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## APRIL MEETING

Flyfishing the Vineyard  
- Page Rogers

Page will present a show on saltwater flyfishing on Martha's Vineyard. I understand the Vineyard is home waters for Page. Page's experience in the saltwater coupled with her roots on the Vineyard should make for a very informative meeting. See you there.

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

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 12

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



## CLUB TRIP

### Cape Cod Fishing

**3-4 & 10-11 June 1995**

and

**23-24 September 1995**

For full details see page 9

## From the Vest of the President



First let me thank all the members who have provided encouragement and wished me well in my new position as president of CFFA. I sincerely appreciate it and will do my best to serve you.

March 11th Ed Fidrych and I attended a legislative advocacy training class given at the Connecticut Forest and Park Association in Middlefield, CT. The class was given by Jim Leahy of Leahy Associates. Jim is a lobbyist and the CFFA has retained him to monitor proposed legislation that would affect us as sport fishermen. Jim will also be representing other ConnTAC clubs. Soon the CFFA will be putting this training to use, setting up phone trees, providing tips on calling your congressman, letter writing tips and seeing your congressman in person. Basically, setting up a grassroots coalition. What form is this all going to take? I'm not sure yet, but will keep you informed as things develop. One other thing. Jim has recently purchased a home close to the Willi and plans to be fishing the TMA. He's a new fly fisherman, so if you see somebody bobbing up and down in the river or climbing a tree for a fly, help him out, ok? The lobbyist you save may be ours.

The expo and banquet went well. All the people that I talked to were very happy with the tying class that Gary Borger taught the morning of the expo. They were also happy with the afternoon seminar that he put on. We had nothing but good reports about the J. Kenny Abrames seminar too, and maybe would like to have him back for one of our monthly meetings. If we had just remembered to set up the projector for the banquet, it would have been a perfect evening. Don Rose won the beautiful tying cabinet crafted by member Roger Plourde. We have all heard the term "Happy Camper." Well, Don showed us what one actually looks like.

We are very happy with The Colony and intend to keep having our banquet there as long as they will have us. I don't think they could give us better service. Our banquet is tentatively scheduled for February 11 next year.

I always enjoy tying flies at the Civic Center in Hartford. Ernie Boutiette and I spent about four hours there Saturday afternoon and managed to get some people behind the vice. Mike Stewart and Larry Johnson reported the same. Lots of people asked if fly tying was hard to learn. I'm always reluctant to answer that question, mostly because I lash feathers to a hook and don't consider myself a fly tyer. I did get around the show a bit and got some tips on fishing for Albacore and Bonito from Ed Mitchell. Ed has a new book out, "Fly Rodding The Coast." I picked up a copy. Ed's book is jam packed with information, and, from what I've read so far, the fish are going to be at a definite disadvantage this season. I was also pleasantly surprised to see pictures of club members Mark Lewchik and Page Rogers in Ed's book.

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**Fly Tying Hutch** - Congratulations to Don Rose of Windsor on winning the beautiful hutch, built by Roger Plourde, in our Special Drawing at the Banquet. You should of seen Don dance! That jig he did really lasted a long time.

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

- 1st Prize, \$300 L.L. Bean Gift Certificate:* Bill Perkins, Windsor, CT
- 2nd Prize, 20" Color TV:* Howard Welden, Tolland
- 3rd Prize, Cape Cod Weekend:* Carey Repoli, East Hartford
- 4th Prize, Cavey's Dinner:* Kevin Dubois, Willimantic

**Awards**

**Mark Lewchik - Ted Barbari Award:** This was an engraved Wheatley Fly Box for outstanding service by a non-board member to the CFFA. This was chosen unanimously by the board. Mark, a member since 1991, has on numerous occasions been one of the tyers prior to membership meetings. He has been an instructor in the beginner and saltwater fly tying classes. In addition, Mark has been significantly involved in the creation of "The Flyfisher's Companion," by helping in the preparation, providing illustrations and painting the watercolor used on the book's cover. Congratulations, Mark.

**Gary Steinmiller - Scarlet Ibis Award:** This award is given by the CFFA President to a member of the board who has been of particular assistance to the president and the CFFA. The award was an inscribed fly rod made by CFFA member and rod maker, Ed Roberts. Gary has been a member since 1985. He was instrumental in organizing several club trips such as to Pulaski and Falmouth. These trips have turned into recurring activities. As the Education Chairman, Gary has built upon a good foundation by adding Advanced and Saltwater Fly Tying Classes, and improving on the Fly Fishing School. Congratulations, Gary.

**Larry Johnson - Members Award:** This award of flies tied by the membership, and mounted and framed by George Degen and Roger Plourde was presented to Larry in recognition of his outstanding leadership for guiding the CFFA over the last five years. Congratulations, Larry.

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**COMING EVENTS**

- CFFA Board Meeting 5 Apr 95
- CFFA Fly Fishing School 8,22, Apr 95
- CFFA Membership Meeting, Page Rogers 12 Apr 95
- "Flyfishing the Vineyard"
- Stocking, Nye Holman, Willimantic R. 20 Apr 95
- CFFA Board Meeting 3 May 95
- CFFA Membership Meeting, Jack Smola 10 May 95
- "Flyfishing the Deerfield"
- Fly Fair, Turners Falls, MA 13-14 May 95
- CFFA Fishing Trip, Cape Cod 3-4, 10-11 Jun
- Contact Larry Johnson
- Fly Fishing Trade Show, Somerset NJ 7-9 Aug 95
- Contact Barry Serviente 800-420-7582
- FFF Annual Conclave & Show, Livingston MT
- Contact Larry Watson 406-585-7592 21-24 Sep 95
- FFF-NE Council Conclave, Cape Cod 21-24 Sept 95
- Contact John Bellows 203-526-4037
- CFFA Fishing Trip, Cape Cod 23-34 Sept 95
- Contact Larry Johnson

*Welcome*

**NEW MEMBERS!**

- The CFFA would like to welcome all new members.
- Matt Polansky Eric Frisk Mike Soucy
  - Alex Kelsey Bob McGuinness Damon McWalters
  - Kevin Dougan Larry Campagna Brian Cremin
  - David Kido Monroe Rackow Gordon Bannerman
  - Tom Gaul Richard Heffernon
  - Richard Olson Charles McCaughtry

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.

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Housatonic River Flow	824-7861 (NU)

## Planting Trout On the Willimantic by Kurt Jagielow

Of all the activities in conservation, trout stocking is my favorite. We usually put in the first live car just below Roaring Brook. From here you work down through the riffles planting the fish like flowers, one here-one there, behind rocks and along the many undercut banks. Your next stop is along the habitat structures we installed a few years ago. Before you know it the Corner Pool is next, always a great place to put a few extra fish in. As you get through the Tarzan Pool and the island, the next stop is the Rest Area to load more fish into the live car. Working your way down from this point is a joy. There are plenty of large rocks all the way to the I-84 bridge, great fish planting habitat.

By now you've reached the I-84 bridge where the next crew has already started downstream. The first stop is that deep hole on the west side of the river. Going further down, the east side is loaded with overhanging brush, perfect cover for the fish. As the bend comes up fish are still being planted and into more riffles you go. By now you are down in the meadow of Nye Holman, you didn't realize how deep the holes were until a little water crept over the top of your waders.

While you were doing all of this, the stocking truck was unloading fish in other areas of the TMA. By now you've reached the end of the stocking just short of the Rt. 74 bridge.

You just had a lot of fun stocking fish. You also tripped over a lot of rocks, and noticed trout habitat that you did not see before. I see you were also amazed at all of the grown men with a gleam in their eye comparable to a 9 year old boy with a couple of water balloons in his hand.

There you have it - A short tour of stocking the Willi. Try it sometime.

## Stocking

April 20 - 9:30am-10:00. Meet at the Commuter Lot, I-84/Rte 32 intersection just North of Rest Area. 200 CFFA Rainbows.

Stocking Mid May State Fish Yearlings - 9:30-10:00 at Commuter Lot Rte 32. (6-8") Specific date will be in next month's newsletter. Call Kurt Jagielow for info. 649-3681.

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**Club News - continued**

**Auditor Needed** - CFFA would like to have our financial records reviewed and audited by someone who is not on the board. If you have, or know anyone who has, the appropriate financial background such as a CPA, please let any board member know. Since we are a non-profit organization, we would like to have the audit conducted on a "donation of services" basis. Of course, this will be done after the current tax season. Thanks.

**Stocked Fish Identifiers** - The browns stocked on 31 March in the Willi TMA can be identified as follows: Over 12" - left vent fin clipped; 10-11" - right vent fin clipped. Let Kurt Jagielow know your success.

**Newington Children's Hospital News** - Dr. Phil Brunquell reports that Ray Reilly has donated a book to the NCH fly tying program: *Basic Fly Tying* by Ed Koch and Norm Shires. Thanks, Ray.

The family of Kevin Dombroski has donated some items to the NCH's fly tying program in memory of Kevin's father, Charles Dombroski, a fly fisherman who recently passed away. This donation included fly tying tools, materials, fly tying books, and a South Bend reel with fly line. Kevin was inspired when he had a child at NCH and saw a newsletter on the fly tying program. The kids of today and tomorrow thank you, Kevin.

**Fishing Expo & Banquet** - Our third show was an outstanding success. A count of admission tickets showed we had about 180 people visit the expo. Over 167 people were present for the banquet that evening. Many thanks go 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 include:

Gary Bogli	Charlie Utz	Steve Chirdon
Ed Fidrych	Larry Johnson	Jerry Wade
Mike Stewart	Don Rose	Ken Parkany
Charlie Place	Page Rogers	Joe Fasulo
Charlie Kelly	Steve Murphy	Kathleen Place
Kurt Jagielow	Dale Matthews	Ray Reilly
Bob Quinn	Tony Simmons	John Springer
Lynn Stewart	Ted Rzepcki	Jack Marchesseault



**Fishing Show Thank You** - Many thanks to the following folks who helped out this year at the Civic Center:

George Degen	Ernie Boutiette	Larry Johnson
Ted Rzepcki	Patrick Rzepcki	Charles Kelly
Don Rose	Roger Plourde	Dale Matthews
Bob Delage	Al Duran	Ed Fidrych
Charlie Place	Reggie Harris	Edith McClure
Steve Murphy	Gary Steinmiller	Bob Quinn
Mike Stewart	Joe Fasulo	Joe Fasulo, Jr.

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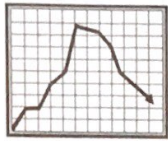


Kevin Pelletier  
John Marona

# NEEDS ACTION

by Charlie Place

As some of you may know, an important bill for the DEP Fisheries Division is pending before the state legislature.



DEP Fisheries is facing a budget shortfall. As a result many programs will be cut because of lack of funding. House Bill 5859 provides for moving approximately \$8 million from the DOT Transportation Fund to the DEP Conservation Fund.

We need our members to write or call their state representatives asking them to support HB-5859. The bill has now moved from the Environmental Committee into Finance, Revenue, and Bonding. Representative Carl J. Schiessel, (D-60) Oak Ridge Rd. Windsor Locks CT, 06096 is co-chair of this committee. Please write him also, especially members from District 60.

Some facts about the Un-refunded Motor Boat Fuels Tax, The fund is generated from the state's motor fuel tax (31¢ per gallon) and goes into the Transportation Fund. The fund has approximately \$764 million. Since boaters do not use highways and bridges, it is inappropriate that they be taxed for this purpose. The law allows those who document annual purchases of over 200 gallons to be reimbursed for the taxes paid on such fuel. Few boaters know about this right or take



advantage of it. Twenty nine states identify this tax and dedicate it to boating and fishing programs. Among them are Maine, Mass. and New Hampshire. The DOT loss of \$8.2 from the Transportation Fund will be more than offset by new revenue raised by the increase in the fuel tax from 31¢ to 39¢, scheduled to take effect in 1997. This tax hike will raise nearly \$200 million additional funds annually, which will completely overshadow the \$8.2 million transfer to the DEP. The proposed bill also addresses an important fairness issue. It is not fair that taxes collected from boaters are spent on programs that have nothing to do with water-borne activities.

The proposed DEP programs would fund activities such as development of boating access, boating safety, law enforcement, fisheries management, research and education. Without this transfer of monies from the Fuels Tax Fund to DEP many of the above opportunities will be lost, and many programs will be cut. These programs are needed to maintain the quality and economic value of fishing and boating in Connecticut.



Letter writing tips: A one page letter is most effective. Stick to HB-5859. Use your own ideas and experiences (Rep. Schiessel represents Windsor Locks, and part of Enfield, i.e., Shad Country). Mention the specific bill and ask for support of your position. Request a reply. This encourages the legislator to address the commitment you asked for.

Phone call tips. Call at a reasonable time. Listen closely. He or she may tell you what their thoughts are on the issue, and also what the opposition is saying. Be persistent but not a pest. Keep a record of the conversation. This will help with the campaign. Please respect the legislator's position even if he doesn't agree with ours. We need to establish long-term relationships with them and present ourselves as rational, constructive members of the community.

The phone call and letter writing tips were provided by Jim Leahy. The information about the fuel tax bill was provided by Mark Oberlatz, Connecticut Council, Trout Unlimited. I received this information after I had written and mailed my vest article. As a matter of fact, Mike is holding up our newsletter as I write, so that we can get this info out to you. If you need any more information for your letter or phone call give me a ring at 623-9912. Thanks

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# Winter's a Great Time to Maintain and Inspect Your Valuable Fly Fishing Equipment

## Part III: Reels by Page Rogers

The optimum way to perform inspection, maintenance and repair on reels/spools is to have all of the fly line and all of the backing *off* the reel/spool. That's for starters. The reason is simple. The deep cleaning of reels demands the use of solvents, lubricants, and protectant coatings, most of which are petroleum-based and they will wreak havoc on your dacron backing or plastic based fly line. You're warned, OK?

With the reel/spool empty, the first thing to do is a heavy duty cleaning. My friend Bob Popovics of Seaside Park, NJ, removes the spools from the reels and runs them through his industrial-grade Hobart® dishwasher at his pizza place, "The Shady Rest." If you have access to a dishwasher like this at a school or hospital then do it - if not, use your home dishwasher on the warm-hot water setting. What this kind of cleaning does is cut through *years* of scum, grease, salt and crystal buildup. Those harsher detergents are needed. But be careful about water temperature, especially if you are cleaning reels with a plastic drag pad (Streamline, ATH, or Ross for example), you don't want water that's too hot or your drag pad might deform. **REMOVE** the reel/spool **BEFORE** the drying cycle.

Take the reel *completely apart*: everything, every screw, nut, you name it, the whole drag mechanism (unless it's completely sealed). Remove the counterweight, reel foot, pawls and reel handle. Dry everything. If corrosion or scum/residue is evident, use a small tooth or denture brush dipped in gasoline or WD-40® to gently work away corrosion, rust, residue. Sometimes it helps just letting stubborn areas "marinate" - soak a piece of cotton and place on effected area - come back later with your small brush. Use the above solvents on *metal parts only* (including metal drag pads).

Many drag pads are made of cork or space-age plastic compounds like Rulon®. For cork drag pads, clean and condition drag pad with a rag soaked with Neatsfoot Oil® (readily available at a hardware store). This oil is an organically compounded lubricant designed to be used on organic/natural materials like cork (and leather). Leave the drag pad "wet" (but not sopping) as your final step of maintenance for the pad. It is good periodically to check your cork drag pad throughout the season and see that it maintains its "wet" condition. For Rulon® drag pads dirt and sand are the big enemies. Make sure plastic drags are kept *clean* and are periodically wiped with a clean cloth. **DO NOT** lubricate or treat a plastic drag pad with something like Armorall®. You may make the drag too slippery to hold! And whenever lubricating a spindle or any

metal part that may possibly touch the plastic drag pad always use a synthetic lubricant like Superlube®, otherwise you may irreversibly damage the plastic drag pad. Don't use petroleum-based lubricants on plastic - ever!

With the whole reel dis-assembled and cleaned, reassemble the reel by squirting a tiny amount of Penn Lube or Super Lube grease into *every* screw hole *and then* put the screws back in. Wipe off any excess lubricant that "squeezes up" from the bottom as the screws are screwed in. What the grease does is act as a sealant keeping water and corrosion out! With the counterweight, reel foot and reel handle screws, I always put a small bit of grease on my finger and rub it flush into the holes of those screws on the *inside* of the spool frame, especially the counterweight and reel handle screws. Again, use a synthetic lubricant like Superlube® on those screws just in case your fly line comes into contact with these lubricants.

When the whole reel is reassembled, you may want to treat the entire reel surface, as well as the springs, pawls and spindle, with an anti-corrosive treatment like T-9 Boeshield® (available through Orvis or at West Marine). Some folks don't like T-9 because it leaves a tacky, waxy residue on the treated surfaces. My solution to that is to spray it onto a plate, spray WD-40® on top to "cut" it and then lightly rub in the mixture with a rag. T-9 has much better staying power than WD-40. Remember to wipe off excess and buff the stuff on your reel. Annual treatment of anodized aluminum, stainless parts and the brass so common in today's reels is pretty good insurance against corrosion and electrolysis. If T-9 Boeshield® is not your thing, gun and ammo shops sell several kinds of anti-corrosive treatments that are used to keep the metal barrels of guns rust-free. Shop around, and let me know what you come up with.

### In Conclusion

Your equipment is a valuable investment with significant trade-in value, or even heirloom value. Your investment of time and energy each year to inspect, maintain and repair your equipment will pay off in consistent performance, and preparedness should a problem arise in the field.

Good luck and let me know how its going or if you have any questions. I can be reached at (203) 267-0287.

*This concludes Page's three-part series. It certainly has been enjoyable and informative. If we are real nice, maybe we will see more of Page's words here. Ed.*

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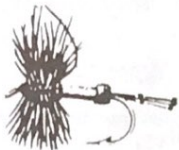
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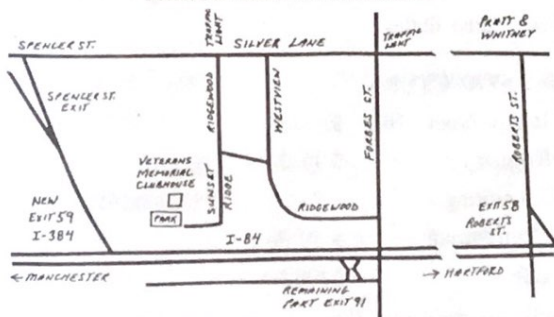


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## From the Vest of the President - continued

Speaking of books, if you've been thinking about picking up a copy of the "Flyfishers Companion," now is the time to do it. Sales are picking up and there's not likely to be a second printing. The local fishing information contained in our book came from the CFFA archives and is probably going to end up back in a box in somebody's attic. It may be your only chance to collect this valuable information. So act now or dig through somebody's attic.

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April 29  
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## Club Trip - Cape Cod Fishing



3-4 & 10-11 June and 23-24 Sept 1995

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 again booked two weekends in June plus one weekend in September to coincide with the NEC-FFF Conclave!

### June 1995

Lodging will be at The Moorings Lodge in Falmouth Heights for the nights of 6/2 & 3 or 6/9 & 10. 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 \$88.00 per person includes tax, two nights, two breakfasts and one buffet dinner on Saturday. If you would like to stay additional nights it will be \$25.00 extra, plus tax.

Make your check payable to CFFA in the amount of \$88.00 for each person. Call Larry for total costs before you send check.

### September 1995

Lodging will also be at The Moorings Lodge for the nights of 9/22 & 23. But we have additional room for this weekend. It is first come first served. Your cost of \$93.50 per person includes tax, two nights, two breakfasts and one buffet dinner on Saturday. If you would like to stay additional nights it will be \$25.00 extra, plus tax.

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Send to: Larry Johnson, 60 Willard St., Hartford, CT 06105; tel: 246-0728 (H), 725-3873 (W).

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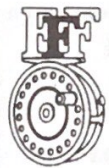
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