



# LINES & LEADERS

Newsletter of the Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association  
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## February Meeting 22nd ANNUAL BANQUET Featuring Tom Rosenbauer

CFFA's Banquet Committee and Board of Director's present the 22nd Annual Banquet. Tom Rosenbauer will be presenting Northeast Fly Fishing which will include VT, NY, CT and MA. The presentation will concentrate on Trout, but Lake Ontario Steelhead fishing and saltwater fly fishing in CT and Martha's Vineyard will also be included.

Prizes will be offered through door prizes, the Insurance Raffle, Silent Auction, Complete Fishing Outfit Special Raffle and the General Raffle.

Come out and support your club and have a great time!

**PLACE:** Manchester Country Club, Rt 83,  
South Main St., Manchester CT

**DATE:** Saturday, February 8

**TIME:** Cocktails - 5:30 pm  
Dinner - 7:00 pm

## *CFFA Presents the 22nd Annual Banquet at the Manchester Country Club February 8, 1992*

### *Featuring Tom Rosenbauer*

Tom has been a fly fisherman and fly tyer for over 25 years. Educated as a biologist with a concentration in fisheries biology and aquatic entomology, he has worked as a professional fly tyer, fishing school instructor, public relations director, and was editor of The Orvis News for 10 years. He is presently the merchandise manager for the Orvis Fishing and Hunting catalogs. Tom is the author of The Orvis Fly Fishing Guide, Reading Trout Streams, Casting Illusions, and Prospecting for Trout, to be published by Atlantic Monthly Press in the spring of 1992. His articles have appeared in American Angler and Fly Tyer, Audubon, and others. He lives in East Arlington, VT with his wife, Margot Page (granddaughter of Sparse Gray Hackle) and daughter Brooke.

## From the Vest of the President



This month we will hold our 22nd Annual Banquet, marking our 24th year as an organization. The board of directors and our informal banquet committee have put together an outstanding evening, and I hope that we will be able to exceed our last year's attendance in spite of the present economic conditions. Tom Rosenbauer, from ORVIS, will be our speaker, and will be available to sign any of his books you may have after the program. Several members have seen earlier versions of his program and were very impressed. We will also be giving out the Scarlet Ibis Award to a member of the board of directors and the Ted Barbieri Award to someone not on the board.

We have a good selection of items for our conservation drawing, silent auction and insurance raffle. Remember to bring any unsold insurance raffle tickets to the Banquet. Gary Bogli ran out of tickets last year because the unsold tickets didn't get turned in soon enough. Also remember to give any raffle prizes you may bring to the banquet to someone at the special table near the entrance. This will make sure that we give you credit for your donation and that it is put in an appropriate place on the table.

One new element this year will be our special table raffle, which features a rod, reel and line, vest, waders, wading staff, and other items. This was suggested by Dave Goulet of Classic & Custom, who also very generously donated the rod, reel, and line. It's a little more expensive at \$20 per ticket, but with only 50 tickets sold the chances of winning are far better than the general raffle. There will be no drawing if all tickets are not sold. Dave warned us it might not go the first year, but I'd like to see it happen. Wouldn't mind winning, either.

I'm also pleased that we elected a full slate of officers at the January meeting. All of our past officers have returned, and we want to welcome two new officers, Keith Mailloux as Vice President for Activities (which has been vacant since Bruce Cole left last year), and Mark Levy as Legal Secretary (which has been vacant for a lot longer than that). At the same time, Dick Lerche has left the board after many years of service to CFFA. Dick has been secretary, membership chairman, and most recently, indoor facilities chairman. We will miss him at our board meetings, but his departure provides an opportunity for someone else to get more involved with CFFA. It's an easy job, and a good way to get introduced to the board. Let me know if you are interested or have someone to suggest.

Finally, remember that there will be no regular meeting this month. The time to show up is Saturday, February 8. See you at the banquet.

Tight lines,

Larry Johnson



**It's official** - fishing license fees are now \$15 for residents, and \$25 for non-residents.

The Rearing Pool plug problem has been resolved. A trout was stuck! About 150 browns were stocked in the pool before Christmas.

Membership is at 323.

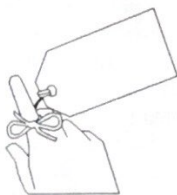
**New Club:** The Northwestern Chapter of Trout Unlimited was recently formed. This TU chapter will be concentrating initially on the quality of the Naugatuck River.

**January Meeting:** The Fly Tyer's Roundtable was a great success. For those of you who missed the meeting, here's a recap of that night's activities.

Gene Monty showed the use of CDC feathers and Zelon winging material. Mark Philippe tied freshwater and saltwater versions of Clouser's Deep Minnows. Dale Matthews demonstrated the use of epoxy and Ultra Hair in tying Popovic's Pop-Flies streamers. Gary Bogli tied parachute hackle dry flies. Gary Steinmiller tied some indestructible foam body sliders for saltwater top fishing. Mark Lewchik tied some Woolly Bugger patterns using sparkle chenille, extended body mayflies and a Deceiver Fender pattern. Mike Stewart presented Murray's Hellgrammite and Clouser's Swimming Nymph smallmouth bass patterns.

Thanks to all the above people for their time. Those who attended the meeting benefitted from their experience and knowledge.

Ed.



**ATTENTION ALL CFFA MEMBERS  
FINAL NOTICE!  
Membership Renewal**

If there is a black star on your mailing label, this is your last opportunity to renew your membership for this year. We don't want to lose you as a member. Please fill out the form on page 3, include a check for the proper dues, and either send it in or give it to Dave Harduby 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 you have a question about your membership status, call Dave at home. His number is on the last page of the newsletter.

**COMING EVENTS**

- CFFA Fly Tying & Rod Building Schools 31 Jan, and 7 Feb
- CFFA Board of Directors Meeting 5 Feb 92
- Worcester Fishing & Outdoor Expo 6-10 Feb 92
- CFFA Annual Banquet 8 Feb 92
- Springfield Outdoors Show, Big E 20-23 Feb 92
- HFFA Fly Fishing Seminar: Jack Gartside - Wallingford Fish & Game Club 22 Feb 92
- CFFA Board of Directors Meeting 4 Mar 92
- FRAA Annual Dinner, Bob Jacklin - Marinelli's Supper Club 7 Mar 92
- Theodore Gordon Flyfishers Show 9 Mar 92
- CFFA Fly Fishing School 5, 12, 19, 26 Mar 92, 11 Apr 92, 2 May 92
- CFFA Membership Meeting, Paul Morissey - Beaverkill Fishing 11 Mar 92
- Fishing Show, Hartford Civic Center 12-15 Mar 92
- HFFA Annual Banquet, Poul Jorgensen New Haven 21 Mar 92
- NE Council FFF Conclave, Falmouth (Cape Cod) MA 5-7 Jun 92
- Atlantic Salmon Federation Conclave, Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia 8-12 Jul 92

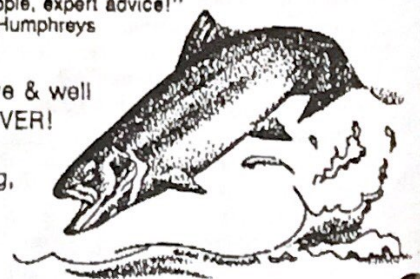
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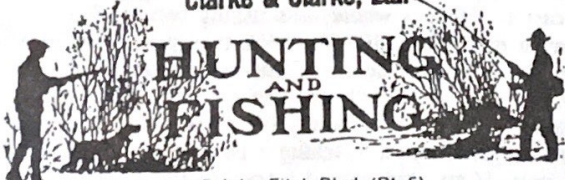
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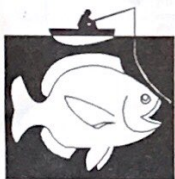
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I was indeed fortunate to have a Dad who was addicted to three things, hunting, fishing and five card draw poker. I learned all three at an early age. I will stick to a fishing story, as this is a fishing club. I fished with my Dad for any fish that swims in New

England from the lowly bullhead to the fighting striped bass. He was an expert in fishing for any of the above. I think that poker taught him patience because he always bragged that he had never drawn to an inside straight regardless of the size of the pot and he put this patience to use in fishing. I will write this story on fishing bass with my Dad. He taught himself plug casting in 1919 and being the only plug caster in town for many years, caught more bass over five pounds than anyone that I ever knew.

He taught myself and my two brothers plug casting in the following manner. As soon as I was old enough to hold the rod, my lessons began. We would lay out a car tire in the back yard and cast for its center, also to one swinging from a tree. I did this hour after hour after school. No fancy level wind reel; but an open face on a heavy seven foot Heddon rod. Without bragging, my Dad, myself and my two brothers became accurate enough to be professionals.

**"My Dad"**  
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I will explain in the following story why it was necessary to be an expert at casting. We usually fished three in the boat. My Dad, as senior, took the front, I the back and one of my brothers on the oars. Although my Dad was a very serious fisherman, he made fishing fun. All our bass fishing was early morning or in the evening. All rods had the same lure on it, a top water lure called a "Pfleuger Globe," yellow with fluorescent white spots. My father caught every bass in his life on this lure. Even then, they were so little used that we had to special order them.

My Dad's first order as we started up the pond was, "don't drop the oars." He believed that every bass in the pond went into hiding if you made noise with the oars. As we started up the pond, my Dad would name a spot and cast his plug to it. I, next in line, would cast out my lure, again naming an exact spot that I was to cast to. Here is where bass fishing became fun. Heaven help the caster who took two good spots in a row. By a majority decision, this caster was put on the oars, with much friendly arguing by the culprit. We rotated positions about every fifteen minutes, if no fish were caught. Anyone catching a bass automatically took the oars. If my Dad named a spot to the right of the stump and you either hit it or went to the left of it,

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**"My Dad" - continued from page 4**

on the oars; amid much razzing for his amateurish cast. No matter who missed his named spot - on the oars. If one of us hooked a bass, and lost it, it was the majority judgement if it got off on its own or he shook it off, which all of us did if it was too small. The one who lost it arguing, good naturally, with a lot of explanations why the bass got off. If one of us hooked a good size bass, the other two were very vocal how it should be played. This was all in good fun.

We returned all bass to the water unless it was big enough to enter in our club's contest.

My Dad had two sayings that I have repeated a thousand times. The first is, "Don't laugh at a man's bait." The other, to quiet my mother who was always afraid that one of use would drown, "No fisherman ever gets in trouble or ends up in jail." My Dad was one hell of a guy.

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**Robert Boyle Conservation Award**

Tom Barry, Senior Fisheries Biologist with the DEP Inland Fisheries Division, was awarded the Robert Boyle 1991 Conservation Award by the Northeastern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. The award was presented at the September '91 Conclave in recognition of his efforts in developing a smallmouth bass management plan on the Stanley Tract Area of the Housatonic River, located in Kent and Cornwall, CT.

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## FLY PATTERNS FOR CONNECTICUT - The Royal Footman

Since we are in the midst of the cool season here in Connecticut, what better thing to do for the cabin bound fly fisher but tie some flies for the coming season. To help you out as to what flies to use, the following is a listing of proven flies used on popular Connecticut waters.

### DRY FLIES

#### **Caddis:**

Henryville Special (12-20)  
Elk (or Deer) Hair Caddis (10-18)

#### **Mayfly:**

Hendrickson (12-14)  
Sulpher (16)  
Potamanthus (10-12)  
March Brown (10-12)  
Grey Fox (12-14)  
Light Cahill (1-20)  
Red Quill (12-14)  
Quill Gordon (10-14)  
Blue Wing Olive (16-20)  
Trico (22-26)  
Grey Fox (14-18)  
Cream, Olive or Black Midge (20-26)

#### **General:**

Adams (10-20)  
Bivisible (10-16)  
Irresistible (10-16)

### NYPHYS

#### **Stoneflies:**

Early Brown (8-12)  
Little Black (12-14)  
Little Yellow (12-14)

#### **Caddis:**

Latex or Fur Caddis Larva (Green/Cream 12-18)  
Sparkle Pupa (12-18)

#### **Mayfly:**

Blue Wing Olive (16-20)  
Light Cahill (10-14)  
Amber March Brown (10-14)

**Mayfly cont:** Quill Gordon (12)  
Hendrickson (12-14)  
Potamanthus (10-12)  
Sulpher (16)  
Trico (20-26)  
Stenonema (10-12)  
Olive or Rusty Spinner (16-20)

#### **General:**

Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear (6-18)  
Zug Bug (8-14)  
Tellico (8-14)

### WET FLIES

Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear (10-14)  
Leadwing Coachman (10-14)

### STREAMERS

Black Nose Dace (6-14)  
Olive Matuka (6-10)  
Wooly Bugger (6-10)  
White or Yellow Marabou (2-14)  
Black Marabou Leech (1/0-6)  
Black Ghost (6-12)  
Mickey Finn (6-14)

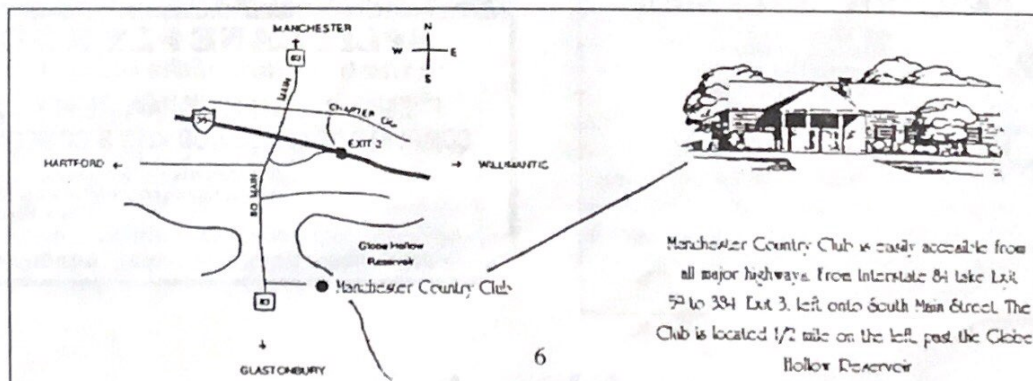
### TERRESTRIALS

Black Ant (16-20)  
Jessids (18-24)  
Green Inchworm (6-14)  
Hopper (10-14)  
Black Beetles (14-20)

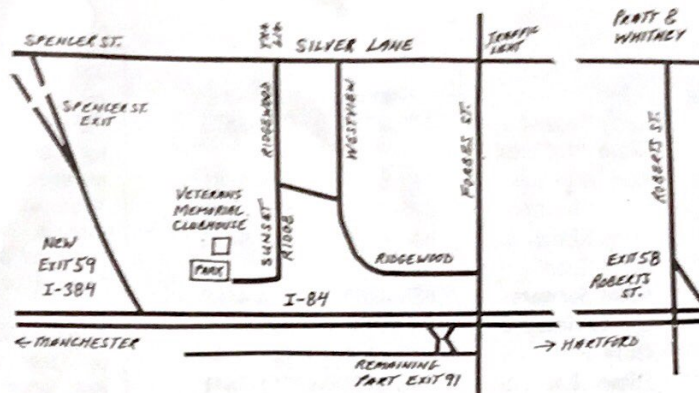
### GENERAL USE (Can be fished wet or dry)

Hornberg (8-14)  
Muddler (8-14)

### BANQUET DIRECTIONS



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	1	3-5-92	Rods, Reels and Lines
	2	3-12-92	Flies and Fish
	3	3-19-92	Water Types and How to Fish Them
	4	3-26-92	Leaders and Knots
	5	4-11-92	Casting Instruction and Fishing (Pond)
	6	5-2-92	Fishing a Stream

LOCATION:

Classes 1,2,3,4  
Class 5  
Class 6

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

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CLASS SIZE:

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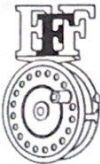
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