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OCTOBER MEETING Pennsylvania Trout Fishing

This month's program features Mr. Bill Gunn, of Norwich, Connecticut. His program will cover some of the finest fishing areas in Pennsylvania, from Potter County, Pine, Kettle, Big Fishing, Spruce and Spring Creeks, to the Cumberland Valley Region. We may even hear about fishing the Green Drake hatch. Although not necessarily known for large trout, Pennsylvania trout can get to be quite impressive in size.

Come to this meeting and hear about some great fishing which can be reached by car.

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

DATE: Wednesday, October 14

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

CLUB TRIP

IT'S HERE AGAIN!

THE STEELHEAD WEEKEND GETAWAY
6-7 November 1992

Come and join fellow club members for steelhead fishing on the Salmon River in Pulaski, NY area. Last year's trip was terrific! Here's your chance to fish the river with experienced club members. These and other members are going and staying nearby.

Lodging will be at the Hidden Acres Cottages, with room for 24 people. Since there is limited room, the first 24 people to sign up will get reservations. Your cost of \$42.80 includes lodging for two days.

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For more information, call Keith at 647-8230.

From the Vest of the President



We started our year with a fine program on saltwater fishing and 75+ members and guests in attendance. Fishing the salt must be getting pretty popular - CFFA, HFFA, and FRAA all had saltwater programs for September! For those who were not at the meeting, there have been some changes on the board. Dave Harduby has moved from membership chairman to conservation chairman, and Neil Bantly has returned to the board as membership chairman. Mike Stewart has also let us know that he will remain as newsletter editor, but would like someone to take over as treasurer by January. If you think you might be interested, give Mike a call and find out what the job requires.

Many clubs and organizations send cards or make donations when there is a death or serious illness in a member's family. We have done this in the past, but we have had no set policy and have not always been informed of an illness or death in a timely manner. At the September board meeting we did set a policy. CFFA will send a get well or sympathy card whenever there is a serious illness or death in a member's immediate family, and to make a donation to an appropriate charity if a member of CFFA passes away. Because our membership is widely scattered, however, we rely on all of you to keep us informed. Please contact any board member if you know of an illness or death in a member's family so that we can make an appropriate response on behalf of CFFA.

We are well underway with planning for our 25th Anniversary Banquet and related activities. Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 20, 1993. This is a little later than usual, but the wait will be worth it! The place will be The Colony, in Vernon, and the activities will be an all-day CFFA Fly Fishing Show followed by our Annual Banquet with speaker Gary LaFontaine. This will be a big step for CFFA, but we are well on our way to developing a fine list of programs and exhibitors. In addition, we are also working on a Willimantic River Guide, a CFFA Fly Pattern book, and a special issue of Lines and Leaders, all of which should be done before February.

There's still lots to do. If you would like to help out, contact Ken Parkany, or any board member at the numbers listed in this newsletter. Also, don't forget our trip to Pulaski in November.

Tight lines,
Larry Johnson



Boulder Flycasters - This is one of a few fellow fly fishing organizations the CFFA maintains contact through the Lines & Leaders. Recently, the Boulder Flycasters (Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Federation of Fly Fishers) published their 1992 Membership Directory. In the directory, the CFFA was listed as Friends of the Boulder Flycasters. A special distinction in my opinion since only two other clubs east of the Mississippi were so mentioned.

Lost Members - Somehow, I have lost touch with a couple of Life Members. All members are important to use, but Life Members are unique in their commitment. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the following people, please let me or any board member know so we can renew our contacts and get them the newsletters (past and future):

TOM GASHO - SAM PARFITT

Ed.

COMING EVENTS

CFFA Board of Directors Meeting	7 Oct 92
Fall Brush Clearing, Willimantic River, TMA, Contact Kurt Jagielow	11 Oct 92
CFFA Membership Meeting	14 Oct 92
CFFA Board of Directors Meeting	4 Nov 92
CFFA Trip, Salmon River, NY	6-8 Nov 92
Membership Meeting, Labrador Brook Trout Fishing	11 Nov 92
Membership Meeting, Graphite & Bamboo Rods, Joe Garman	9 Dec 92
Rod Building School	TBD Dec 92, 7,14,21,28 Jan 4, Feb 93
Fly Tying School	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, Vernon CT	20 Feb 93
Annual Banquet, 25th Anniversary Celebration The Colony, Vernon, 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
CFFA Trip, Falmouth, Cape Cod	TBD June 93

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Exploring Yellowstone Country - A Few Notes on Lake Fishing

(Reprinted from "Montana's Master Angler's Flyer - Ed.)

The trout in the lakes of Yellowstone County can grow to a good size. Many of the lakes are very rich in aquatic food life and, with no currents to sap their energy, the trout grow quickly. This is very true of the low country lakes. The high country lakes may not even "ice out" until late July or even August and the growing season has then been reduced considerably. But even so, some of the high country lakes can boast a good population of trophy trout. Right after an "ice out", which in the lower lakes is between late March until mid-May depending on the locations, is one of the HOT times to fish. The fish are coming out of the winter and are hungry. They move into the shallow and forage on minnows, snails, mayfly and midge nymphs and they pursue the hardy damsel fly nymphs. That first couple of weeks after "ice out" is exceptional! After the trout have taken the edge off their hunger, they move out to the drop-off edges and over to the emerging weed beds. They then start working the hatches. Maybe today it is a midge hatch, tomorrow it might be a baetis, callibaetis or trico hatch. Some of the Western lakes also have some excellent caddis hatches, and, Whew!, some of those caddis are huge. No wonder the lunkers from the deep will chase them to the surface.

During the early part of the summer, most Western lakes will have a damsel fly hatch. Henry's Lake in Idaho is famous for its Fourth of July damsel fly hatch. This means excellent nymphing as the flies become very active, migrating to the shore line and weedbeds in preparation

for crawling out of the water onto lake side vegetation and splitting their nymphal skin. (Much in the same manner as the famed salmon fly hatches of Madison.)

Once the adults are out and flying around, there can be some good dry fly fishing as they rest, hover and are drowned by the elements to lie awash in the surface film. During late July through mid-September, Hebgen and Quake Lakes offer excellent dry fly fishing in the mornings during the trico and callibaetis hatches and then in the evenings during the caddis hatches. Lakes such as Grebe, offer the angler a chance at grayling which go up to 18". These are very pretty and exciting fish to catch. Lakes such as Trout, Squaw, and Grebe also offer the chance at a real trophy rainbow or cutthroat, as does Clark Canyon Reservoir, plus many others.


August and September usher in terrestrial time on many lakes and the fishing with ants and hoppers is very exciting.

The hatches on area lakes are many and varied and would need many pages to list, but they run the full scale from large 6's and 8's down to 28's. So, as you can see, there is something for everyone. In the Fall, most of the hatches have finished, but not for the float tube fisherman. This is when they start after the Big Boys, and believe me, Western lakes give up their share of huge trout.

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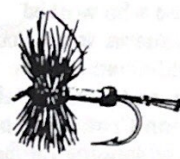


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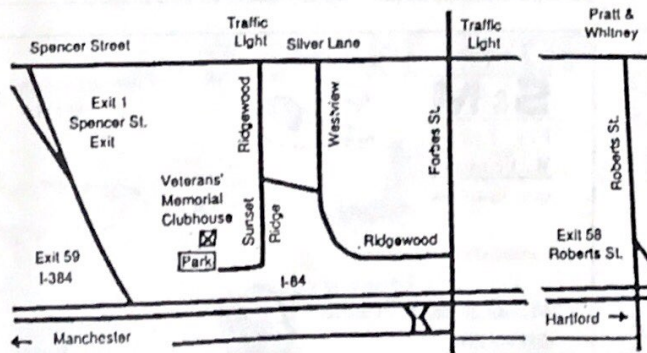
St. Andrews...The Hon. John Crosbie, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans for Canada, recently announced a voluntary buy out of Newfoundland commercial salmon licenses, including a five-year fishing moratorium. The Minister extended the buy out offer to Labrador fishermen; any who decide to fish will face reduced quotas.

Atlantic Salmon Federation President, David Clark, comments, "I predict this marks the end of the commercial salmon fishery as we have known it. The announcement sets the stage for recovery of Atlantic salmon in Newfoundland, eastern Canada and New England. This will produce a healthy recreational fishery and an economic boom to local economies through outfitting, tackle and tourism industries. Salmon conservationists worked for over 40 years to reach this moment - this is a new beginning.

The buy out and moratorium climax a long struggle led by ASF and the Salmonid Council of Newfoundland and Labrador. Over the years, the Canadian Government imposed recreational and commercial restrictions covering seasons, gear and incidental catches. The government, non-profit organizations and local recreational fishing groups spent millions of dollars and countless hours on restoration and enhancement projects. In spite of this, the number of salmon returning to Newfoundland and Labrador rivers continues to dwindle - stocks are close to extinction. Mainland eastern Canada and New England also suffer because commercial gillnets intercept salmon bound for rivers in these areas.

Clark comments, "credit goes to those who worked diligently on behalf of the Atlantic salmon, in particular the President of ASF's Newfoundland Council, Tom Humphrey, for the intense education and public relations campaign he led. I also commend John Crosbie for his leadership, courage and foresight in addressing the need for sound conservation measures.

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The attractive compensation package includes no guarantee that the fishery will reopen. I expect a large number of Newfoundland fishermen will take advantage of the offer, perhaps fewer in Labrador. I'm pleased the allowable catch quota will be reduced in proportion to the number of fishermen opting for the buy out and that further reductions will be made based on conservation needs. A mid-season review of the fishery is an added protection.

This is a red letter day for the Atlantic Salmon. However, serious threats to full recovery of salmon stocks - food supplies - oceanic warming - pollution - habitat degradation - non-human predators - international and national net fisheries - still demand attention. To solve these problems we must broaden research and intensify lobbying."

The Atlantic Salmon Federation (ASF) is an international non-profit organization which promotes the conservation and wise management of the Atlantic salmon and its habitat through education, enhancement, restoration, research and international cooperation.

(The CFFA is a Sustaining Member of the ASF - Ed.)

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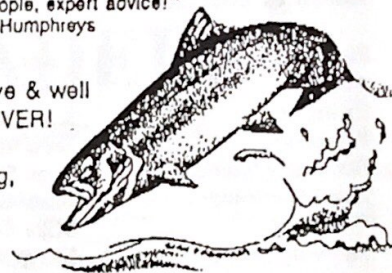
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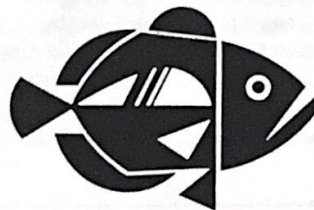


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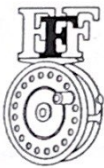
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