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NOVEMBER MEETING

Graphite and Bamboo Rods

CFFA Member, Joe Garman

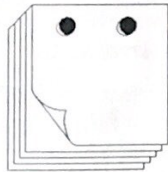
Joe will be providing a brief comparison of these rods and a bit of the bamboo rod's recent history. Each rod has its own advantages, with the bamboo being typically the slower action of the two. This slow action makes it appropriate for nymph and wet fly fishing. Whenever I fish with a bamboo I feel an immediate connection with the modern roots of fly fishing.

PLACE: Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse
Sunset Ridge
East Hartford, CT

DATE: Wednesday, December 9

TIME: Rod Building - 6:00pm
Fly Tying - 7:00pm
Program - 7:30pm

ATTENTION ALL CFFA MEMBERS



It is time to renew your membership for the upcoming year. Please fill out the enclosed form (see page 3), include a check for the proper dues, and either send it in or give it to Neil Bantly at the next club meeting. 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 Neil at home. His number is on the last page of the newsletter.



From the Vest of the President



CFFA member Ed Ruestow who did another outstanding job organizing this year's Fly Fishing Museum dinner-auction, was one of the persons who received special awards from Museum Director Don Johnson. We also heard good reports from the group that went to Pulaski. Lots of fish on, quite a few landed, and definitely a return trip next year. I had a conflict this year, but do plan on making it next year.

The Museum's traveling exhibit has finally made it to the land of steady habits. "Anglers All" will be at the Peabody Museum at Yale University in New Haven from early December through next spring. More details later, but everyone should make a special trip to see this exhibit. And don't forget to go see the movie, "A River Runs Through It."

I was especially pleased at the great response to Phil Brunquell's request for fly tyers at the last meeting. Phil announced that seventeen members had contacted him and that they have already held one orientation session at Newington Children's Hospital. Don't let this stop you if you haven't gotten around to calling Phil yet. I'm sure he'll find work for everyone, and there may be opportunities to tie at other places. Phil's number at the hospital is 667-5419.

Most of you saw the announcement about salmon stocking in the Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers in the Hartford Courant. (For those of you who didn't, it is reprinted in part on page 2.) Pretty exciting news! Even more so for a few members who took advantage of an invitation to help the DEP with the stocking at the November meeting. The fish will be in and the action underway by the time you read this. We told DEP that we would support their efforts, and will plan one or more outings. Let us know if you are interested.

We will also be working with HFFA, FRAA, Trout Unlimited chapters, and the Federation on revising DEP fishing regulations. This would include expanding TMA's, removing bait fishing from TMA's, and promoting wild trout fisheries. This was started by Connecticut TU chairman Scott Matthews, and could be a big step in better fishing for all of us. We have three volunteers so far, but we can rotate people if more are interested. The group will hold its first meeting in early December.

The national elections are over, but our annual election of officers is just around the corner. I have asked Mike Stewart, Steve Lewis, and Mark Lewchick to serve as a nominating committee. They will present a proposed slate of officers at the December membership meeting, and the election will be

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Rearing Pool - About 200 Rainbows were put into the rearing pool on 6 Nov. The plans are to stock these fish before opening day next spring. At that time 100 more rainbows will be put into the pool for rearing for a fall stocking. Again, many thanks to Kurt Jagielow.

Membership Renewals - These are due once again. It seems like yesterday was spring. DON'T I WISH!! Spring fishing...Where was I? Right, dues. Please return your renewals to Neil Bantly as soon as you can. Any Board member will be happy to collect your renewals if it is more convenient for you.

Annual Banquet - Gary LaFontaine has been confirmed as the speaker for the banquet. Gary is a long time, well respected member of the CFFA and author. You can read more on this program, the banquet and the Fly Fishing Show elsewhere in this issue.

Durham Fair - A belated thanks goes to the following who helped at last September's Fair: Keith Mailloux, John Springer, George Degan, Gary Steinmiller, Ed Fidrych, Kurt Jagielow, George Wark, Dale Matthews, Dave Kusma, Dave Harduby, Arnold Cosgrove, Jack Marchesseault, Mike Stewart and Larry Johnson.

Ed.

COMING EVENTS

CFFA Board of Directors Meeting	2 Dec 92
Membership Meeting, Graphite & Bamboo Rods, Joe Garman	9 Dec 92
Rod Building School	9 Dec 92, 7,14,21,28 Jan 4 Feb 93
Board of Directors Meeting	6 Jan 93
Fly Tying School	7,14,21,28 Jan 4,11 Feb 93
Membership Meeting, Fly Tying Roundtable, Club Tyers	13 Jan 93
CFFA 25th Anniversary Fly Fishing Show, The Colony, Manchester CT	20 Feb 93
Annual Banquet, 25th Anniversary Celebration, The Colony, Manchester, CT	20 Feb 93
Fly Fishing School	4,11,18,25 Mar TBD April TBD May 93
Membership Meeting, Alaska Fly Fishing, Ernie Boutiette & Charlie Place	10 Mar 93
Theodore Gordon Flyfishers Show	13 Mar 93
Fishing Show, Hartford Civic Center	18-21 Mar 93
North Eastern Council FFF Conclave, Roscoe, NY	4-6 Jun 93
Trip, Falmouth, Cape Cod	TBD June 93
FFF National Conclave, Livingston, MT	8-14 Aug 93

Connecticut Salmon Stocking

Hartford Courant, Friday, November 6, 1992, Page E4

Sections of the Shetucket and Naugatuck rivers each have been stocked with about 350 Atlantic salmon broodstock by the Department of Environmental Protection in an effort to create a new sportfishery. The Shetucket River (between Scotland Dam in Scotland and Occum Dam in Occum) and the Naugatuck River (between Union City dam in Naugatuck and Rimmon dam in Seymour) will be open to salmon fishing Nov. 21 through Feb. 28, and the fish may be taken by fly fishing only.

The salmon are 3-5 years old, average 8-14 pounds, and the creel limit is one fish a day.

Sections of the Shetucket and Naugatuck were selected for the program because they are clearly delineated by upstream and downstream dams, are readily accessible to anglers and offer sufficient habitat for large salmon.

The experimental sportfishing program is not part of the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program that has been run since 1965. Regulations prohibit Atlantic salmon fishing within the Connecticut River basin without a special license or in state lakes and ponds.

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Why do you renew your membership in CFFA?
What does CFFA membership mean to you?
2. OR, if the above questions are not to your liking, then briefly comment on anything about CFFA - programs, trips or activities.

YOUR COMMENTS NEED NOT BE LENGTHY OR TYPED. One sentence, one paragraph, or one page - you decide. Be sure to include your **name, town, and how long (approximately) you've been a member.**

Give to Ken Parkany or send before December 7th to Ken Parkany, 503 Bush Hill Road, Manchester, CT 06040.

*25th Anniversary Publication

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25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

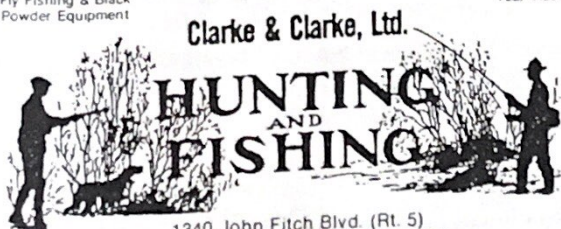
Plans are proceeding quite rapidly in preparation for all the festivities. **Ed Jaworski** will be coming for the show as well as **Gary LaFontaine**. Gary will also be our featured speaker at the Banquet that evening. A number of exhibitors will be on hand at the show. During the evening's banquet following the program, we will have our raffles/auction. These raffles/auction will include a Silent Auction, Table Raffle, Insurance Raffle and a Special Raffle where the winner will receive a Fly Tyers Dream - a fly tying hutch/table loaded with equipment and materials.

In addition, activity is continuing on various 25th Anniversary Publications. These publications will include a CFFA History, Lines and Leaders Fly Fishing Guide. The Guide is expected to include sections on Fly Tying Features (original patterns created by CFFA members and CT residents), Local Waters, Out-of-State Waters and Humor. The guides contents will be from past issues of Lines and Leaders.

Ed.

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held in January. We know of one vacancy so far, since Mike Stewart will be giving up his position as treasurer. If you are interested, contact the nominating committee or any board member.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to wish each one of you and your families the very best of Holiday Seasons. Remember to renew our membership - and keep in mind that a membership or school enrollment makes a nice holiday gift.

Tight lines,

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Northern Bonefish A Freshwater Answer to the Ocean Flats

by Ronald Pisani
Albany, New York

Reprinted from "The Bugline", FFF Warm Water Committee Newsletter, December 1990

In recent years, more and more flyfishers have turned their attention toward the ocean flats, and with good reason. Who wouldn't want to travel to exotic places such as the Florida Keys, Costa Rica and Christmas Islands, with visions of palm trees, mangroves, grass huts and crazy rum concoctions (complete with umbrella); not to mention the feeling that an adventure, ala Ernest Hemingway, is about to erupt at any time. These places also play host to a number of fish species noted for their runs (their fight notwithstanding) capable of burning a couple hundred yards of line and backing from your reel quicker than you can say Lefty Kreh. After all, when stung, these fish have no place to go but straight.

To those of you who live reasonably close to the flats, my heartfelt jealousy goes out to you. Being a New Yorker, fishing the ocean flats requires an expenditure of time and money, both of which must be budgeted (unless there's a sugar daddy out there in desperate need of a fishing partner). However, I have found a local alternative which provides the thrills (but perhaps not the frills) of the ocean flats.

I'm talking about a fish I call the Northern Bonefish. "What the heck...?", you might ask. You never heard of a Northern Bonefish? Well, let me just prelude the unveiling of this mystery fish with a few choice descriptive phrases to clue you in:

- There's an old blues song with a noteworthy line, "Any fish will bite if you have the right bait."
- Beauty is in the eye of the beholder; but, without a doubt, ugliness reigns here.
- Rodney Dangerfield and Northern Bones share one disparaging attribute, "They don't get no respect."
- What runs like a freight train, grows as thick as a log and is known as a tackle buster?
- This fish has the mouth of a sucker, the scales of a tarpon, and a distinctive golden brown coloration.

In case you haven't guessed by now, please allow me to introduce the unheralded carp. Yes, I'm talking about that scaly, ugly, silt sucking behemoth which many anglers have battled to exhaustion, thinking they have tied into a game fish of IFGA proportions. Actually, they have. It's astonishing to see the look of disappointment on their faces upon realizing that what they hooked is not considered a gamefish by certain lofty standards. That's too bad, because in my book, "A fish is a fish, is a fish..." especially if it has the ability to tear your tackle apart. At any rate, carp are a more than worthy adversary, and a veritable challenge to the fly fishing enthusiast.

I don't claim to be an expert in this field of fly rodding for Northern Bones. However, I do want to share some of my experiences and, hopefully, entice a few of you to give these fish a try.

Carp have a habit of splashing, thrashing or leaping from the surface. However, a cast to these fish is usually unproductive. I don't know if these fish are sunning themselves, playing or engaging in a kinky courtship ritual; but I doubt they are feeding. I really think they do this to drive anglers crazy or to induce a heart attack in unsuspecting fishermen.

Carp often feed off the bottom, which translates to a slow, deep presentation of our fly right on their respective noses. This means tough fishing on any type of tackle. There are times, though, when carp will hang out in the shallowest sections of rivers and streams, which makes them an ideal fly rod quarry. Sometimes they can be found at the opt of chutes feeding into pools or runs, just waiting for first dibs on whatever drifts by. I know, because I have practically stepped on carp by wading too close. When this happens, I don't know who is more startled, the carp or I. Carp also hold near weeds or other structures just off the flow while waiting in ambush position.

Many times, though, carp simply cruise for a meal. This is when I have found fishing for these Northern Bones to be the most fun, and quite similar to fishing for their tropical counterparts. When cruising, carp will give themselves away by tailing or bulging, as does a Bonefish in the flats. In this situation, the ability to toss a lengthy and accurate cast now becomes paramount. Believe it or not, carp will spook from a poor presentation. A cast right on top of them is bound to send them scurrying. However, placing your cast about three or four feet ahead of where you anticipate they are cruising, will often result in a take.

(To be continued in January issue. Ed)

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Subject:
CFFA's 25th Anniversary Fly Fishing Expo, 20th February 1993,
The Colony, 51 Hartford Tpk (Rt 83), Vernon, CT 06066

The Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association is hosting the Subject event to commemorate its 25th Anniversary and would be pleased to have you take part as an exhibitor. Preliminary details of the Program including the Exhibitor Reservation Form are below. Please complete the form and return it with your deposit now, while it's fresh in your mind. **(Many advertisers in Lines & Leaders and others have already been contacted and have expressed their interest. We thank them for their willingness to support the CFFA in this historic endeavor.)**

Since this event will be the first of its kind in the Greater Hartford area in recent years, the CFFA is planning widespread advertising and promotion, including our neighboring states. We want to do all we can to maximize attendance and assure the Programs' success for the Exhibitors, the CFFA and all who attend. We hope that you will assist in promoting the event by displaying posters that will be available from the CFFA. Naturally, we're open to ideas, so don't hesitate to contact me to offer suggestions or ask any questions.

Mark the date: February 20th 1993!!!

Sincerely yours, Dale Matthews, Exhibitor Coordinator - 875-2033 (H), or 565-5143 (B)
Other contacts: Larry Johnson, President - 246-0728 (H) or 725-3873 (B); Ken Parkany, Program Coordinator - 643-9819 (H) or 652-1844 (B).

EXPO PROGRAM DETAILS AND RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

8-10 am: Exhibitor Set-Up
10-4 pm: Exhibitor Booths Open, Fly Tying Demonstrations & Seminars
4-6 pm: Exhibitor Take-Down
6-7 pm: Pre-Banquet Social Hour
7 pm: CFFA 25th Anniversary Banquet with CFFA Featured Guest, Gary J. LaFontaine.

NOTE: Other special programs are being planned, such as limited attendance fly tying session with Gary LaFontaine, and much more.

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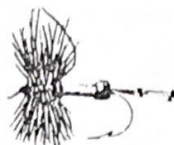
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1. Muddle Minnow, Stonefly Nymph
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