



# LINES & LEADERS

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## JANUARY MEETING

Fly Fishing for Striped Bass and Blues  
Capt. Jeff Northrop

Jeff, an Orvis endorsed guide, fishes out of the Norwalk Islands in southwest Connecticut using Hewes Redfisher boats. If you want to know more about sight fishing to stripers and blues in "skinny water," in addition to a wealth of general information about saltwater fly fishing, don't miss this meeting.

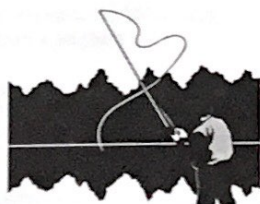
**PLACE:** Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse  
Sunset Ridge  
East Hartford, CT

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 12, 1994

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

## CFFA FLY FISHING SHOW & ANNUAL BANQUET

The Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association invites the public to a Fly Fishing Show. This will take place on 5 February 1994 at The Colony in Vernon. A map is located inside this issue (page 7). The Show will be open at 10:00am and will last until 4:00pm. Featured guests will include **Ernie Schwiebert** and **Page**



**Rogers**. There will be exhibitors, fly tying demonstrations and fly fishing seminars on Trout, Salmon, and Saltwater.

Admission is \$5.00. Pass the word on to your friends, family and colleagues. You won't want to miss this event!!

## From the Vest of the President



It's almost time for another annual banquet and our second annual fly fishing expo. This will be a blast from the past for many long time members. Ernie Schwiebert was the speaker at the first CFFA banquet I attended. That was way back in 1977, at the Tobacco Valley Inn in Windsor. His program that night was excellent, and I'm really looking forward to his expo seminar and program.

January is the month for our annual election of officers, and, as usual, the meeting and election will take place regardless of weather. I want to thank this year's nominating committee of Ed Fidrych, Gary Steinmiller, and Lynn Smith for their work in putting together a slate of officers. The election of officers will be the first order of business at the January meeting. This newsletter contains the proposed slate, and nominations will be accepted from the floor. We still have openings on the board, so don't be shy about letting your interest be known or recommending someone else for a vacancy.

It has been our practice at CFFA to hold separate board of directors and membership meetings. This speeds up our monthly meetings and makes them more interesting for our guests, but may make some members feel left out of discussions and decisions made by the board. I want to remind all of you that any member is welcome to attend board meetings, and we encourage you to do so. We meet downstairs at the Veteran's Memorial on the first Wednesday of the month except July. We have coffee, dessert and conversation at 7pm, and try to get business underway at 7:30. Any member is welcome to observe or participate in the discussion. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions and can't make a board meeting, let a board member know or make a comment at a monthly meeting.

Gary Bogli is handling this year's insurance raffle, and will probably have sent you some tickets by the time you read this. Sell as many as you can, and remember to get the stubs and unsold tickets back to Gary before the banquet. Also, please remember to tie some flies for the banquet, these are always a popular raffle item. Ed Fidrych will take these and other raffle donations at the banquet or the January meeting. Finally, please get your banquet reservations in to me as quickly as possible. If you want to reserve a table for 8 or 10 persons, please have one person make the reservation and include all names and dinner choices.

Tight Lines,  
Larry Johnson



**Page Rogers' Fly Tying Lessons** - Here's an opportunity to tie flies with Page and get unique tips on saltwater patterns. This class is open to the first 20 to sign up. The class is \$20.00. The class will be at The Colony on 5 Feb. from 9:00 to 11:00am. It starts an hour before the doors open for the Fly Fishing Show. Bring your vise and tying gear. If you are interested, please contact Larry Johnson. His number is on the back of the L&L.



**CFFA Book, "Fly Fisher's Companion"** - Through the leadership of Ken Parkany, CFFA's first book is in the process of being published. From an earlier review I have noted some of the chapters with

such titles as "For Beginners Only," "Patterns of Success," "Local Waters," and "Fly Fishing ABC's." This book will also include 103 fly patterns. These patterns and the vast majority of the book have appeared in the **Lines & Leaders** over the club's first 25 years. The Forward is by author and long-time CFFA member Gary LaFontaine. The Epilogue is by author and CFFA member J. Edson Leonard which was transcribed from his October 1987 presentation to the CFFA.

The book will be paperbound in an 8½x11 inch format. We are targeting the book to be available in time for the CFFA Fly Fishing Show and Banquet. Next month the **Lines & Leaders** will have more details regarding composition, cost and how to obtain copies.

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 Rod Building School	6,13,20, 27 Jan 3 Feb 94
CFFA Board Meeting	5 Jan 94
CFFA Fly Tying School	6,13,20,27 Jan 3,10 Feb 94
CFFA Membership Meeting	12 Jan 94
Hammonasset TU Fly Fishing Show, Old Saybrook, Contact John Springer	15 Jan 94
National Fly Fishing Show Boston, MA	22-23 Jan 94
The Fly Fishing Show Somerset, NJ	29-31 Jan 94
CFFA Board Meeting	2 Feb 94
<b>CFFA Fly Fishing Show &amp; Banquet</b> <i>Ernie Schweibert, The Colony, Manchester</i>	<b>5 Feb 94</b>
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.	9-12 June 94

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## The Fly Shop

by Muskrat Sam

De-witt wuz a sayin' he needed to git a few things at the fly shop the other day and asked me to go along. I never been in a fly shop before so I wuz a rarein' to go.

First thing we wuz a lookin' at wuz some dubbin' material, Hare-Tron and Scintilla. "Hey De-witt" I sez "I member them two guys from Star Trek I didn't know they wuz into fly fishin'."

"Come on Sam!" De-witt sez, "I gotta look at some buck tails." Were a over a lookin' at the buck tails and a lookin' and a lookin' and a lookin' and I'm a wonderin' if De-witt is goin' to look at ever buck tail in the place. Then it jumps at me like a frog off a lily pad they ain't no doe tails for sale on this here rack just buck tails! "De-witt!" I sez "How come there ain't no doe tails for sale on this here rack?"

"Sam, sometimes I'm a thinkin' your one drop short from a full kettle. There ain't no doe tails cuz, there ain't, thats why."

I'm confounded, first we're a lookin' at some fur in a plastic bag, fly tiers call dubbin'. I'm a thinkin' dubbin' is something you do with your stereo. Then they ain't no doe tails for sale. Now I'm a hearin' De-Witt ask for some peacock sword and I didn't even know they wuz armed. Fly tiers is surely Kafkaesque.

I'm dun,

Muskrat Sam

# Welcome

## NEW MEMBERS!

The CFFA would like to welcome the following new members:

Jim Henrich	Erich Lichsteiner
Carl Mandell	Thomas Passcantell
Robert L. Ratches	

You folks 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.

Ed.

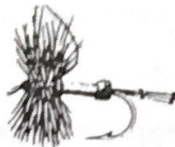
## FISHING CONDITIONS HOTLINE NUMBERS



Willimantic River, Farmington River and Connecticut in General	664-3688 (CFFA)
Farmington River	738-7327 (FRAA)
Housatonic River	248-8616 (HFFA)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising       | <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet   | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretarial duties |                                    |  |

### DUES STRUCTURE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular           | \$ 15.00 | TOTAL     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting        | \$ 25.00 | ENCLOSED: |
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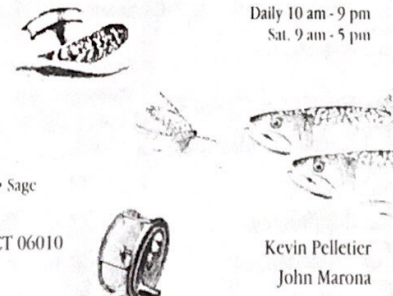
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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

# Vote

The following people are nominated for the named positions for 1994. Elections for these positions will be held at the membership meeting on 12 January,

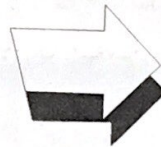
1994. **THIS MEETING WILL NOT BE CANCELED due to inclement weather.**

President	-	Larry Johnson
Vice President, Environment	-	Kurt Jagielow
Vice President, Promotion	-	Charlie Place
Vice President, Activities	-	Open
Treasurer	-	Don Rose
Recording Secretary	-	Tony Simmons
Legal Secretary	-	Mark Levy

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Fidrych, Gary Steinmiller, Lyn Smith

## Attention All CFFA Members



### FINAL REMINDER

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



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

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.



# PUBLIC HEARING

## Future of Striped Bass

The State of Connecticut will hold a public hearing on the future of Connecticut Striped Bass regulations. The meeting is scheduled for 18 January 1994 at the White House Restaurant in Old Saybrook. For more information call DEP, 566-4522.

Since bluefish and flounder are starting to wane it is now more important than ever to move to protect the Striped Bass stocks. The recent increase in the Striped Bass population is becoming an attractive target.

At this meeting the public will be asked for suggestions on length and bag limits for Striped Bass. We should let the DEP know that continued conservation of fish stocks should be strictly supported.



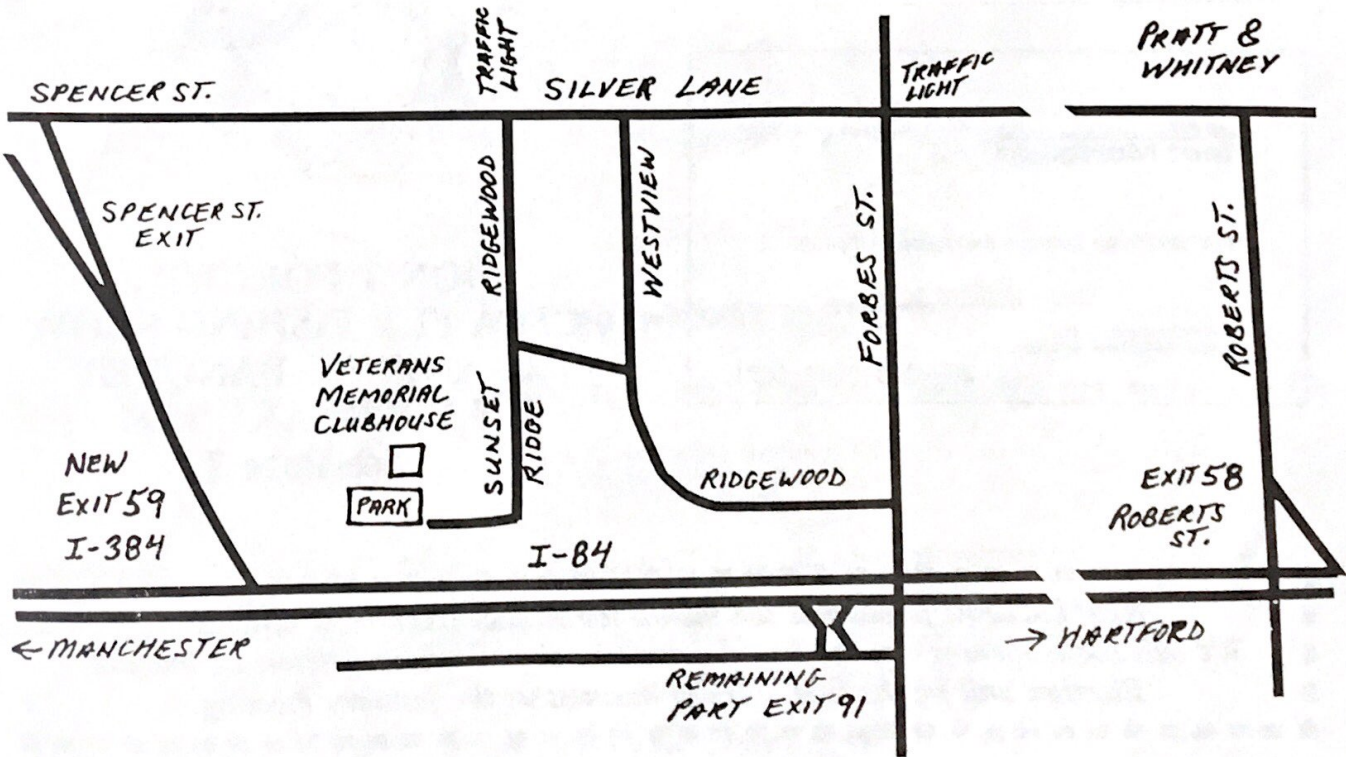
The Striped Bass are coming back. Existing conservative limits have helped this comeback. Due to these conservation methods and an Act of Congress, Striped Bass are here in increasing numbers. These numbers do not warrant a relaxation in the public's desire to return these stocks to their historic population levels.

Please make an appearance at this meeting if at all possible. *The future of Striped Bass is at stake. Your support can continue to protect this fine gamefish.*



**CFFA BOOK: "FLY FISHER'S COMPANION"... WATCH THE NEXT LINES & LEADERS** for more information on contents, cost and how to obtain copies - target availability date **FEBRUARY 5, 1994** at the CFFA Fly Fishing Show and Banquet.

### Directions to Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse



## VIDEO TAPE LIBRARY RULES

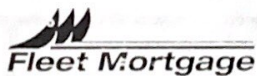
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**CFFA FLY FISHING SHOW**  
**& ANNUAL BANQUET**  
**5 FEBRUARY 1994**  
**See Page 7**

**REMEMBER: January is the month for annual election of officers!**  
**We still have openings on the board - don't be shy - let your interest be known!**  
**Election will be the first order of business at the January meeting.**

# CFFA 24th Annual Banquet

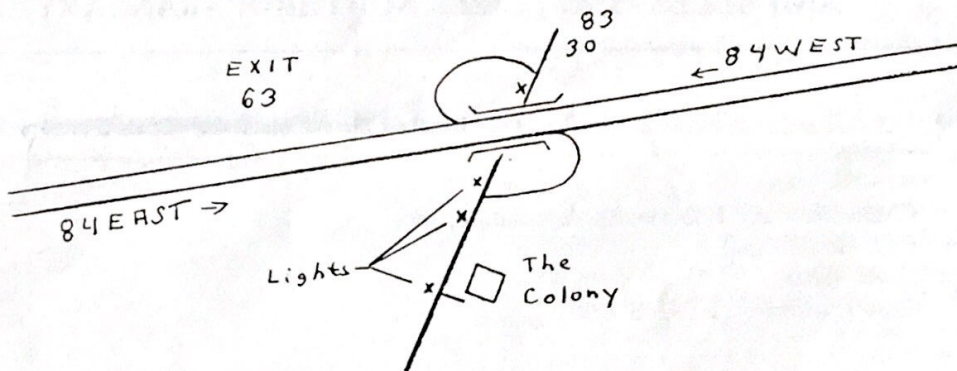
## 5 February 1994

The banquet will be held at The Colony of Vernon (a map is provided below). Your choice of dinners this year will be Baked Stuffed Shrimp, Roast Stuffed Breast of Capon or Prime Ribs of Beef, Au Jus. Included with the meal will be salad, baked potato, ziti, vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee or tea, and dessert.

Your Banquet Committee has worked hard to provide you with an enjoyable evening. We have been able to do this for \$26.00 per person. We will also be holding our raffle drawings that evening. The raffles this year include the Insurance Raffle, Silent Auction, Special Raffle for a Fly Tying Hutch and the General Raffle.

Please fill out the Reservation Form below and mail it as soon as possible. If you want to reserve a table for your party, please send one check for all eight place settings. Your Banquet Committee and Board of Directors are looking forward to seeing you there.

Anyone wishing to donate prizes for the banquet may contact Ed Fidrych at 342-1173 or Larry Johnson at 246-0728. All prizes will be greatly appreciated and all donations will be acknowledged in the "Lines & Leaders."



### DINNER RESERVATION

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

I will require a reservation for \_\_\_\_\_ persons at \$26.00 per person. Please find a check or money order (payable to CFFA) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

Mail reservation form to:  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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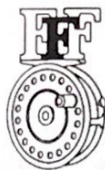
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