

# LINES & LEADERS

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

#### NOVEMBER MEETING

Salt Water Program Ed Mitchell

This month's speaker will be Ed Mitchell. Ed has fly fished the New England Coast for many years. His articles have appeared in several outdoor publications, including Fly Fisherman and American Angler. Most recently Ed has written a book, Fly Rodding The Coast. which has received great reviews throughout the fly fishing fraternity.

If you want to know anything about fly fishing the salt, don't miss this month's program.

PLACE: Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse

Sunset Ridge

East Hartford, CT

DATE: Wednesday, November 8

TIME: Fly Tying - 7:00 pm

Program - 7:30 pm



### ATTENTION ALL CFFA MEMBERS

It is time to renew your membership for the upcoming year. Please fill out the enclosed form (on page 4), include a check for the dues, and either mail it to the club or give it to Bob Quinn 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 Bob. 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



Mike Martinek received a loud and lengthy applause at the end of his program last month. Mike's outstanding program was complimented by his wonderful sense of humor. He took us on a historical journey of old Maine fishing camps,

traditional brook trout streamers and salmon flies. Many of the slides we saw were of flies tied by their originators. A special treat for those of us who have never seen a Carrie Stevens "Gray Ghost."

Two Connecticut anglers received awards at the Federation Of Fly Fishers "Conclave 95" held on Cape Cod in September. Page Rogers received a fly tyer's award. Ed Mitchell received a writer's award. Congratulations to Page and Ed from CFFA.

It was reported to me at last month's meeting that two poachers were chased out of the Lower Bridge Pool on the Willimantic River by two new club members. It was 6:30 in the morning. The poacher's excuse was they didn't see any signs. A couple of days later I received a phone call from a fishing buddy. He hooked some monofilament line in the Abutment Pool. When he pulled it in there was a lure attached. He was really upset because he had fished for several hours that day and not gotten a hit. He understands that not catching fish is part of the sport, but snagging that line and lure sure makes you wonder if you're casting over fish or not. I'm sure that there are more stories like this out there. I'm sure that the vast majority of poachers are not seen or caught. They're good at it. I don't think that it's lost on us that these two incidents coincide with the recent stocking of the Willi. They're watching. As a matter of fact, I haven't heard a good fishing report about the Willi since the day after it was stocked. So what's going on? The water level has been ok. There should be plenty of fish, over six hundred stocked.

If you ask around, which I did, you'll find out that poachers have been spotted on the Willi many times over the years, mostly in the early morning hours. Invariably the story is the same. They spot an unexpected early fly fisherman, reel up, and leave fast. How many don't get seen? How many trout are lost? What can we do about it?

Maybe the solution is getting more legal fishermen on the river especially during the early morning hours, hopefully bringing more eyes and ears to the Willi. Thieves don't like to be seen. What will bring more fishermen to the Willi? Good fishing works! Consider this. The Willi is pretty much put and take.

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**The Fly Fisher's Companion, Correction:** Last month I incorrectly listed the prices of the book being sold. The prices are: \$18 for one book, \$32 for 2 books, and \$44 for 3 books, state sales tax included. *Sorry about that*.

For Sale: Fenwick FF75 Fly Rod, \$20. Call Gary at 569-0270.

Lost & Found: Bobbin with Black Thread at Aero Center, Left at CFFA Booth. Call Charlie Place, number is on last page of newsletter.

**Thank You's:** The Club would like to thank the following for helping out at CFFA's booth at the '95 American Outdoors Sportsmen Show last Sept.

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CFFA Membership Meeting 8 Nov 95

Ed Mitchell

3rd International Fly Tyer's 18-19 Nov 95

Symposium, Meadowlands Hilton Contact Chuck Furminsky, 814-926-2676

CFFA Board Meeting 6 Dec 95 CFFA Membership Meeting 13 Dec 95

Mike Martinek

CFFA Rod Building School 13 Dec 95, 4, 11 18, 25 Jan, 1 Feb 96

CFFA Fly Fishing School
4, 11, 18, 25 Jan
1 Feb 96

The Fly Fishing Show, Somerset, NJ 26-28 Jan 96

Contact Barry Serviente, 717-243-6733
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CFFA ANNUAL BANQUET & SHOW 10 Feb 96

Dave Whitlock, The Colony Manchester, CT

CMTA Fishing Show, Hartford Civic Ctr 14-17 Mar 96

# Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

The CFFA would like to welcome our new members.

Ed Mickiewicz
Jim Conaty
Kenneth Nadler
Brian E. Kelly

Jeffrey Mickiewicz
Sally Leed
M. J. Savacheck
Raymond M. Buckno

Frank Kulbusz

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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248-8616 (HFFA)

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824-7861 (NU)

### A Day on Venwood Lake by John Springer

On May 15 I and eight other members of CFFA and TU showed up in lousy weather at Venwood Lake in Killingworth. We fished for about 4 hours and did not do very well. Our hopes were being put down rather rapidly since we knew the kids from the American School for the Deaf would be showing up at noon. Each of us caught 2-3 fish and we had some doubts how the kids were going to do. Every trip to the Venwood produces fish. Even in January when we went and fished and the temperature was 18° we caught fish. No one could figure it out.

Well, the kids showed up and the lunch that Steve Murphy put together was well received by the kids. My wife and mother each produced a cake, this put a big smile on all faces. After lunch the Venuttis' took the time to take the kids out and show them around. They really went out of their way for these kids, as you will see later. First they fed some fish in the back pond. The water was dead calm and, when the food pellets went in, the place "boiled" with fish. You had to see their faces.

They have bird hunting up there and most of these kids have never seen pheasants before. They showed the kids the guns they used for hunting, also the retrievers that work the fields for the hunters. When the kids saw the mounted birds and big fish their hands were moving very fast as they asked many questions about hunting and fishing. Ed Peliter who is one of the head people up at the school was very busy interpreting their questions. One question that I remember, because I found it so amusing, "When would I come up to the school and show the kids how to hunt with the guns that they had up there?" Ed told them that if John showed up with guns, he was leaving.

After dessert we went outside and gave all the kids rods. All this equipment was given to me by my friends and people I met through other clubs and the Internet. An Engineer on Amtrak that I work with will fix any rod that I get that is broken or in need of a repair. Well we went fishing and after about thirty minutes only one fish was caught and things were not looking good. I went up to see Mr. Venutti and had a talk with him about the poor fishing. He said that he did not know what he could do and I told him I had an idea. He gave me a pail of food and I went down and "chummed" up some fish. Well this got things going and we all knew that this is not what fly fishing is supposed to be but you must understand that 7 out of the 9 kids had never fished before. They were very disappointed in how things were going and we all wanted a happy ending for this day.

Each kid caught at least 3 fish and had a very memorable day. All of my volunteers did also. We all worked very hard with the kids and considering it was there first time out their casting was quite good. But

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### VIDEO TAPE LIBRARY RULES

- 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.
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- Rented after meetings at coffee table.

#### Venwood Lake - continued

thank God for George Degan. At the end of the day, I thanked him for all his help. George said that he did not do much to help the kids with their casting or the landing of any fish. He said all he did was untie knots all day. We all know how tedious a job that is and if it was not for George's patience several kids would not have done as well as they did. Thanks George, you were a bigger help than you can believe.

In closing I want to thank the Venutti family for their great hospitality. They even gave all the kids a hat at the end of the day. That made 2 hats for each kid since CFFA donated a hat to each kid. I look forward to doing this again this fall and if anyone would like to join us please let me know. You would not have to come every time but I will give you the dates and you can let me know when you can come. We all enjoyed ourselves and could use a few more tyers. If you are interested give me a call on the hot line and leave a message.

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#### From the Vest - continued

The CFFA and the DEP put, Mother Nature and the poachers take. Besides a few holdovers every year, where are the thousands of trout that have been put in over time? Maybe Catch and Release all year should be reconsidered. Maybe letting the people who put in all the hard work on the Willi keep a couple of trout at certain times would be better for us and not so good for the poachers. I'll bet the state will put in a lot more fish if some are taken out. Hence better fishing. Maybe not exactly the way we want it, but at least the Willi won't be a hatchery for poachers.

It's obvious that our CO's (Conservation Officers) can't be everywhere. Let's get some ideas flowing other than the complaining and finger pointing that usually accompany this issue. Your ideas or comments are invited. There are over three hundred members in the CFFA. I know there are lot of good ideas out there. Use Lines and Leaders so everybody can get involved.

See you out there, Charlie Place





Don't forget to check "The Web" on Page 5!

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### Fly Fishing Web Page

For your information I have come across a page on the Web. For you folks who may have Internet access, here's the URL (Uniform Resource Locator). http://FLYFISH.COM.

This page is just in the process of being fleshed out. This web site offers the following indexes:

- · Boats, Tubes & Pontoons
- · Boat Charters & Rentals
- Fly Sources
- Fly Pattern Index
- Fly Tying Tools
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- · Waders, Boots, & Accessories
- · Worlds of Fy Fishing.

Other areas coming to that web site are: Catch Statistics; Classes & Seminars; Clubs; and Hatch Information.

Obviously, quite a thorough listing. Visit the page and offer your comments. I plan to get the CFFA listed as well as our advertisers, at no cost.

### Original Patterns from the Bench of Paul Beudreau

Squiggly

Thread: Lt. Brown Hook: 4X Size 8 Legs: Brown Sili-Legs Tail: Brown Sili-Legs Head: Brass Bead Body: Bronze Poly-Flash

Overtail: Approx 20 Dk. Brown Marabou Fibers 2/3 Tail length

Wing: Approx 20 Dk. Brown Marabou fibers to 1/3 overtail length

- Take two 6" pieces of Sili-legs. Cut one in half and cut the other in four pieces 1 1/2"each: Marabou tail and wing fibers should be pinched off 1" from end of feather to make them fuller on tips.
- Make a build up of thread 1/8" long from eye and thick enough to just fit snugly into bead. Tie off on bare shank and remove thread: push bead to eye.
- Re-install thread and wrap to rear and back to 1/8" from bead: put the two 3" pieces of Sili-Legs together and fold over tying thread. Guide to top of shank and secure with thread for approx. 1/8", then install poly on bottom of shank.
- Wrap thread to rear securing both at the same time: install overtail. Make five turns with poly then put rear set of legs by folding over #6. Go seven more turns then install front set of legs.
- Then continue with poly to 1/8" from bead and tie off: before installing wing, eyeball fly in vice from front to rear and make line up adjustments Legs.
- When satisfied, put a drop of cement in the crook of each set of legs: When dry install wing: build up head to approx. body diameter. Tie off. Catch Fish!

Two other combinations that have been very productive.

Thread: Med.Olive Tail/Legs: Tan Overtail/Wing: Med.Olive Marabou Body: Olive Poly

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The Grandparent's Pool, where we once laved, Their old anglers ashes. First he in his year of death, Then she in hers.

I think of reincarnation, and worry, That the reincarnate might bite, On my Dark Cahill's hook.

One last cast, times three, Then, up through dark childhood woods, Stumbling home, Troutless, breathless, content.

J. Michael O'Neil



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Class:	<ol> <li>Marabou Leech, Wooly Bugger</li> <li>Dark Cahill, Soft Hackle</li> <li>Tellico, Dark Stenonema</li> <li>Blue Wing Olive, Light Cahill</li> <li>Poly Spinner, Hen Wing Spinner</li> <li>Black Ant, Deer Hair Bug</li> </ol>	Honey Blond, Hy Tye Surf Candy, Squid, Clouser's Minnow, Lefty's Deceiver, Whistler Epoxy Shrimp, Slider Bob's Banger, Sand Eel				
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					
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