



LINES & LEADERS

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OCTOBER MEETING

Featuring Craig Schulze

Craig will present a program on fly fishing in Pulaski, N.Y. He has been fishing the Salmon River area for about ten years. He is also the first official river keeper in the U.S.A., managing a branch of the Raritan River in New Jersey. He was instrumental in the founding of the Douglaston Salmon Run, a fee fishing area on the Salmon River, and owns The Sportsman's Lodge, which caters to fly fishermen, and offers a 10% discount to CFFA members. He will be donating 2 prizes to our raffle, giving two free nights of lodging at the Sportsman's Lodge for two lucky winners.

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

DATE: Wednesday, October 9

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

COMING SOON ...

American Museum of Fly Fishing

ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION

Wednesday, 13 November 1991

*Wampanoag Country Club
West Hartford*

*If you are interested in helping
out, please call Larry Johnson at
246-0728*

From the Vest of the President



We had a good weekend at the Hebron Harvest Fair. The weather was great and quite a few people, including some members and former members, stopped by our booth. We were located right beside the DEP Building and close to the bandstand. We were also right next to a display of antique tractors and farm equipment. Fortunately for us they didn't start up the tractors very often and the manure spreaders were for display only. We really appreciate the help of those members who set up and staffed the booth. Events like these are a good way to meet people who want to learn about fly fishing and fly tying or who are active fly fishers and tyers and aren't aware of CFFA. We're looking forward to seeing some of them again at our monthly meetings and schools.

As I mentioned last month, we are already working on our 1992 Annual Banquet. We have confirmed a date and a place, and are close to confirming a speaker. Our banquet will be on Saturday, February 8, at the Manchester Country Club, the same location as last year. No details on the speaker yet, but I think everyone will be pleased with our selection. Mark your calendars and sign up for the Banquet Committee if you would like to help out with this important annual event.

I don't have to tell you that these are tough times, and that the support we receive for our banquet from local fly shops and manufacturers may not be what it has been in the past. In fact, one of our long time supporters, Clapp & Treat, has just closed down after being in business for more than 100 years. It's times like these that should cause members to consider what we can do ourselves to support CFFA. Consider tying an extra dozen flies, or making a second of something you make for yourself, or donating a hobby or craft item that would be appropriate for our raffle or silent auction. There are a lot of talented people in CFFA, and we don't have to rely entirely on donations from others to make our banquet a success.

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On a similar note, our 25th Anniversary is drawing near, and it's time to get started on ways to celebrate and recognize the event. Long time member and past president Ken Parkany has always had an interest in club history, and has volunteered to head a group to look into CFFA's foundation and early year activities, and establish a more permanent club record. Ken is especially interested in video-taping interviews with some of our charter members and others familiar with the early activities of CFFA. If you would like to be part of this give Ken a call at 643-9819.


Tight lines,
Larry Johnson

COMING EVENTS

- CFFA Board of Directors Meeting 2 Oct 91
- CFFA Membership Meeting 9 Oct 91
- 2nd Annual Fall Festival, E. Hartford 20 Oct 91
- CFFA Trip, Salmon River, NY 1-2 Nov 91
- CFFA Board of Directors Meeting 6 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
- CFFA Annual Banquet 8 Feb 92
- Theodore Gordon Flyfishers Show 9 Mar 92
- CFFA Fly Fishing School 5, 12, 19,
Mar 92, TBD Apr 92, TBD May 92

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Club News

The club sent two people to the FFF's Northeastern Council Conclave in Hershey, PA on 13-15 September. Maybe an article will be forthcoming by those attendees. Next year's conclave will be at Cape Cod in June 1992.

Our thanks go to the following members who helped with the booth at the Hebron Harvest Fair:

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| Bruce Cole | George Degen |
| Larry Johnson | Frank Nott |
| Ed Fidrych | Mike Stewart |
| Ken Parkany | Richard Whitehead |
| George Wark | Kurt Jagielow |
| Gary Steinmiller | Jack Walsh |
| Ernie Boutiette | Charles Place |
| Dale Matthews | Dave Kusma |

The winner of the club's Hebron Fair door prize was Chuck Oliver, Hebron, CT. Chuck wins a year's CFFA membership and free tuition to his choice of schools, fly tying (beginners or advanced), fly fishing or rod building.

John Springer is taking over the HOTLINE October 2. The number to call to report your fishing conditions, as well as obtain these reports is: 664-3688.

Our membership is currently at 307.

There will be a brush clearing outing for the Willimantic TMA on October 19. Meet at Nye Holman at 9:30am. Call Kurt Jagielow for more information.

Results of state shocking survey:

- Housatonic TMA: Typical count 4000-5000, Sept 91 - 1500
- Willimantic TMA: Typical count 400-500, Sept 91 - 115

Ed.


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ALASKA

by Ernest Boutiette and Charlie Place

Charlie Place and I took a trip to Alaska this past August to fish for silver salmon, which is Alaska's #1 game fish. The fishing, at least for us, was even better than you read about.

Our biggest worry was what rods, lines and flies to take with us. Most stories we read said to take #8 or #9 rods and reels with strong drags. We decided on a Scott bass rod for a #7 weight line that we made from blanks. It was ideal for silver salmon. Our fishing was done with the Scott rod and a sink tip line with a #6 sink rate. Charlie used a steelhead 13 foot sink tip with a #5 sink rate on a Marrayatt reel. Any good reel that would hold line and 300 feet backing would do because anytime that I hooked a fish I would back off the drag and palm the spool as they made spectacular runs. At first, the guide recommended floating lines as we often fished in 3 feet of water, but after 2 days he used his teeny line of 200 grams. He kept telling me that I stripped in my line too fast, but also changed his mind on this. We caught all but a couple of fish on purple or black egg sucking leeches which is a Woolly Bugger with a fluorescent pink head. In fact, after watching Charlie and I outfish the camp, all fly fishermen changed to this fly and a sink tip line.

Two kinds of salmon take flies readily, the silver and chum. The chums average ten pounds or better and readily hit a fly that is retrieved slowly. They fight deep as a large brown trout and if they get into fast water they are long gone. We would point our rods at them and let them break off. The Alaskans consider them a poor game fish and so did we after the second day as they slowed down our fishing for silvers.

We had an exceptional guide as he put us over fish each time we went out. After day one, he told us that he could not teach us anything about fishing and became the third member of our fishing party. We cruised the river in a big boat with a big jet outboard motor as we often went through shallow water with the motor bouncing off the bottom. Charlie and I averaged better than 20 silvers a day. I am on a little ego trip as this was more than double the average for the fishermen in the camp. The silvers averaged 8-10 pounds although Charlie caught one that we estimated would tip the scales at 14 pounds plus. The guide said it was the biggest that he had seen in 3 years as a guide.

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Most fishermen used spinning rods.

I could write a small book on our week's fishing; but will write of our last day which lasted only 3 hours as we had to take a float plane to Anchorage at noon. This was the day that our guide wanted to video tape fly fishing for silvers. We caught 25 silvers this morning with both of us often having fish on at the same time. We were on the river at daybreak and both of us were into fish on the first cast. What a sight!! They move like greased lightning with your line cutting the water like a periscope on a sub, and then make three or four spectacular leaps. After about five minutes we would beach them and the guide would release them.

After the first fish of the trip we bent the barbs down and fished barbless as the guide would have trouble removing the hook. Yes, we followed the CFFA tradition and released every fish that we caught. We were the only ones in camp to do this. The owners made us feel good when we left as they said we were the finest sportsmen they had seen all season as we used catch and release. I caught many salmon; but Charlie was the talk of the camp as he outfished everyone in camp. He once caught a very large silver in a shallow, weed-choked lagoon that no fisherman would throw a fly into. It sure amazed our guide.


One last incident. One morning five of us were lined up on a sandbar in the middle of the river, and all five had salmon on at the same time. We ran the guide ragged as he netted at least 20 silvers in about one hour's time.

Am I going back? You can make book on it, but for two weeks.



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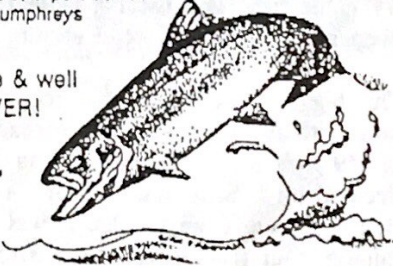
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3. Tellico, Dark Stenonema
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1. Muddle Minnow, Stone Fly Nymph
2. Comparadun, Parachute
3. Clouser Crayfish, Hare Water Pup
4. Dahlberg Diver, Deer Hair Popper
5. Hy-tie, Lefty Deceiver
6. Cork Popper, Slider

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

Class Size: Fly Tying classes limited to the first 25 people submitting applications for each class.

Tuition: Fly Tying class: CFFA Members - \$30; Non-Members - \$40; 16 & Under - \$20

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Class Size: Limited to the first 10 people submitting applications. Must make rod selection by December 11, 1991.

Tuition: CFFA Members - \$10; Non-Members - \$15

CFFA Enrollment Application

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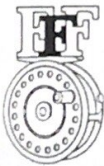
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