



# LINES & LEADERS

Newsletter of the Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association

Volume 21, No. 3

November 1993

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

## NOVEMBER MEETING

### Fly Fishing for Pike

Pike. The name alone stirs the emotions, more often than not in a negative sense. Pike are the "Jaws" of fresh water. Reviled by many, they are worshipped by the few, and now they have been discovered by fly fishermen. Join CFFA members Ernie Boutiette and Charlie Place for an evening of thrills and chills on November 10 as they battle 10 to 26 pound northern pike in the northwest corner of Saskatchewan, Canada! They will discuss catching pike on Scott Lake with fly rods. As usual there will be fly tyers prior to the meeting.

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

**DATE:** Wednesday, November 10

**TIME:** 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. 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 Steve. 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 the October meeting missed an excellent program on Pennsylvania wild trout by Don Douple. Don's slides were excellent, and if you watched his shots of fish and fly rods "closely, you noted that he also has an impressive collection of rods and reels.

The business part of the meeting was one of those "win some, loose some" situations. Mike Stewart had agreed to take on the extra duties of membership chairman at the last board meeting. Just as he was writing his new title on his name tag, Steve Murphy volunteered to take the membership position. We welcome Steve to the board, and will take care of the formalities at the next board meeting. Mike's term in office of about one half hour should stand as a CFFA record.

Unfortunately, this was offset by Kurt Jagielow's announcement that he will step down as Environment VP in January due to increased demands on his time at work and at home. Kurt has been a long time, hard working board member, and he will be missed. To put a positive spin on this, we now have another opportunity for one of you to join the board and get involved in running CFFA.

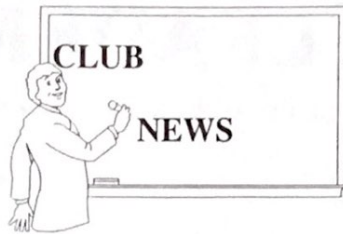
We also learned that there will be no fall stocking of the Willi as we had expected. This will be a disappointment to many members, especially after the hot summer and spring fish kill. Unfortunately, the rearing pool repairs did not get done in time to get the fish. Kurt took responsibility for this at the October meeting, but it is not right for him or anyone else to feel he caused the problem. We are a volunteer organization, and family and work come first. If anyone is responsible, it is myself, because, as President, I should have looked for more help or at least known that the fish couldn't go in a lot sooner. I let this slip by me, and for that I apologize to all of you.

The lesson from this is that although we are a strong and active organization, we are spread very thin in many areas. Much of what we take for granted each year is, in fact, the work of one individual or a small group of members. We have experienced quite a few changes during the past few years due to changes in peoples lives and the bad economy, and have not yet filled all of the vacancies. One key position, banquet chairman, has essentially been filled by the board for years.

We need to make some changes, and one of the first steps will be to restore the energy, enthusiasm, and active participation in our conservation efforts that was present when I joined CFFA in the late 1970's. We will be seeking members for Environment VP, Conservation Chairman, and a conservation committee. If you have not already done so, please indicate your interest in our conservation activities, or any other activity, when you fill out your membership renewal form.

Tight Lines,  
Larry Johnson





New Membership Chairman - We have a new membership chairman, Steve Murphy. Thanks a lot, Steve. I believe I must have set a record for the shortest time as chairman. I didn't even have time to write it on my name tag! Let's all help Steve and get our renewals in quickly.

Backboard Inquiry - The club needs to replace the backboard which is used at the various shows we do such as at the Civic Center. Our search so far reveals these backboards to be rather expensive. If you know where we can obtain a backboard (new or used), please let any of the club board members know. We are looking for a unit which unfolds to about 7ft by 11 ft wide.

CT Auto Plates - At the last membership meeting it was announced that the CFFA could get special automobile plates from the state. These CT plates would be the Long Island Sound style with a logo (CFFA Type?) on it. We need to get at least 25 orders for these plates. The initial cost would be \$60 (\$95 for vanity version). If you are interested please see Larry Johnson. His number is on the last page of the newsletter if you would like to call him.

Ed.

## COMING EVENTS

- |  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| CFFA Membership Meeting, Pike Fishing      | 10 Nov 93       |
| Ernie Boutiette & Charlie Place            |                 |
| International Fly Tyers Symposium          | 13-14 Nov 93    |
| Somerset, NJ. Contact                      |                 |
| Chuck Furminsky - 814-926-2676             |                 |
| CFFA Membership Meeting, Fly Tying         | 8 Dec 93        |
| Roundtable                                 |                 |
| CFFA Rod Building School                   | 8 Dec, 6,13,20  |
|  | Jan, 3 Feb 94   |
| CFFA Fly Tying School                      | 6,13,20,27 Jan  |
|  | 3,10 Feb 94     |
| Hammonasset TU Fly Fishing Show, Old       | 15 Jan 94       |
| Saybrook, Contact John Springer            |                 |
| 664-3688                                   |                 |
| National Fly Fishing Show                  | 22-23 Jan 94    |
| Boston, MA                                 |                 |
| The Fly Fishing Show                       | 28-30 Jan 94    |
| Somerset, NJ                               |                 |
| <b>CFFA Fly Fishing Show &amp; Banquet</b> | <b>5 Feb 94</b> |
| <b>Ernie Schweibert, The Colony,</b>       |                 |
| <b>Manchester</b>                          |                 |
| CFFA Fly Fishing School                    | 3,10,17,24 Mar  |
| Fishing Show, Hartford Civic Center        | 17-20 Mar, 94   |
| FFF - Northeast Council Conclave           | 10-12 June 94   |
| Hilton, Lake Placid.                       |                 |

## CT's FIRST TAXIDERMY SCHOOL:

Learn how to mount your own trophy fish, birds, and mammals in our Meriden CT classrooms. For more information on Classes, call *Birds in Wood Studio*, at 634-1953, or stop by and visit our classrooms at 525 Broad St., Meriden CT.

## NEW MEMBERS!

The CFFA would like to welcome the following new members:

Steve Sunderland	Monty L. Love
Richard H. McKillip	James R. Mancini, MD
Mark Allen	Robert Quinn Jr.
Richard Huck	Art Morenz
Pete Toscani	Jeff Ives

You guys are encouraged to participate in all the activities CFFA has to offer. That way CFFA grows and becomes more vibrant. If you have any questions or suggestions please do not hesitate to approach any of the board members listed on the last page. Your suggestions regarding the Lines & Leaders are most welcomed.

437 Main Street  
P.O. Box 1072  
New Hartford, CT 06057

Tel. 203-738-3597

Classic & Custom  
**Fly Shop**

Quality Fly Fishing  
&  
Fly Tying Supplies

**Hours**

Sun & Mon	Closed
Tue Wed	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thurs	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri - Sat	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
• open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. April June	

**S & M**

Fly Tying  
Materials

Quiet Sports, Inc.

Cortland • Orvis • Scott • Sage

95 Union St., Bristol, CT 06010  
203-589-1844

Daily 10 am - 9 pm  
Sat 9 am - 5 pm

Kevin Pelletier  
John Marona



# ESOX LUCIUS

by Charlie Place

"I was stripping the line and it just stopped!" I shouted to Ernie, "I thought I was hung up on a log."

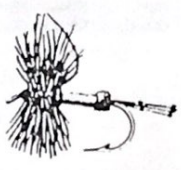
"You are," Ernie said, "it's four feet long and it's headed that way," pointing out to the center of the lake. Ernie was reeling up as fast as he could. Dave, our guide, was already starting the motor on our 18 foot Lund. The northern pike was doing a quality control check on my reel that Marrayt would love to hear about, and I was wishing I hadn't put off that pee break.

Ever since I was a young fisherman, reading fishing adventures in Field and Stream, and Outdoor Life, I wanted to go to the Northwest Territories and fish for monster pike. When Ernie and I stopped at Ken Gangler's booth at the Worcester Sportsman's Show, Ken didn't have to twist our arms to get us to make a reservation. Ken is the owner and operator of Scott Lake Lodge on the borders of Saskatchewan and Northwest Territories. We signed up for a week in June and spent the next few months planning the demise of Esox Lucius.

When June finally arrived we were ready. We had tied practically every fly known to man and some that were so special that we put Master locks on our fly boxes. These we were sure would revolutionize pike fishing. It didn't quite work out the way we expected. The Master locks stayed on and two old standbys, the Mickey Finn and the Seaducer, were hatching all week. Luckily, we had tied a good number of these in 1/0 and 3/0 sizes four to six inches long. For those of you that may not know Ernie, a good number is about 200. In fact at one point I was wondering if the Northwest 757 was going to have to tow a U-Haul just for flies. Traveling with all those flies was an adventure in itself. Ernie set off every airport alarm between here and Winnipeg. He even had to calm down an airport employee after she opened his carry on and found all those feathery creations.

Getting to Scott Lake from Connecticut takes about a day and a half. You spend one night in Winnipeg, then early the next morning board a jet chartered by the lodge. Two stops, a van ride, and a lift on a float plane gets you to the 40 square mile lake about noon. We unpacked, had lunch, and were on the lake in about 30 minutes - a lodge record, according to our guide.

*Continued on page 4*



**MILL RIVER FLY SHOP**  
3549 WHITNEY AVENUE  
HAMDEN, CT 06518  
EVERYTHING FOR THE FLY  
FISHERMAN, FLY TYER

GABRIEL MACARE (203) 248-7850

## FISHING CONDITIONS HOTLINE NUMBERS



Willimantic River, Farmington River and Connecticut in General	664-3688 (CFFA)
Farmington River	738-7327 (FRAA)
Housatonic River	248-8616 (HFFA)
Housatonic River Flow	824-7861 (NU)



**JOHN'S CUSTOM TACKLE'S**  
229-6462

CUSTOM FLIES & RODS  
FLY TYING MATERIAL  
ROD REPAIR  
CUSTOM HUNTING ARROWS

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Check if address changed

Date \_\_\_\_\_  New  Renew

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel.(h) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK A COMMITTEE YOU ARE NOW ON OR WISH TO BE ON:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Facil.
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising	<input type="checkbox"/> Banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretarial duties		

**DUES STRUCTURE:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Junior (Under 16)	\$ 5.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	\$ 15.00	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting	\$ 25.00	ENCLOSED:
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing	\$ 50.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Life	\$200.00	



**Esox Lucius - continued**


The huge pike took us out of the shallow bay into the open water. He went to the bottom and just lay there. Dave eased the boat toward the motionless pike, helping me retrieve some line. When the fly line reached the reel, he cut the motor. It was a stalemate. The pike refusing to move. My seven weight strained to its limit. "He's starting to come up," I yelled. The pike shot to the surface, rolled, and smacked the water with his huge tail filling the air with spray. He started for the bottom again. I leaned on the rod, putting more pressure on the unwieldy fish. He couldn't make it this time and started to come up, angling towards the boat. "I think we can land him Dave," I said. The exhausted fish surfaced next to the boat and rolled on its side. Dave slipped the "Release Cradle" under the fish and quickly closed it. We weighed the monster pike and instantly released the 26 lb northern. That was the fourth pike over 20 lbs we caught that day. We tipped our hats to Scott Lake and headed for the lodge.

(203) 623-8752 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

*Whitehead*  
**CUSTOM FLY TYING**  
 PERSONAL INSTRUCTION IN  
 CASTING AND FLY TYING

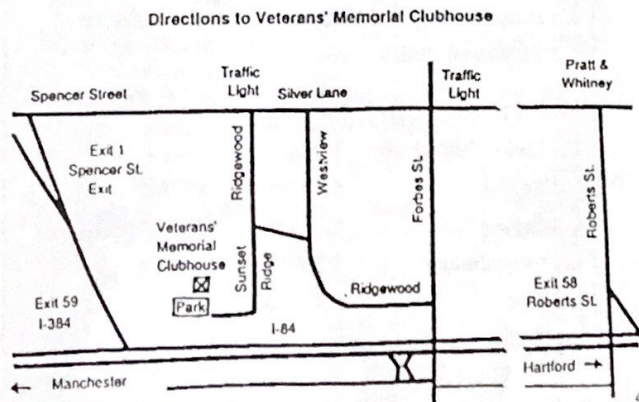

FLY TYING SUPPLIES RICHARD WHITEHEAD  
 ART AND BOOKS 131 WELLS ROAD  
 RODS AND REELS E. WINDSOR, CT 06088

**HOP RIVER FLY SHOP**




LARGE SELECTION OF MATERIALS FOR THE FLY TYER  
 RODS, REELS, WADERS, BOOKS, FLIES, ETC.

T, W, TH, FR, 4:00-9:00 GENE MONTY  
 SAT 9:00-5:00 518 HOP RIVER ROAD  
 (203) 643-4642 BOLTON, CT 06043

**THE WILDERNESS CONNECTION**  
*Taxidermy Studio*

**Bruce Wynn**  
 Professional Taxidermist  
 262A Meadow Road  
 Rocky Hill, CT 06067  
 203/721-1584



**Fleet Mortgage**

Ray T. Riley, Jr.  
 Mortgage Loan Officer

77 Hartland Street, Suite 301, East Hartford, CT 06108

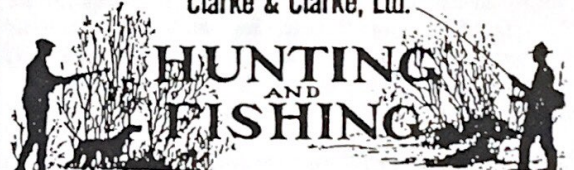
203-289-1225, Ext. 3002  
 Fax 203-291-0571

Fleet Real Estate Funding Corp  
 A Member of Fleet Financial Group

800-942-5104 (CT)

Fly Fishing & Black Powder Equipment • Live Bait Year Round

**Clarke & Clarke, Ltd.**



**HUNTING AND FISHING**

1340 John Fitch Blvd. (Rt. 5)  
 South Windsor, Connecticut 06074  
 Phone (203) 289-0074

Rod & Reel Repair Guns & Ammo Fishing Tackle Fresh & Salt Water

**Colonial Sports**

Quality Sporting Goods ORVIS

Fine Fly Fishing Equipment & Sporting Firearms

Charles A. Connell, Jr.  
 431 Fitchville Road  
 Bozrah, CT 06334

BUY - SELL - BARTER  
 (203) 889-4901



**Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association  
Presents  
Beginning Fly Tying, Saltwater Fly Tying, Rod Building Schools**

**Classes:** Classes will meet downstairs at Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse, Sunset Ridge Drive, East Hartford, at 7:00pm on the following evenings: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, and February 3 and 10, 1994

**Beginning Fly Tying**

**Saltwater Fly Tying**

**Class:** 1. Marabou Leech, Wooly Bugger  
2. Dark Cahill, Soft Hackle  
3. Tellico, Dark Stenonema  
4. Blue Wing Olive, Light Cahill  
5. Poly Spinner, Hen Wing Spinner  
6. Black Ant, Deer Hair Bug

Patterns being identified

**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 after 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

CFFA Member \_\_\_\_\_ Yes / \_\_\_\_\_ No 16 or under \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

For additional information contact Charlie Place, V.P. Promotion, 18 Somerset Drive, Windsor, CT 06095, Phone, (203) 683-0411

## Board of Directors

		Home	Office
President	Larry Johnson	246-0728	725-3873
Activities - VP	Keith Mailloux	647-8230	646-6560
Environment - VP	Kurt Jagielow	649-3681	649-3681
Promotion - VP	Charles Place	683-0411	
Recording Secretary	Tony Simmons	646-6839	565-9412
Legal Secretary	Mark Levy	232-1666	
Treasurer	Don Rose	688-4414	
Advisory Board	Joe D'Addario	568-5035	289-6427
Advisory Board	Gary Bogli	649-4227	648-5030
Advisory Board	Elmer Latham	742-6584	565-7841
Advisory Board	Ken Parkany	643-9819	280-1844
Banquet Chairman	Vacant		
Conservation Chairman	Dave Harduby	237-6103	638-7983
Education Chairman	Gary Steinmiller	563-0040	280-2411
Photographer	Steve Sirois	871-7933	
Indoor Facilities Chm	Vacant		
Legislative Chairman	Vin Ringrose	828-4642	225-6064
Membership Chairman	Steve Murphy	653-6358	726-8676
Newsletter Editors	Lynn/Mike Stewart	653-4203	654-4288
Program Chairman	Mark Philippe	236-7029	658-5825
Publicity Chairman	Ed Fidrych	342-1173	566-3487
CFFA Hotline	John Springer	664-3688	

The Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association, Inc. is organized "To Preserve and Promote the Pleasures and Tradition of Fly Fishing and to Conserve Game-Fish Waters." CFFA membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May. Meetings are held at the Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse, Sunset Ridge Drive, East Hartford, CT.

"Lines and Leaders" is the official publication of the Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association, Inc. and is distributed to its membership and allies of conservation. Business card ads may be placed at a cost of \$5 per ad or \$40 for 9 months. CFFA members may place for-sale or want ads of a non-commercial nature without charge. Newsletter correspondence should be sent to Lynn & Mike Stewart, 10 Bradley Brook, North Granby, CT 06060. Change of address notices should be sent to CFFA, P.O. Box 380260, Silver Lane, East Hartford, CT 06138-0268.



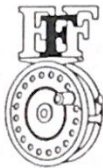
## NOVEMBER MEETING: FLY FISHING FOR PIKE - PRESENTATION BY ERNIE BOUTIETTE & CHARLIE PLACE - NOVEMBER 10, 1993

Copy Deadline: Second Wednesday of month previous to publication



Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 380268  
Silver Lane  
East Hartford, CT 06138-0268

FIRST CLASS  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
PERMIT NO 27  
NO. GRANBY, CT  
06060



Parkany, Kenneth J.  
503 Bush Hill Rd.  
Manchester, Ct., 06040

FIRST CLASS MAIL - PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY