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NOVEMBER MEETING Labrador Brook Trout Fishing

CFFA member, Joe Walsh, will provide this month's entertainment with a slide show on fishing for Brook Trout in Labrador.

This trout in Labrador is only matched in size in northern Quebec, northern Manitoba and southern Argentina. Many lakes exist in Labrador which are still unfished and hold an abundance of squiretails in the 4 pound and over class. It is generally agreed that Labrador is the center of the Brook Trout's original habitat.

Come hear Joe's stories and about his experiences fishing for this beautiful native trout.

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

DATE: Wednesday, November 11

TIME: 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, include a check for the proper dues, and either send it in or give it to Neil Bantly at the next club meeting.

A pre-addressed envelope is provided for you. 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. If you have already paid your dues or are a lifetime member, thank you for your support and please disregard this notice.

From the Vest of the President



Those of you who were not at our October meeting missed a fine presentation by Bill Gunn on fishing some of the limestone and freestone trout streams in Pennsylvania and an opportunity to preview a new wooden fly tying material case that may come on the market later this year. You also missed an invitation to teach fly tying to a group not directly reached by most fishing clubs - children with disabilities.

You may have noticed the article in the October Orvis newsletter about a new fly-tying kit and video put together by Tom Rosenbauer as a result of his work with children at the Hole-in-the-Wall Gang Camp and Yale New Haven Hospital here in Connecticut. Both the children and the fly tyers benefitted greatly from this experience, and Orvis decided to make materials available to others to expand the program.

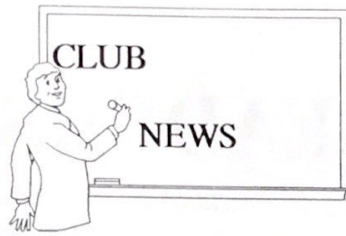
CFFA member Phil Brunquell, who works at Newington Children's Hospital, thought that this would be a great program to begin there. He contacted Tom Rosenbauer at Orvis who donated a kit of materials for his use. Any CFFA fly tyers who would like to donate a few hours of their time can contact Phil at 667-5419. Staff at the hospital will coordinate and schedule the sessions. I hope that all of you who tie and have some free time will take advantage of this opportunity to expand our educational activities and enrich the lives of some seriously ill children.

By the time you read this, our Pulaski trip will be over and those who went will be polishing their fish stories and thinking about next year. From what I've been hearing, our members who are into saltwater fly fishing will have their own stories to tell. There seems to be a big improvement in striper fishing this year. We're finally seeing the benefits of increased size limits and reduced commercial fishing pressure.

This is also the month for thinking about renewing your membership in CFFA. Please renew early and make the job of our new membership chairman, Neil Bantly, a lot easier. There are exciting things ahead for CFFA. Our 25th Anniversary Banquet and Fishing Expo are only the beginning. Don't be left out - renew now!

Tight lines,

Larry Johnson



MEMBERSHIP - We currently have 307 members.

CLUB HISTORY, REQUEST FOR PHOTOS - If anyone has photos of activities or events involving the CFFA and would like them to be a possible part of a CFFA published history, please send them to Ken Parkany, 503 Bush Hill Rd, Manchester, CT 06040, or give them to any board member. Black and white prints are preferred, but any photos would be appreciated. Please put your name, and the event, on the back of each photo. It would also be a good idea to make a list of your photos. Keep one copy for yourself and provide the other copy with your photos. All photos will be returned.

REARING POOL - About 80% of the pool has been epoxied to date. By the time you read this it should be finished. However, a small leak has been found in one of the mortar joints. This will be tackled next year. The plan is to dig completely around the outside of the pool and repair/seal on the earth side. Yeah! My waistline should trim up a bit on this one! Many thanks go to Kurt Jagielow, his daughter Amie, Dave Kusma, Bob Delage, and Al and Jason Robinson.

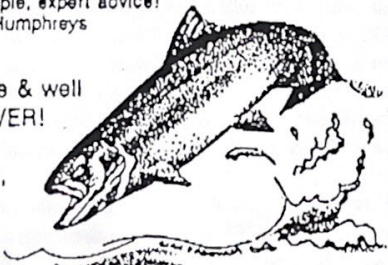
CLUB TRIP, PULASKI RIVER - As of this writing, 20 members have signed up with a few more committed to go. It should be a good trip. I'm looking forward to reading about all the fun in the next issue.

Ed.

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COMING EVENTS

CFFA Board of Directors Meeting	4 Nov 92
Trip, Salmon River, NY	6-8 Nov 92
Membership Meeting, Labrador	
Brook Trout Fishing	11 Nov 92
CFFA Board of Directors Meeting	3 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
Fly Tying School (Beginners and Advanced)	7,14,21,28 Jan
	4,11 Feb 93
Membership Meeting, Fly Tying Round- table, 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


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Marketing Skills Learned While Fishing

by Ken Parkany

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"Fishing," someone once mused, "suffers from overcomplication which arises from the deplorable instinct of the human mind to make attainment of the desired end as difficult as possible".

No so for Don Weiner, of Avon. He makes it look so simple. At least those are my observations after five years of pilgrimages with Don to a trout stream in upstate New York, the West Branch of the Ausable. In the angler's vernacular, by the way, a pilgrimage is when you travel a lot farther from home than necessary; eat more food than you should; and you fish enough to tell those you left behind how great it was.

To be honest, Don is a very accomplished spin-fisherman with ultra-light tackle (translation again: he has the skill of a zero handicap golfer - most of the time, or, he rarely resorts to using the word "skunked"). And he has been taught to catch a trout on a fly. But he surprisingly, attributes his phenomenal angling success and prowess to his similar success as a salesman. "There are similarities", Don says defending his position. "For one thing, getting away to fish is like getting away from the office - on the road. It's therapeutic." And Don suggests there are many other similarities as another angler in our office, Donna Guyette, and I discovered on separate occasions, by taking a nearby pilgrimage - or was it a "Don Weiner Angling/Marketing Seminar" - to the Farmington River (See Table 1).

Don and I canoed and fished a nine mile stretch of the river from Farmington to Simsbury on Labor Day. Donna and Don repeated the trip a couple of weeks later. I hasten to add here that Donna is no slouch when it comes to angling. Thanks to boyfriend Rob, she's been known to outfish angling partners of much greater age and experience. (Right Don?) If one judges "success" by quantity of scrappy fighting fish, this is your trip. Go for it. Averaging over 10 fish per mile of eight different species on this trip is common. But, now back to the "Seminar".

Its exact location extends from the Route 4 bridge in Farmington, nine miles downstream to the Route 185 bridge in the Weatogue section of Simsbury, near the Old Saybrook Fish House Restaurant. This is no white-water trip. The water here is, pardon the expression, quite "canoeably safe" for the novice - except for the occasional small white out-of-orbit globes that can be heard "plopping" into the river. Unfortunately there's no warning, but usually some expletive fallout (i.e., #!*#@!&) can be easily heard echoing through the

trees. This is one of the amusing benefits (to canoeists and canoe fishermen, anyway) of floating a river that meanders between four golf courses for a goodly part of the journey.

My form of retaliation against golfers who tried to confuse me into thinking that a fish jumped or "rose", I discovered to my surprise, was my usual childlike outburst of "Yubba-Dubba-Doo!!!" when ever a fish strikes (I may be getting older, but I refuse to grow up). Fortunately for me and unfortunate for some golfers, this happened often enough to occur on the downswing of a golfer (or two) on a tee adjacent to the river. If you think a fisherman hollering "Yubba-Dubba-Doo" at the top of his lungs sounds crazy, you ain't heard what a golfer says after missing a tee shot because his timing was so poor as to coincide with a fish striking my lure! And that's when the canoe served another purpose: escape!

FISHING CONDITIONS HOTLINE NUMBERS



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Marketing Skill - Continued

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Table 1. ANGLING SEMINAR TEACHES MARKETING SKILLS

Seminar Location: Farmington River, Farmington, Avon, & Simsbury, CT
For Reservations and private tutoring, contact anybody but the author.

MARKETING SKILL	LESSON LEARNED
PATIENCE	CUSTOMER DOES NOT ALWAYS TAKE THE "BAIT"
PERSISTENCE	CUSTOMER DOES NOT TAKE THE "BAIT" ON EVERY "CAST"
PRESENTATION	IF YOU DON'T "CAST" YOUR "LURE" ACCURATELY, YOU WILL GET "SNAGGED" UP
LANGUAGE	SOMETIMES THE CUSTOMER WILL FOLLOW THE "BAIT" WITHOUT TAKING IT, WHICH USUALLY AFFECTS THE THINGS YOU WANT TO CALL HIM / HER
PLANNING	THE CUSTOMER DOESN'T CARE WHERE YOU LEFT YOUR CAR KEYS
LEADERSHIP	WHEN THINGS GO WRONG AS THEY OFTEN DO, YOU HAVE TO BITE YOUR TONGUE AND RE-PLAN
PROBLEM SOLVING	SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO ASK FOR HELP

I can also assure you that you needn't be suckered into attending Don's Seminar. Do it on your own. The experience will be gratifying, if not unbelievable. For example, Donna and I compared notes after our respective experiences. We "dittoed" on most things, but there was one notable difference.

The trip requires two cars, one at the start and one at the end point (ditto - **in her case, Donna's car was at the end of the trip**). Great fishing in between (ditto). No shortage of fish (ditto). Great variety of fish types (ditto). Most success was around structures in the water: trees, logs, golf carts, bags and clubs, etc. (ditto). No one hit by errant golf balls (ditto). Duffer's verbal fallout amusing, but not repeatable (ditto). Weather satisfactory (ditto). A perfect day (). Whoops!

Well, just try to imagine Don's reaction, after spending several hours tutoring Donna in the skills of marketing,

dodging golf balls, laughing, and having a jolly good time, only to have this sweet "20 something" tell him in the most apologetic language, that her car keys are in his car -- nine miles upstream!!! Just imagine!!!

Which leads me to suggest another marketing lesson to be added to Don's seminar: **SURPRISE!**

(The author of this mercurial contribution fished before he walked; fishes now only on "Pilgrimages"; and flunked English in high school. But he didn't flunk Don Weiner's Seminar - the reason he was transferred from Marketing to Contracts at IAE, a unit of Pratt and Whitney in Glastonbury is, the company couldn't afford any more Pilgrimages...KJP)

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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 9, 1992. **First meeting** will be after the membership meeting on 9 December.

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

CFFA Enrollment Application

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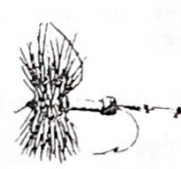
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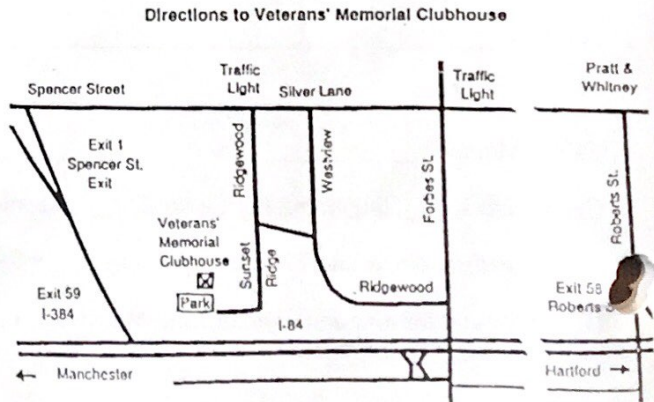
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Wading Safety

Fishermen, and others use waders in the pursuit of their activities and this article is applicable to all. However, it is particularly appropriate for the many fishermen who will venture forth this fall to the rapid running, rock strewn and dangerous Salmon River in Pulaski, NY.

Those who have fished Salmon River invariably have a horror story to tell of some fisherman taking unnecessary risks and it usually involves those who have failed to learn or ignored the basics of wading safety. While you're wading most stretches of this particular river is not the time to learn proper safety!

Safe wading begins with the proper equipment. The waders should fit well, especially in the thighs. If you can't squat comfortably in them, you probably don't have enough freedom to negotiate a difficult spot. You also want the proper foot size. Borrowing someone else's waders may be alright if you fish the slow stretches, but in fast water it's essential you have a good fit. Suspenders come with the waders and are necessary. More important is a belt. Should you fall, a belt is far more efficient for keeping water out. For poor swimmers a flotation vest or jacket should be seriously considered.

For many CT rivers or, LI Sound, the standard rubber soles may be adequate for the sand, gravel, or mud base. Felt soles or the longer lasting indoor/outdoor carpet applied with cement will normally handle moss and algae covered rock. But the Salmon River with its slick, smooth rock and shale virtually demand "corkers". These are strapped on sandals with steel spikes or golf shoe spikes across the sole. (To afford even more safety, have your local or Salmon River fishing store anchor your "corkers" with a screw to the boot heel.)

Just getting into fast water takes planning. Without careful observation you may find yourself in the middle of the river with no place to go. Plan your route. Look ahead for "exits" should you have difficulty, and "read" the water for spots to avoid such as drop-offs, sunken logs. Once you're committed to a tough situation, backtracking may be difficult or impossible. Water releases from the dam on the Salmon River must be calculated! You can get this information from local stores or get the telephone number to call. Water levels and currents at the same spot may vary tremendously from day-to-day. **Don't get overconfident!**

Once you get into the river cross the current at right angles or slightly downstream. Move slowly, keeping the foot on the upstream side in the lead and pointed forward. The rear, or anchor foot, should point downstream and be at right angles to the lead foot. Move the lead foot forward about half a step, get a solid hold, and move the rear foot the same distance. Shuffle across so that the anchor foot never passes the lead foot. This shuffle provides both feet are always in position to lend

support. If you have to turn around, do so towards the upstream. You can add more stability by using a wading staff to create a "third leg" or tripod effect. Plant the staff on the upstream and lean on it when you move; you will be anchored in two places even though one foot is in motion. Necessary fishing equipment can also be a hazard. Of particular concern should be the rather large net required to land a 25-35lb. salmon. Some tuck the handle into their waders which can hinder movement, particularly when attempting to regain balance. Others carry the rod in one hand, net in the other which may also hinder



balance. Most leave the net on shore. You probably won't be netting the fish where you hooked it and you won't net it yourself. Your net, as with most everyone else's, will be used to lend assistance to other fishermen.

If, despite all your precautions you go into the water - don't panic. Your waders even full of water weigh less than on land and don't add weight as long as you're in the water. The common fear that air trapped in your boots will raise your feet higher than your head and force your face underwater is unfounded.

Waders do make kicking worthless. If the current is gentle, the best bet is to bend your knees and side or breast stroke to safety. In fast water, lie on your back, bend your knees and point your feet downstream so your feet, not your head, bounce off the rocks. Scull with your hands to the safe area you noted before. Don't waste precious energy trying to maintain a vertical position attempting to find the bottom. You won't be able to tread water for any length of time and you'll quickly become exhausted - probably the major cause of drowning. Perhaps the most important thing to remember is to concentrate on getting out of the water, NOT on saving your gear. The gear can be replaced, you cannot!

The purpose of waders - staying dry while fishing - requires caution and good judgement. Ignoring proper safety or taking excessive risks will, without doubt, ruin your day or more.

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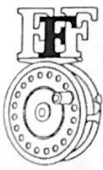
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