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MARCH MEETING Montana Fly Fishing John "Moose" Bellows

John will present a slide show on unusual and out of the way fishing in Montana. John is one of those lucky people who get to fish each summer in Montana (come to think of it he's pretty lucky period). John is past president of the Housatonic Fly Fishermen's Association and is the current president of the North Eastern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. He's an excellent and knowledgeable angler, and this show promises to be very entertaining.

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

DATE: Wednesday, March 9, 1994

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



CLUB TRIP Cape Cod Fishing 4-5 & 11-12 June 1994

Come and join fellow club members for fishing at the Cape. Here's your chance to fish the Cape's famous kettle ponds or go fishing in the surf. The stripers were lots of fun last year. In the ponds you can find smallmouth bass and rainbow trout. And this year we have booked two weekends!

Lodging will be at The Moorings Lodge in Falmouth Heights for the nights of 6/3 and 4 or 6/10 and 11. There is room for 16 people each weekend. Since there is limited room, the first 16 to sign up per weekend will get reservations. Your cost of \$75.00 per person includes two nights, two breakfasts and one buffet dinner on Saturday. If you would like to stay additional nights it will be \$25.00 extra.

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From the Vest of the President



Our 24th Annual Banquet and 2nd Fly Fishing Expo are a wrap. We were very fortunate to have good weather, but not so lucky in having the Worcester show the same weekend. Even so, some 200 persons attended our expo, and our banquet attendance was an outstanding 170 persons. I know that quite a few people came because of our speaker, Ernie Schwiebert, but I'd like to think that our high attendance also represents a carry over of the momentum developed at our 25th Anniversary Banquet last year.

Quite a few people commented on the nice facilities and flexibility of the Colony and its staff, and I agree. They have the space to handle both events, and they are able to make changes on the fly, and for once, we are able to hold a banquet limited only by how many want to come, rather than by the capacity of a particular room. We will be holding our banquet and expo on the second weekend of February next year, and I'll be interested to see how many people we can draw without competition from the Worcester show.

For those who weren't there, Ernie's evening program focused as much on political changes in Russia as on the salmon fishing. The newest and the best fishing rivers are in formerly restricted areas, and he mentioned several times how unusual it felt, as a former air force officer, to be flown in Russian military helicopters, by Russian military personnel, over submarine, radar, and air force bases. He also had a lot of advice on hotels and travel arrangements. If you're likely to be going there for any reason in the near future, it would pay you to drop him a line.

Two Ted Barbieri Awards were given this year. These are engraved Wheatley Fly boxes, and are given by the Board of Directors to someone not on the board, for services to CFFA. One award went to Dr. Phil Brunquell, who initiated the fly tying program for children with disabilities at Newington Children's Hospital where he works, and now has 31 CFFA members involved in the program. The other went to Roger Plourde, who has been actively involved in our monthly conservation drawings and banquet planning, donated beautiful hand crafted nets for our last two banquets, and built the shadow box which displays flies tied by the children at Newington. The Scarlet Ibis Award is given each year by the president to a member of the board of directors for services to CFFA and the president. This year's award, a graphite fly rod built by CFFA member Ed Roberts, was awarded to Environmental VP Kurt Jagielow. Kurt has directed our conservation work for the last four years, and also designed and built the fly tying cabinets for our last two special table drawings. Congratulations to all of you - the awards are well deserved.

I want to thank all who attended our expo and banquet, and everyone who worked to make it happen. It was a wonderful day, and shows what a dedicated group such as ours can accomplish.

Tight Lines,
Larry Johnson



Thank you CFFA Members! Thanks to - Ernie Boutiette, Charlie Place, Mike Stewart, Ross Stewart, Larry Johnson, Bud Russell and Charlie Kelly for helping out with the CFFA booth at the Hammonasset Trout Unlimited's "Fly Fishing Seminar," Saturday January 15th.

Hats off to the officers and members of HTU for putting on such a wonderful show. Thanks for inviting CFFA. We had a great time.

Thank you to McCallan Distillers - The CFFA extends a warm thank you to the folks at The McCallan Distillery, Craigellachie, Scotland, makers of McCallan, The Single Malt Whiskey. They provided all club members who volunteer at Newington Children's Hospital with copies of the 1994 McCallendar - a calendar filled with both humorous and practical angling information.

Fly Tying Hutch - Congratulations to Bud Russell of Rocky Hill on winning the beautiful hutch (built by Kurt Jagielow and Dave Kusma) in our Special Drawing at the Banquet. (I offered Bud \$50 but he wasn't interested. Ed.)

Insurance Raffle Winners - The following winners were drawn at the Banquet:

- 1st Prize, \$300 L.L. Bean Gift Certificate: Marie Beaullier, E. Hartford.
- 2nd Prize, 20" TV: Raymond D'Argenio, W. Hartford.
- 3rd Prize, Cape Cod Weekend: Richard Mills, Colebrook
- 4th Prize, Cavey's Dinner: R.D'Argenio, W. Hartford

Fishing Expo & Banquet - Our second show was an outstanding success. A count of admission tickets showed we had about 200 people visit the expo. Over 170 people were present for the banquet that evening. Many thanks to all of the club volunteers who worked very hard over the past few months to make this expo and banquet a success. A partial list of those volunteers includes:

Gary Bogli	Dick Vanasse	Mike Stewart
Charlie Place	Charlie Kelly	Ross Stewart
Dave Kusma	Donna Simmons	Dan Record
Bob Quinn	Dick Lerche	Ed Fidrych
Don Rose	Page Rogers	Steve Murphy
Kurt Jagielow	Joe Fasulo	Sue Roman
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Larry Johnson	Ken Parkany	Charlie Utz
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Fly Tying & Rod Building Schools - many thanks to the people who helped out in this year's schools. We had 20 beginning tyers, nine rod builders and seven saltwater fly tyers this year. Those who helped out were:

Gary Steinmiller, Chair		
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Charlie Place	John Cannata	Mark Lewchik
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Ed.

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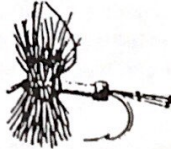
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COMING EVENTS

CFFA Board Meeting	2 Mar 94
CFFA Fly Fishing School	3,10,17,24 Mar 9, 23 Apr 94
CFFA Membership Meeting	9 Mar 94
Thodore Gordon Flyfishers Show	12 Mar 94
Fishing Show, Hartford Civic Center	17-20 Mar, 94
FFF - Northeast Council Conclave	9-12 June 94
Hilton, Lake Placid.	
CFFA Trip, Falmouth, Cape Cod MA	4-5 & 11-12 Jun

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Gold Ribbed Hares Bear

by Muskrat Sam



Me and some of the fellas from the fire station went on a fishin' trip. We wuz a savin' money for a year or thereabouts to go fishin' to Indian Mountain Lodge, Alaska. We were a wantin' to catch some of them big King Salmon we wuz always readin' bout in them outdoor magazines.

We wuz up at Indian Lodge bout three days and never caught a fish yet, so after supper I asks the fellas ifin' they are wantin' to go out fishin'. They wuz all a sittin' round a swappin' lies and drinkin' coffee and a sayin' they didn't want to go, so I'm a thinkin' I would be goin' out to see if I could catch me one of them there King Salmon.

They wuz a nice fishin' hole just up the river from the lodge I wuz a hankerin' to try. After walkin' a spell I come to the spot I wuz lookin' for. I rigged up my fly rod and started a fishin'. First cast I hooked onto a real huge salmon. I lifted my fly rod and set the hook hard and that salmon went crazy. He run right at me. I wuz a reelin' as fast as I could, and that salmon run right between my legs and out the other side, turned round and run the other way, a wrappin' the fly line around my leg. I lifted my leg to get the line off, and that salmon took another run, a trippin' me up and a knockin' me flat on my back in the river. I wuz back peddlin' with my feet and my free hand a tryin' to get back to dry land when that salmon run at me again and near beached hisself. I jumped up soakin' wet and grabbed that salmon, a puttin' a bear hug on him and run up to dry land.



I wuz standin' there admirin' my salmon when I heres a noise in the bushes behine me. I looks over there theres a big ole brown bear a lookin' out the bushes at my salmon. I'm a lookin' at that brown bear then back at my salmon, a thinkin', "No way you ain't a gittin' this here salmon." That big ole brown bear stepped out the bushes and started to come after my salmon. I tried to whack that big ole brown bear on the nose with my fly rod a hopin' to drive him off, but my fly swung round and hooked him right on the lip, just a makin' him real mad. Bout then, I'm a thinkin' to heck with that salmon I'm outta here, and started a runnin' back to the lodge fast as I could go. I could hear that big ole bear a comin' after me, twigs a snappin', brush a crackin'. I'm a pickin' um up and puttin' um down, that big ole bear a breathin' down my neck. I come through the lodge door and turn sharp, that bear right behind me. He slides on



the floor a tryin' to turn sharp and crashes into the stone fireplace a knockin' hisself out. I'm a standin' there soakin' wet with my fly rod in my hand a lookin' at the fellas. They was open jawed.

I sez, "The salmon ain't hitin' but these here fellas are," a noddin' at the bear. "Might tiresome on a seven weight though".

I'm dun,
Muskrat Sam

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS!

The CFFA would like to welcome the following new members:

Jerry Pawlikowski	Patrick Daigle	John Mundt
Andy Haberman	Larry Haberman	Justin Duran
Stuart Horn	Stephen Chirdon	Jon Aubin
Norm Davidson	Chris Donahue	James Faenza
Sigurd Folstad	Hazen Sturtevant	
Richard Sturtevant	Robert Greenstein	

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



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Exhibition at The Lyman Allyn Art Museum in
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Images of fish and fishermen will be featured at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum's, *The Lure of Fishing* from March 13 through May 1, 1994. Timed to whet the appetite of freshwater fly fishermen who are awaiting Opening Day, the exhibition will feature both historic and contemporary work in two and three dimensions.

Historic work includes a watercolor by Winslow Homer, an oil by Gurdon Trumbull, paintings by Ogden Pleissner on loan from the American Museum of Fly Fishing and fish-printing work by Robert Cale.

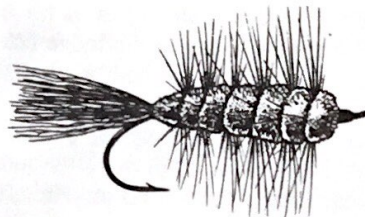
The exhibition will contain works by contemporary artists from Southeastern Connecticut well-known for their outdoors art: Lou Bonamarte, Luther Kelly Hall, Pam Nelson and Chet Reneson. Fish-printing originals by Eric Hochberg, glass sculptures by James Houston and other sculptures will also be included.

Programming will include gallery talks by the artists and a fish printing workshop.

The Lyman Allyn, located at 625 Williams Street, New London, is open Tuesday-Friday, and Sunday 1-5pm, Saturday 11-5pm, and Wednesday evenings until 9pm. Take exit 83 off I-95. Admission is \$3 adults, \$2 seniors and students, 12 and under free. For further information call (203) 443-2545.

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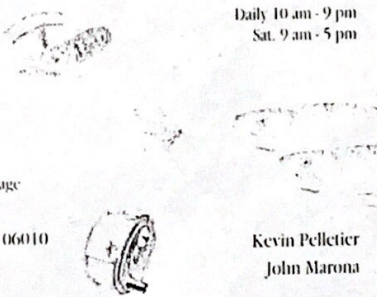
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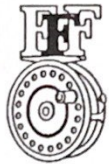
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