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Organized "To Preserve and Promote the Pleasures and Traditions of Fly Fishing and to Conserve Game-Fish Waters."

May Meeting Featuring Steve Gephardt

The Restoration of the Atlantic Salmon
in the Connecticut River

Steve will present a slide program updating us on the progress of Atlantic Salmon restoration for the Connecticut River system. His program has been well received by the members of other outdoor organizations. He is a major participant in Connecticut's restoration efforts. Since salmon traditionally return in numbers during the month of May, Steve will have the latest news to share with us.

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

DATE: Wednesday, May 13

TIME: Casting Clinic - 6:30 pm
Fly Tying - 7:00 pm
Meeting - 7:30 pm

CLUB TRIP

Cape Cod Fishing & the Conclave
5 - 6 June 1992

Come and join fellow club members for fishing at the Cape. Here's your chance to fish the Cape's famous kettle ponds or go fishing in the surf. In addition to the fishing, the North Eastern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers will be holding their Annual Conclave that same weekend in North Falmouth.

Lodging will be at The Moorings Lodge in Falmouth Heights. There is room for 16 people. Since there is limited room, the first 16 to sign up will get reservations. Your cost of \$75.00 per person includes two nights, two breakfasts, and one buffet dinner.

Make your checks payable to CFFA in the amount of \$75.00 for each person.

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From the Vest of the President



This will be our last meeting until September, and the end of a very successful program year. Our programs have been excellent and very well attended. I think our best was 100 persons, over one third of our membership. We also had a great banquet, and well attended rod building, fly tying and fly fishing schools. All of this is the result of the hard work of your board and those members who have helped out with our activities. Every organization depends on the participation of its members for success, and CFFA is no exception.

Your participation is even more important as we enter our 25th year as an organization devoted to preserving and promoting the pleasures and traditions of fly fishing and conserving game waters. Long time member and past president Ken Parkany outlined some of the things we could do for our anniversary at our April meeting. These included a 25th anniversary banquet linked to a special event, a special edition of "Lines & Leaders," a guide book to the Willi, a book of CFFA patterns, a special patch or pin, and a repeat of the pre-season events at the Blast & Cast which were held in the early years of the club.

There's a lot to do here, and we can do it all and more with your help. Common wisdom says that we should contact you directly and ask for your help. Unfortunately, we can't talk to everyone directly except through the newsletter, and we don't know which of these projects you might be interested in, or if you have something different to suggest. It would really help if you would contact us. The more help we get, the better our celebration will be. And it doesn't have to be done in one year. We were founded in July of 1967, but incorporated in June of 1969. We can make this a really long party if we want to, and probably should. If you want to be part of the action, call Ken or any board member at the numbers listed in this newsletter.

Have a great summer fishing, and don't forget to keep notes so you can write something for Lines & Leaders. See you at the meeting, at the Conclave, and on the stream.

Tight lines,

Larry Johnson



Civic Center Fishing Show - Our booth this year was again a great success thanks to the organizational skills of Larry Johnson and Keith Mailloux and the help of the members. This year we were fortunate to have far away member to return to his home state. Many thanks go to Gary LaFontaine who not only helped to make the show a success but who also spent a few hours at the booth tying a few flies. Specifically, the following members are recognized for their help this year:

Larry Johnson	Keith Mailloux	Gary LaFontaine
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Charlie Place	Kurt Jagielow	Ernie Boutiette
Dick Lerche	George Wark	

Fly Fishing School - The school will be in full swing by the time this issue goes to press. 32 students are enrolled. The day on the pond was a good time in spite of the drizzle and cool temperatures. A few trout were caught throughout the day. Some lucky ones caught up to three. Everyone should know that these trout get into this pond primarily by the efforts of Vin Ringrose. He arranges for the trout to be delivered and meets the truck a little past 3 am! Thanks for the extra treat for the casting class, Vin. Ernie Boutiette also deserves a special thank you. Ernie tied five flies for each student of the class as a unique fishing incentive. Other members who also contributed a great deal during the school are:

Larry Johnson Mike Stewart Gary Steinmiller
 Gary Bogli Dale Matthews Dave Kusma
 Mark Philippe Myron Schulman

Banquet Donation - There still seems to be a few people who have not been acknowledged for their donations. Lionel MacDonald was also one of the many generous contributors in making the '92 Annual Banquet a success. Many thanks.

Ed.

COMING EVENTS

CFFA Fly Fishing School	2 May 92
CFFA Board of Directors Meeting	6 May 92
CT Boy Scout Jamboree, Club Booth	9 May 92
Durham Fairgrounds, Contact Dale Matthews	
CFFA Membership Meeting, Casting	13 May 92
Clinic, Fly Tying & Steve Gephardt	
Northeast Council FFF Conclave,	
Falmouth (Cape Cod), MA	5-7 Jun 92
Farmington River "Splash" Simsbury	6 Jun 92
"Salty" Flyrodders of NY	12-14 Jun 92
Will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the club with an "Annual Saltwater Flyfishing Conclave" at Long Island's North Fork "Sound View Inn", located in Greenport, near LI Sound waters. For more information contact Bob Sarka (516)623-5159 or Vince Posillico (212)892-7187.	
EARTH CAMP '92	28 Jun-3 July, 5-10 July 92
Atlantic Salmon Federation Conclave	
Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia	8-12 July 92
CFFA Board of Directors Meeting	3 June 92
CFFA Board of Directors Meeting	5 Aug 92
CFFA Board of Directors Meeting	2 Sept 92
CFFA Membership Meeting	9 Sept 92



E.A.R.T.H. CAMP '92 SCHOLARSHIP

The CFFA will sponsor a student to this camp. The camp is put on by the DEP and UCONN's Cooperative Extension System.

- WHAT:** The E.A.R.T.H. Camp is a one week residential experience where students will have an opportunity to learn about Connecticut's environment directly through field work, specialized activities and direct contact with practicing professionals. In addition, there will be a choice of activities to participate in such as horseback riding, archery, fly tying, and swimming.
- WHERE:** The camp will be held at the Middlesex County 4-H Camp in East Haddam
- WHO:** Students ages 12 to 15, or students entering 7th grade in the fall or completing the 9th grade this June, are eligible to attend the camp.
- WHEN:** Two identical sessions will be offered this summer:
 SESSION 1: June 28 - July 3 / SESSION 2: July 5 - July 10
- COST:** CFFA will sponsor one student. This sponsorship includes accommodations, all meals and instructional supplies.
- CONTACT:** Call Larry Johnson, 246-0728 and give him the name of your candidate. At the May membership meeting, a drawing will be held to choose the scholarship recipient.

Wives, Friends and Fishing Clubs

by John Springer

Everyone starts their fishing articles off by telling about the weather, the place, time of year, the hatch in progress or how a friend called. My fishing always starts with my wife. You see, I have a wonderful wife who lets me "play" and tells me to have fun. This makes me a lucky man and to put the icing on the cake, she has given me most of what we call "tools" not toys to pursue my pastime. The Coup de Grace, is that she makes the food I take out with me for my lunch. If any of you get any of this kind of treatment, my strong advice is to treat your wife well, take her out to do things that she enjoys - don't just spend money and time on yourself. Your life will be much happier for it.

To write of my friends and acquaintances, is to write of one of the many surprises in my life. If, 7 years ago, you were to say to me that I could talk to a total stranger for one hour on the telephone and know so much about that person's likes and dislikes, things that take a husband and wife a long time to find out, I would never have believed it. I am sure that all of you reading this, can relate to what I am saying. When I think of the places I go; be it a day trip, a 2-day camping trip or the BIG trips out West, the most important part of the trip is the camaraderie we share with the other people. Most of all the good flies I use came from friends; some of these guys are good cooks; others learn more than I from the speaker at a Club slide show and tell me what I missed or overlooked. I have more flyfishers over for parties or dinner than any other people in my life, and our Christmas card list has grown longer all because of fishing. Leon Chandler once said, "You meet the nicest people in fly fishing," and this is very true.

The last part of the article is about fishing clubs. Because of a good wife and working a job with out-of-the-ordinary hours, I am able to be in "6" fishing clubs. I urge you to support as many as you can, also join in as many activities as possible. I have learned more at the meetings about more places to fish, the best times to go and what patterns work best from reading all of the fishing magazine publications combined. Even if you can't get to the monthly meetings, the newsletters help out a lot. Membership dues for most of the clubs are less than \$20.00. If you enjoy the "catch and release" areas in Connecticut, just remember the Housatonic River Fly Fishing catch and release was because of the Housatonic Fly Fishermen's Association. The catch & release section of The Farmington River was because of the Farmington River Anglers Association, and the Willimantic River fly and catch & release areas were because of The Connecticut Fly

Fishermen's Association. The Mianus River special early season regulations and also the next 2 catch & release streams are because of Trout Unlimited. Several clubs go out with the state and stock fish in your streams, using live carts. This spreads out the fish so they don't dump them in at the bridges to be fished out the first week

of fishing season. Who do you think cleans up the trash left by the sides of the rivers and in the parking lots by our LOW LIFE SCUM angling brothers and sisters? Who called to have the license fees raised to keep the hatcheries open? Who tries to keep an eye out to see if damage is being done to the land next to our streams? There are some very dedicated people in the organizations I have mentioned, and they need help because so many people are too busy. Approximately 10% of the club members do all the work all the time. If you get involved, you will meet more people and have more fun at your hobby than you can ever imagine.

I hope you enjoyed this story as much as I enjoyed telling it. I will write about fishing next time - you see, I am on my way to the White River in Arkansas, going by train, looking out my window thinking, SO MANY FISH, SO LITTLE TIME.

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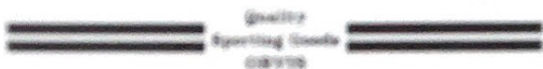


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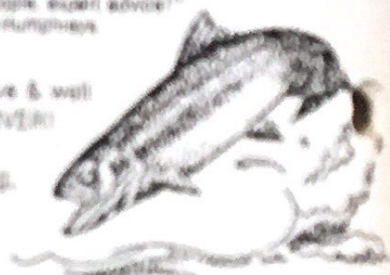
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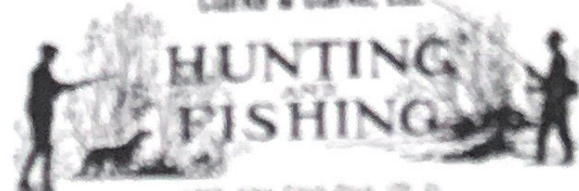
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One Rod and One Line

by Ernest Boutiette

This article will be on the evolution of fly lines in my fishing lifetime. As I look back (way back) I must write a paragraph on the finest rod that I ever owned. Not bamboo, glass or graphite; but a steel telescope rod that my Dad gave me when I was about ten years old. It was, to me, a thing of beauty. It had a reel seat and soldered on guides and was as black as coal and my most prized possession. It was a long way from the wood rods that I cut myself with ten feet of line on them. This type rod rusted easily - but not this beauty. I must have used a quart of oil keeping this rod polished. I also acquired a small reel on which I used old black casting line. I was now in the elite of the fishing fraternity. Although I now own rods to fish anything from stripers to bluegills, I will always remember my black beauty.

I never fail to appreciate my 444SL lines. They are a thing of beauty to cast. Short or long casts on a graphite rod with little effort on my part. We are lucky today to have lines that we can fish top to bottom for anything from tarpon to bluegills. In fact, one company advertised that it builds over 100 different lines. Not so when I started fly fishing in 1946. There were only two lines available, and both in silk. One was a level and the other a double tapered. Most flyfishermen had one rod and fished everything from bass to panfish on it. I would buy the line and cut it in half so I would have two lines and the running line was 45# salt water line. I am now realizing that I built a weight forward line. Anyone who mentions the good old days, was surely not thinking of silk lines. The finish was poor and cracked easily. When this happened I used it as a wet line as it would absorb water like a sponge. As the specific gravity of the line was more than water its nature was to sink. No one ever figured a way to keep it floating over a couple of hours. This line heard choice words when it happened in the middle of a hatch. Commercial line dressings were poor and I found vaseline to be best. They had to be dried after each trip as soon as you got home. I would wrap it on a big ball of crumpled newspaper to dry. So much for the good old silk line. Nylon lines made their appearance and although stiff as a board, they stayed afloat. Amen!!!

At this time a revolutionary line was introduced to the fly fisherman. It was called a hedge line designed by Marvin Hedge. I bought one as soon as it hit the market. It was the first true weight forward line. It was comparable to our bass tapers of today. I don't exactly remember how long the front was; but 15' could be close. It had a very fine front taper building up to a bid body and then tapered to a running line. It was a dog to cast for trout because once you got it going

out, hang onto the rod, as it would almost pull the rod from your hand. I used it only for bass; but it was sure tough on the rod. At this time glass rods, true floating lines and nylon leaders appeared, and only now did I realize how poor our rods, lines and leaders had been. Oh well, ignorance was bliss.

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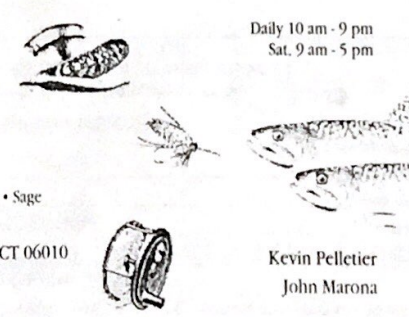
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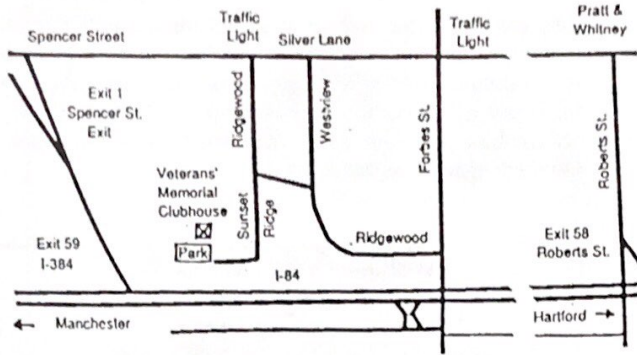
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New Jersey has discovered the striped bass is a gamefish! Recently, a bill was signed in NJ which gives the fish a gamefish status. This will ban all commercial sale of the fish in the state. Let's hope more states will follow NJ's lead

Last Trip? "Our club decided that a haunted house would be a good fundraising project, and a local funeral home agreed to lend us a casket to achieve the desired effect. Not having a truck, my husband and a friend hauled the coffin in a boat and trailer.

They stopped for gas, and the station attendant was mesmerized by the peculiar sight. My husband's explanation: "The old boy enjoyed fishing so much, we thought we'd take him along one more time." - Reader's Digest

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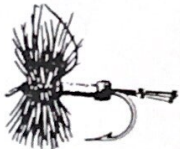
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ATLANTIC SALMON RESTORATION MAY 13, 1992

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