surviving banks and can no longer put in the time the newsletter requires. Pam has made important contributions to CFFA through the newsletter and helping with the Annual Banquet and Museum Auction. She will be missed on the board.

Our new co-editors are Lynn and Mike Stewart. Lynn will hold the title of Editor, and Mike will assist while retaining his position of Treasurer. We are very fortunate (a major understatement) to again have someone willing to step right in and take over. Lynn and Mike also have the advantage of being able to do some of the layout on their own computer and living close to our printer. We look forward to seeing some of the new ideas they have for Lines and Leaders.

We have also made a change in the timing of our Rod Building School. Holding it in the Fall makes it difficult to recruit students and costs us more in rent than we make in fees because of the small class size. We have decided to combine this with our Fly Tying Class which starts in January. This will give us some more time to advertise the class, and should help us fill our enrollment limit of ten students.

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From the Vest of the President - continued

We also decided to schedule a board fishing outing on the Farmington River in place of our normally canceled July meeting. We actually went out on June 28th, which turned out to be a tough night to fish due to the heat wave. Some did very well, some didn't, but we all had a good time, and plan to do it again next year, maybe sooner. Of more interest to you, Gary Steinmiller is organizing a CFFA trip to the Salmon River in New York. The date is the weekend of November 1st and you will find more information elsewhere in the newsletter.

Also remember that we will be at the Hebron Harvest Fair on September 5 - 8. If you want to help out this year, give me a call at 246-0728.

Tight lines,

Larry Johnson

Lee Wulff - continued

Lee was a superb fly tier and innovator who tied flies in his hands without the benefit of a vise. Being the constant innovator, he created numerous fly styles such as the Wulff dry fly series, soft nymphs and "plastic" flies. The Wulff patterns are quite well known. The soft nymphs are basically normal size nymph patterns tied on a flexible base such as fly line which is attached to a small hook like a size 16. The plastic flies use a plastic body molded onto a hook. The remaining fly materials are attached to the body with plastic dissolving solvent. A welded fly!

Lee is credited with creating the modern fly-fishing vest in 1931. The vest is primarily associated with fly fishermen but other fishermen use the vest as well. Vests worn by camera buffs look very similar to fly-fishing vests.

Today's health of the fish stock is greatly due to Lee Wulff's efforts in support of the catch and release philosophy.

Mr. Wulff, although I have never met you, I and others have been affected by you.

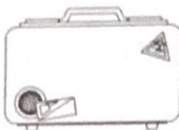
Thank you.

Ed.

CLUB TRIP

STEELHEAD WEEKEND GETAWAY

1-2 November 1991



Come and join fellow club members for steelhead fishing on the Salmon River in the Pulaski, NY area. Here's your chance to fish the river with experienced club members. These and other members are going and staying nearby.

Lodging will be at Hidden Acres Cottages with room for eleven people. Since there is limited room, the first eleven people to sign up will get reservations. Your cost of \$40.00 includes lodging for two days.

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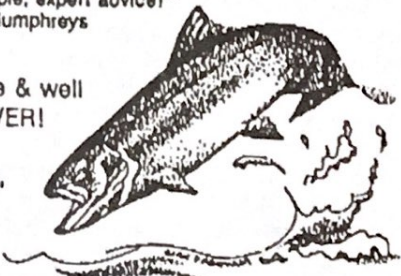
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Palmers, Hackles, and Other Strange Notions

Tellico (Reference Dick Stewart, Universal Fly Tying Guide)

I had a fly in one of my boxes for years which I seldom used with much luck. One bright day in mid May at a local stream in Connecticut after a morning's river cleanup I was scouting the water to see if there was anything going on. I didn't see much surface activity but I did notice in the recently leafed out bushes a lone adult stonefly. I approached him slowly, so as not to scare him away, for a closer look. What I found was a fly whose yellow body was about 3/4 inch long. The only pattern I could find that matched the yellow stone was a size 8 Tellico nymph. Since I was near a fast moving riffle, I figured I would try the fly there. Well...let's just say the browns and rainbows found this fly just fine to chew on a bit. Since then this fly has become one of my prime nymph patterns. Heck, try the first fly of choice for fast moving water.

The Tellico is an all purpose nymph pattern which has been around for some time. I don't know its history but I would sure like to. It is intended to be a general imitation of various forms of underwater insect life. I have used this fly with varying degrees of success. My experience has been one of feast or famine. Either I catch lots of fish, or none! Though, if there is to be any success, I know it quickly. Trout have been the most numerous of fish caught with this fly. But that's what I usually fish for. Other fish caught recently included a striped bass in the CT River. I take advantage of this fly's weighted characteristic by fishing it downstream and across in riffles and heavy water. The hits are frequently hard and sudden.

The fly has a subdued yellow body when wet with a peacock shellback and ribbing, brown hackle and tail.

HOOK: Mustad 3906B or 9671; sizes 8 to 14 (I prefer size 8)
THREAD: Black 6/0
TAIL: None, or few short brown hackle barbules
SHELLBACK: Quill segment from cock ringneck pheasant tail or several strands of peacock herl pulled forward over body after rib is wrapped.
BODY: Yellow floss tied thick (I use floss over lead wire)
RIB: Peacock herl
LEGS: Soft brown hackle collared and tied down

Start your thread one eye width behind the eye and wind the thread over the hook shank to form a foundation for the lead wire. Wrap the lead over the middle portion of the hook shank. Tie down and cement the lead wraps. Select a few barbules from the webby portion of a brown hackle. Tie this in where the shank just starts to bend. Make the tail length the same as the hook gap. Select four to five strands of peacock herl and tie the tips in at the base of the tail. Select one peacock herl which is particularly full and tie this in also at the tail. If you have a material clip, place the peacock in this clip with the one strand for the ribbing separated from the others. This way you will be able to identify which strand is the one for the ribbing.

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PALMERS & HACKLES - continued

Now tie in a section of the floss again at the base of the tail. NOTE: Although the tail, peacock wingcase, peacock ribbing and floss body are all tied in at the tail you should actually make each successive tie-in slightly ahead of each other. This way you will avoid a build up of material at the base of the tail.

Now wrap the floss forward to the original tie-in behind the eye. The body should be tapered in shape. Older versions of this pattern had a full body, almost oval. My original attempts were with a body which had a cigar shape. It worked for me, so I figured "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" If your floss has multiple strands, usually three or four, I would suggest you untwist the floss so that you form a more smooth body as you wrap. Also, if your fingers are chapped and catching the floss, try moistening the floss. This should improve its manageability. Tie the floss body off where you first started the fly. Cut the floss off at this point. Take the peacock ribbing and wrap it forward in evenly spaced wraps (I usually do four to five wraps depending upon the fly size) to where the body ends and tie off. Take the remaining strands of peacock and pull them forward over the top of the body forming the shellback of the nymph. Tie this off at the end of the body.

Select a brown hackle whose barbules will just touch the hook point when tied in. Stroke the feather against its natural growth direction. Tie the hackle in by the tip and wrap two or three times. Tie off the hackle. Stroking the hackle rearward, form the head and whip finish. The hackle should end up slightly pointing toward the rear.

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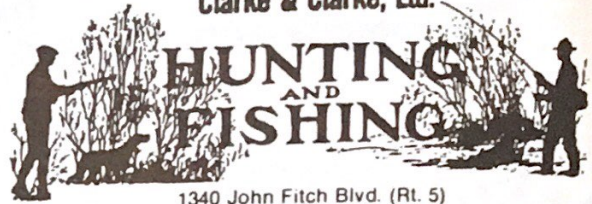
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TIPS:

A good source of soft hackle is a hen neck. These feathers are not only soft but may have a slight mottling which is always good in a fly.

I use a fingernail polish, such as "Hard as Nails," as my cement for the lead wraps.

If you have any questions on this pattern, or any other, or if you have any requests for a specific pattern, tying techniques or tying questions in general, I will do my best to answer them in the Lines & Leaders. You may get in touch with me by sending your questions or requests to me, The Royal Footman, c/o Editors - Lines & Leaders.

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COMING EVENTS


CFFA Board of Directors Meeting	7 August 91
Hebron Harvest Fair	5-8 Sept 91
CFFA Board of Directors Meeting	4 Sept 91
Federation of Fly Fishers, N.E. Council	13-15 Sept
Conclave, Hersey, PA	
CFFA Membership Meeting	11 Sept 91
CFFA Trip, Salmon River, NY	1-2 Nov 91
CFFA Fly Tying & Rod Building Schools	3, 10,
	17, 24, 31 Jan 92, 7 Feb 92
Worcester Fishing & Outdoor Expo	6-10 Feb 92
Theodore Gordon Flyfishers Show	9 March 92
CFFA Fly Fishing School	5, 12, 19 March,
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Willimantic TMA stocking of the club fish took place on May 4 by volunteers from the Conservation Committee. These browns averaged about 14 inches. Many thanks to Dale Matthews and his volunteers.

Club membership as of 5 June was 302.

\$ We can expect our CT fishing license fees to increase from \$9.00 to \$13.00 next year.

Note in our Calendar section that the Rod Building School has been combined with our Fly Tying School. More on this will be discussed in future issues of the **Lines & Leaders**.


The US Postal Service has issued 29 cent stamps with flies depicted on them. Each stamp has one fly shown. These flies include the Royal Wulff, Jock Scott, Apte Tarpon Fly, Lefty's Deceiver and the Muddler Minnow.



We had a really great day at Riverfest on June 1st. Our tent and booth were right near the entrance, it was a beautiful day, and the crowd was really turned on. Our booth attracted quite a bit of interest, and the crew got to do some individual fly tying and fly casting instructions. We want to thank Larry Johson, Bruce Cole, Mike Stewart, Kim and Dale Matthews, and Dave Kousma for helping out. We're looking forward to being there next year.

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Reducing poaching is what TIP is all about. The program was developed in Connecticut by the Department of Environmental Protection's Law Enforcement Bureau in cooperation with the Connecticut Wildlife Federation and the Citizen's Advisory Council to the DEP. TIP is actively seeking the help of Connecticut's citizens in reducing the theft of our state's valuable fish and wildlife resources.

The TIP program promotes the reporting of all wildlife and fisheries violations. In addition, TIP encourages the reporting of a number of the most serious wildlife fishing offenses by offering substantial rewards for information leading to arrests for these crimes.

How to Report a Violation

- Obtain as much information as possible without placing yourself in danger, i.e., descriptions of violators and/or vehicle, etc. (vehicle has broken left tail light, violator has full beard, etc.)
- Call 1-800-842-HELP (a 24 hour toll-free hotline)
- Say you have a tip
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- Call back if conditions change or additional information is received (vehicle has left the scene travelling north, etc.)

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Possession of marine mammal products	500.00

Sea Turtles


Hunting, killing or illegal possession of	500.00
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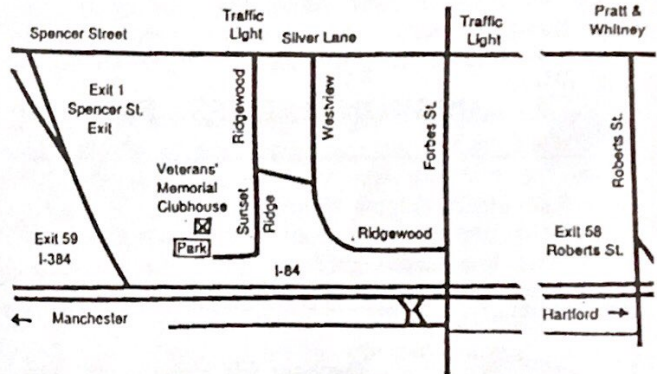
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September 5 - 8

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