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DECEMBER MEETING

Fly Tyer's Roundtable

CFFA's annual fly tying meeting will be held this month. As usual many club fly tyers will be on hand to demonstrate their craft covering various types of fresh and saltwater flies. The latest in fly tying innovations will be emphasized. We hope to both educate and motivate you to crank out those flies for the coming season.

**FREE COFFEE AND DONUTS
THIS EVENING!**

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

DATE: Wednesday, December 8

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

Attention All CFFA Members



*It's time to send in
those RENEWALS!*

It is time to renew your membership for the upcoming year. Please fill out the enclosed form (on page 3), include a check for the dues, and either mail it to the club or give it to

Steve Murphy 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 Steve. His number is on the last page of the newsletter.

From the Vest of the President



I said last month that our rearing pool would be ready for the Fall fish, and it was. Unfortunately, the rearing pool is not getting enough water flow to ensure that our fish would survive, and DEP does not have the ability to hold our fish until things get better. We're not totally out of luck for next Spring, though. DEP may be able to divert some larger fish to the Willi, and/or we can purchase some fish ourselves. Something will work out - we'll keep you posted. In the meantime, DEP will have put 300 large salmon into the Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers by the time you read this, with the same season and regulations as last year. Give them a try, and let us know what works!

We had another successful Fly Fishing Museum Auction Dinner, thanks in large part to Ed Ruestow who did another outstanding job as dinner committee chairman. We understand that there were more people, and more money raised than last year, and that they may be looking for larger facilities next year. That's certainly a good sign in these times.

I mentioned at the October meeting that DEP is facing losses in federal funds over the next few years and is seriously looking into options for increasing revenues. The prime candidates are (1) a fish stamp (not trout stamp) which would be required in addition to a license, and would also be sold to the general public and collectors, and (2) a salt water license for anyone, including private and charter boat users, fishing the Sound from Connecticut.

Our CONNTAC group discussed both options with Fisheries staff in early October, and it now looks like DEP will go with the fish stamp this coming legislative session. The major question after "How much?" is "Where will the money go?" The original proposal was for a cost in the general area of \$5 with revenues going into a dedicated fund for operating the stamp program, habitat improvement and related DEP staff. We clearly stated that it would have to be a dedicated fund, and that if we were going to be paying more to fish, the CO problem would have to be addressed as well. This is an important issue to all of us, and we will be working closely with other organizations to make our feelings known.

It doesn't seem possible, but it is that time again. Time for the Holiday Season and our annual election of officers. I have asked Ed Fidrych, Gary Steinmiller, and Lyn Smith to serve as a nominating committee. They will contact the present officers, seek candidates for vacancies and make a

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Newington Children's Hospital - Recently Orvis and S&M (Quiet Sports) have donated fly tying materials to the hospital as part of the hospital's fly tying program which is supported by the CFFA fly tying volunteers. In the Nov 14 issue of the New York Times, Connecticut Section an article appeared on the hospital's fly tying program for the children. A similar article is scheduled at this writing for publication in the 29 Nov issue of the Hartford Courant.

Rearing Pool - The club's pool will have its exterior sealed this spring. Without this the pool will continue its deterioration resulting in a never ending patching activity until there is no wall left to repair. As we get closer to the spring a notice will be in the Lines & Leaders indicating when and where help will be needed.

Video Tape Library - Through the efforts of Charlie Place the club now has a library consisting of the following titles:

- Learning to Fly Fish with Jack Dennis
- Fishing the Dry Fly - Gary Borger
- Anatomy of a Trout Stream
- Strategies for Selective Trout - Doug Swisher
- Advanced Strategies for Selective Trout - D. Swisher
- Nymphing - Gary Borger
- Tying Trout Flies - Gary Borger
- Tying Western Trout Flies - Jack Dennis
- How to Tie and Fish the Caddis Fly - Gary LaFontaine
- Bass Fly Tying - Jimmy Nix
- Fly Fishing for Bass - Dave Whitlock
- Saltwater Fly Tying - Lefty Kreh

Rules are: 2 tapes per person. \$2 per tape per month. Return at fly tying classes, board meetings, monthly meetings, etc. - to any Board member. \$2 late fee per tape per week. Will only be rented at monthly meetings. First come first served. Rented after meetings at coffee table.

Wild Fish River - In January the CFFA will be posting signs on the Tankerhoosen River indicating a Catch and Release area for this wild trout river. If you are interested in helping out, call Larry Johnson. His number is on the last page of this issue.

Ed.

ALASKA

I am looking for a fishing companion to go salmon fishing in Alaska for ten days. It will be around August 10, 1994. I have three years experience in Alaskan fishing. More than one fisherman is OK. Must have answer by January 15, 1994 so I can make reservations. Call 289-3605, Ernie Boutiette.

COMING EVENTS

CFFA Membership Meeting, Fly Tying Roundtable	8 Dec 93
CFFA Rod Building School	8 Dec, 6,13,20 27 Jan, 3 Feb 94
CFFA Fly Tying School	6,13,20,27 Jan 3,10 Feb 94
Hammonasset TU Fly Fishing Show, Old Saybrook, Contact John Springer 664-3688	15 Jan 94
National Fly Fishing Show Boston, MA	22-23 Jan 94
The Fly Fishing Show Somerset, NJ	29-31 Jan 94
CFFA Fly Fishing Show & Banquet <i>Ernie Schweibert, The Colony, Manchester</i>	5 Feb 94
CFFA Fly Fishing School	3,10,17,24 Mar TBD Apr, TBD May 94
Fishing Show, Hartford Civic Center	17-20 Mar, 94
FFF - Northeast Council Conclave Hilton, Lake Placid.	10-12 June 94

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The Fly Tier

by Muskrat Sam

I wuz down to the barber shop the other day and my friend De-witt wuz a tellin' me about the fly tier they wuz a havin' over at the fire station. De-witt sez "this fly tier wuz from back East and could do things with feathers that wuld make a rooster think he wuz ugly as a flat rock.

I said "De-witt!! I'll be a seein' ya over at the fire station Friday night and I'm a thinkin' I'll bring a rooster ta see if your a yarnin' me."

When I got ta the station house friday night they wuz bout 20 guys a standin' around lookin' down at the fly tier, I knowd he wuz there cuz I could hear him a talkin' and ever-body else was a listenin'. I wuz walkin' around behind the guys a tryin' to poke muh head in there to see what wuz a goin' on when I heard De-witt a sayin' "Grizzly" I froze still. Then I heard the fly tier a sayin' "Grizzly." I looked around real quick like and a seein' nobody else heard, I hollered, "Grizzzz-ly" and dropped to the floor a tuckin' my knees up and a grabbin' the back of muh neck with both hands. I was a layin' there shakin' and bout to wet muh jeans when De-witt sez "Sam open your eyes there ain't no "grizzly" round here, them's feathers that there fly tier is a talkin' bout. "First thing I wuz seein' wuz that fly tier a standin' there with a hook plum through his thumb and feathers a floatin' in the air round his head. "Ugly as a flat rock" I sez.

I'm dun,

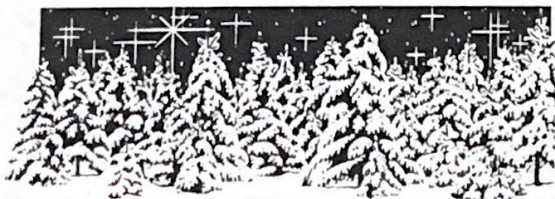
Muskrat Sam

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report at the December meeting. The election will be held at the January membership meeting. Let them or any board member know of your interest in any elected or appointed position. Also be sure to consider a CFFA membership, school enrollment, or a ticket for our banquet drawing for that beautiful fly tying cabinet as a holiday present for yourself or someone else.

Tight Lines and Happy Holidays,

Larry Johnson



FISHING CONDITIONS HOTLINE NUMBERS



Willimantic River, Farmington River and Connecticut in General	664-3688 (CFFA)
Farmington River	738-7327 (FRAA)
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Albacore Fever

by Ernie Boutiette

I must first tell you that I do not lie about the fish I catch; but when you read this story you will doubt the above statement.

Jerry Wade and myself spent the last week in September fishing off Watch Hill to be joined by Gary Steinmiller for two days. Gary was good luck as he brought two days of calm seas and albacore, bass and blues beyond belief. We got to the salt on Saturday morning. We quickly set up the camper in a campground and sped out to Watch Hill post haste. The sea was flat. On the way out from Stonington we passed many schools of bass and blues. Jerry would ask me if I wanted to cast to them; but all I would do is point my finger at Watch Hill. We cruised around looking for bait and found it top to bottom in shallow water off the rocks at the tip of Watch Hill. We anchored and in a few minutes hawkeyed Jerry let out the magic word, "albacore"! They were slashing into the bait. We started catching them immediately. Also caught bass and blues that were lip hooked and sent many blues south with our flies in their mouth. We must have lost a couple dozen flies that the blues cut off during the week.

I will now explain albacore fever. They hit like a ton of bricks and in a few seconds always take out 300 feet or more line on their first run. It is the strongest fish that I have ever caught. No way to stop them on this first run. You bring them back inch by inch and they hug the bottom when near the boat. It often takes as long to bring them to net as to retrieve your 300 feet of line. I disproved one theory. If I hook a fish, I want to net them. (*What a concept! Ed.*) So instead of a 10# leader, I used an 18½# Orvis Super Strength Tippet on a 9' leader and the albacore could care less, and instead of a small fly, I used a 2/0 White Deceiver which proved my best fly. Gary tied two flies that were very successful that he calls the Green Machine and the Smoke Machine.

Now to the part of my story that will make you believe that I tell big lies.

We were anchored when all of a sudden all hell broke loose off the tip of Watch Hill. The blues had trapped bait against the shore in a very small area and, although the sea was dead calm, the water was being churned up like in a storm. So we decided to motor over and have some fun. We had fish on at almost every cast. We often had doubles and triples. We also caught the best bass of the trip here. Quite a few of them, plus a bonus of one albacore that Gary netted. So many fish that Gary sat down, saying that his arm could take no more! Now for the unbelievable. Although the blues were still

going crazy, we **left** this area to chase albacore. This one day was one of the two most unbelievable days of fishing. We were on the water for twelve hours.

Day two was a replica of day one with one exception. While anchored and catching albacore, the blues had bait trapped again in the same place and believe it or not, we did not go fish for them. We had albacore fever.

At times, the sea was too rough to fish at Watch Hill, but we were always lucky enough to find schools of bass in the bay off Sandy Point. We caught many bass here drifting through them. I must mention here that I got the grand slam one day: bonito, albacore, bass and blue. My favorite lure on blue and bass was a 1/0 Clauser Minnow in chartreuse and white.

If you ever want to know what albacore fever is, you must fish with Jerry and Gary. They are a couple of mad men when albacore show up. Lines and flies are flying in all directions. Gary once told me that I needed a football helmet for safety at this time and he was right! I told them that if I took a video with sound when the albacore were around the boat, I would be a millionaire. The cause of this was the language and gestures that followed bent hooks, broken leaders, messed up lines coming out of the basket, break offs, etc. It was a three ring circus to just sit back and watch them. All-in-all, one heck of a trip. We could have filled the boat with bass and blues if we had just fished for them.

As I sit here writing this, I am calling myself a dummy for not fishing for them; but I know down deep that nothing will change under the same circumstances as I have caught "Bonito Fever."



CFFA FLY FISHING SHOW & ANNUAL BANQUET



Plans are proceeding quite rapidly in preparation for all the festivities. **Ernie Schweibert** will be coming to the show as well as **Page Rogers**. Ernie 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 Tyer's Dream - a fly tying hutch made by Kurt Jagielow.

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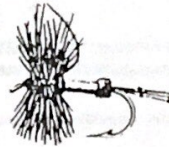
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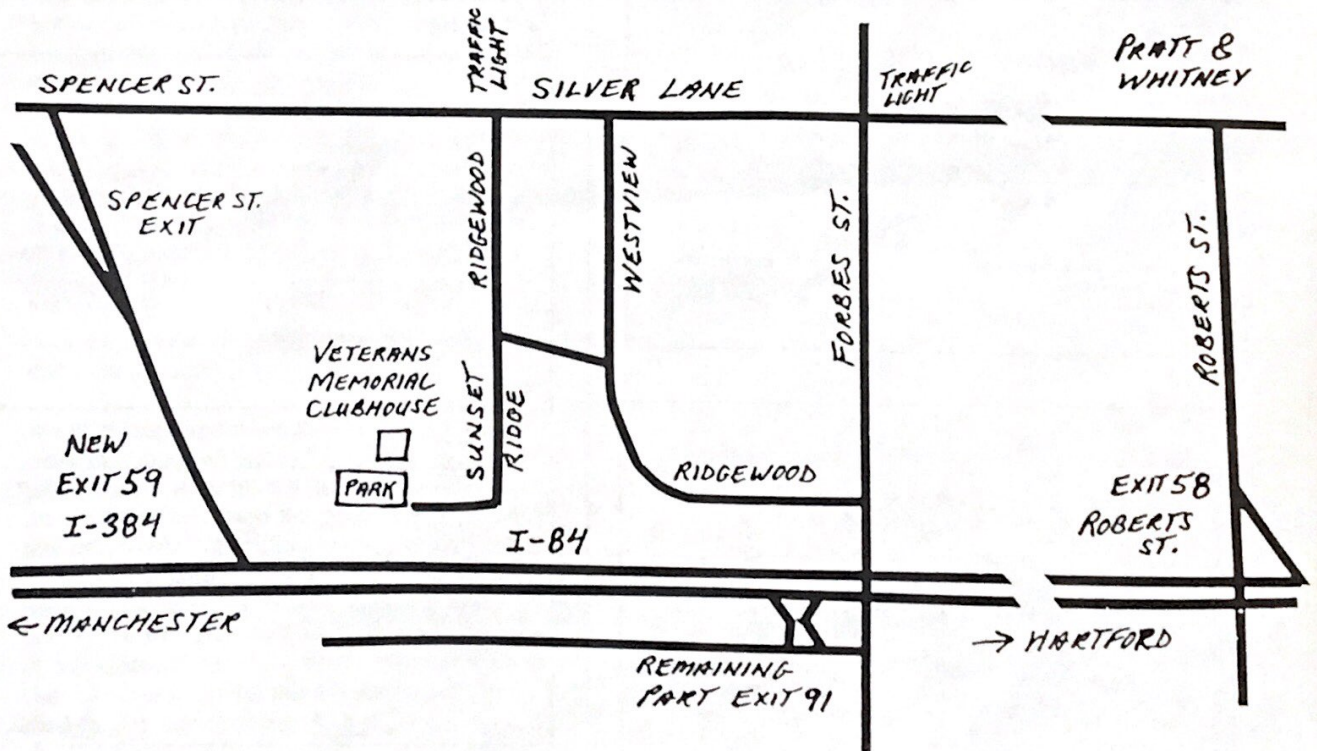
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Beginning Fly Tying

Saltwater Fly Tying

Class:	1. Marabou Leech, Woolly Bugger	Whistler, Slider
	2. Dark Cahill, Soft Hackle	Surf Candy, Squid
	3. Tellico, Dark Stenonema	Clouser Minnow
	4. Blue Wing Olive, Light Cahill	Lefty's Deceiver
	5. Poly Spinner, Hen Wing Spinner	Sand Eel
	6. Black Ant, Deer Hair Bug	Bob's Banger

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

ROD BUILDING CLASS

Instructor: E.F. Roberts Custom Rodmaker

Rod Selection: 7 foot (3/4 line) Graphite • 8 foot (5/6/ line) Graphite • 9 foot (7/8/ line) Graphite

You may build a rod of your choice if you make an early decision to enter the class. Ed Roberts can be reached at 651-8402 between 5:00 and 8:00 pm to answer any questions relative to rod selection and material cost.

Class Size: Limited to the first 10 people submitting applications. Must make rod selection by December 8, 1993. First meeting will be before the membership meeting on 8 December.

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

CFFA Enrollment Application

Please PRINT the requested information. Forward application forms and tuition (Checks payable to CFFA) to Gary Steinmiller, Education Chairman, 26 Penwood Lane, Wethersfield, CT 06109

Name _____ Phone # _____

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Check one 1. ___ Beginning Fly Tying 2. ___ Saltwater Fly Tying 3. ___ Rod Building

Rod Selection, circle one: 7 foot 8 foot 9 foot

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