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OCTOBER MEETING

Historical and Contemporary Flies of Northern New England

Mike Martinek

Our guest Speaker for this month's meeting will be Mike Martinek. Mike has appeared at several major fly fishing only Expos throughout the country, including the "Fly Fair" in Massachusetts and the very popular "Somerset Show" in New Jersey. His program "Historical and Contemporary Flies of Northern New England" is a favorite and he will be doing it for us this month.

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

DATE: Wednesday, October 11

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

Original Patterns From the Bench Of Paul Beaudreau

Paul has been a member of CFFA since 1981 and demonstrated fly tying at every monthly meeting for several years. His annual donation of flies for our banquet raffle are much treasured by their winners and oftentimes not fished. Many of us in CFFA consider Paul one of the most creative fly tyers in the country and are extremely pleased to receive this contribution to our newsletter. Thanks Paul.

To tie a *No Hackle Hornberg* see page 7

From the Vest of the President



I think it goes without saying that everybody enjoyed Jack Gartside's fly tying demonstration and program at September's membership meeting. The Hair Club For Men slide was of particular interest to me, but chartreuse hair in this club would definitely not be a good idea. Guys like Steinmiller, Boutiette, and Wade would be trolling with my expensive hairdo. Guaranteed!

Jack had a good time too. He mentioned several times how friendly and enthusiastic our club members are. I think he was truly impressed with you guys. I keep saying it: we've got something special going here.

A special thanks to Gene Monty and Dick Whitehead for tying at the September meeting. I know they are both very busy and had to make time to tie for us. Thanks guys! It's appreciated.

On meeting nights we're trying to match the fly tying to the program. George Degan normally tries to get three tiers. When there is a freshwater program, we'll have two freshwater tiers and one salt. Vise versa when there is a saltwater program. This way there will be something for everybody. Since the tiers are volunteers, this may or may not work out, but we're making the effort.

We are really happy to sign on Bob Quinn as our new Membership Chairman, and just in time. Bob is a friend of Steve Murphy, our past Membership Chairman. Steve and Mike Stewart are busy familiarizing Bob with our computer program. Thanks to Mike Stewart, we now have a computer. Mike donated his old system to the club. It's more than adequate for our needs. Thanks Mike.

I have two fishing stories. I was fishing one evening on the Farmington. Trout were rising everywhere, and I couldn't hook one. BWO'S were hatching all over the place. Finally, out of desperation, I tied on a number twelve Hendrickson. I hooked three trout that got off and three that didn't. Figure it. Before you dig out your Hendricksons; it hasn't worked since.

I took a break from writing this to go fishing with Jerry Wade and Ernie Boutiette. They have been trying to get me into some Albacore for the past two years. I'm happy to say that this trip, they were successful. After several broken leaders and lost flies, I finally got the hang of it and began to land some fish. Believe me, Albacore do a quality control check on all your gear, especially your fly rod. If it's still in one piece at the end of the fight, it's a well made rod. Simple as that.

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Membership Chairperson - Welcome to Bob Quinn, who has volunteered to manage the tasks of the membership chair. CFFA has outfitted Bob with a computer to assist him.

Rearing Pool - Due to the low water flow we have lost about 60 fish. The remaining rainbows should have been stocked in the Willi on September 15. Next spring's fish will go into the rearing pool after the leaves fall in October.

Fly Fisher's Companion - Sale days are here! We are selling our book for \$16.98 each, \$30 for two or \$40 for three plus tax. Buy one for yourself and one for YOUR fly fishing companions. Christmas is coming up which is always a good opportunity for those surprise gifts. See or call Larry Johnson.

Drift Boat Wanted - Do you have a drift boat or know anyone who wants to part with theirs? If so, call Jack Smola, he is looking for one. (203) 763-1856

Newington Children's Hospital Fly Tying Program - The Third year's schedule is:

18 October, 15 November, 20 December 1995, 17 January, 21 February, and 20 March 1996

If you would like to tie with other CFFA members, call Phil Brunquell at his office, (860)667-5414. Ed.

1995 Patterns of the Masters

"The Patterns of the Masters" is a book of the fly patterns of the demonstration fly tyers at the 1995 FFF International Fly Fishing Show and Conclave. Over 70 tyers from Europe, Canada and the US have contributed over 135 fly patterns to the book. Each pattern is fully annotated and each step is fully illustrated. Profiles are provided for each contributor, histories are provided for the development of the patterns. Color plates of all the flies are included.

As you probably know, only the best and most innovative tyers are invited to demonstrate at the annual Conclave. The work of many of these tyers is not

COMING EVENTS

CFFA Board Meeting	6 Oct 95
CFFA Membership Meeting, Mike Martinek	11 Oct 95
CFFA Board Meeting	1 Nov 95
American Fly Fishing Museum Auction Wampanaug Country Club, W. Hartford Contact Larry Johnson	2 Nov 95
CFFA Membership Meeting Ed Mitchell	8 Nov 95
3rd International Fly Tyer's Symposium, Meadowlands Hilton Contact Chuck Furminsky, 814-926-2676	18-19 Nov 95
The Fly Fishing Show, Somerset, NJ Contact Barry Serviente, 717-243-6733	26-28 Jan 96
Westchester Sportsman Exposition White Plains, NY	1-4 Feb 96
CFFA ANNUAL BANQUET & SHOW Dave Whitlock, The Colony Manchester, CT	10 Feb 96
CMTA Fishing Show, Hartford Civic Ctr	14-17 Mar 96

Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

The CFFA would like to welcome our new members.

David Stoupe Stephen A. Hutnak Ivan Ramos
Mark E. Lewis Albert E. Garbuglio Bob Lamson

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.

available anywhere else. All types of flies are included in this book from blue water salt water streamers to trout midges, and from bass bugs to Atlantic salmon flies with all the stops in between. Many of the patterns include new techniques, fly designs and material applications.

The Patterns of the Masters is priced at \$30 plus \$3.50 shipping. Orders can be made to the Oregon Council, FFF at PO Box 40276 Eugene, OR 97404-0043. Visa and MasterCard are accepted (be sure to include account number, expiration date and your signature). Telephone orders can be made to Oregon Council-FFF President, Greg Pitts at (503) 689-4812.

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Flyfishing with Big Foot by Charlie Place

I turned left onto the mile long dirt road leading to the Apparition Pool on Chitts Creek. The tall grass in the center of the narrow passage was leaning away from me, telling of a previous traveler.

I was two hours early for the evening spinner fall. If I could get one of the two parking places next to the path leading to the pool, it would be worth it; otherwise, I would have to drive back out and walk in from the main road. I'd done it before. The walk in is filled with anticipation of spinner sipping trout. I've rarely caught a trout under two pounds in this isolated pool. Walking out is another matter. Except for the small parking area, the thick underbrush and heavy canopy, create a mile long black tunnel. It reminds me of the old carnival ride, "Laugh in the Dark," only without monsters and witches jumping out at you. In some ways I wish they would. At least they're not imagined.

The drive was over. I wouldn't have to walk. There was only one car. I squeezed in parallel to the new looking 4x4. What's this? There was a large pizza box and some beer cans sitting on the hood -- a couple of empties lying on their sides, their remaining contents oozing out onto the cherry red paint. "Not much respect for an expensive vehicle like that," I muttered.

I lifted my trunk lid and reached in for my rod case. Suddenly a man appeared from the far side of the 4x4. He was towering. "Pushing seven feet," I thought. He wore a black, glitter covered t-shirt, sporting a picture of a snarling blood-spattered wolf. There was a full two



inches of rolling stomach showing between his waist and the bottom of the tee. Ink-black hair rested on his titanic shoulders. Razor thin lips poked out from behind his tangled great beard. He smiled. One diamond studded tooth glistened in the sunlight.

Bigfoot started walking towards me. I was dead! I knew it! There had to be tarantulas living in that beard. I thought about all the times I had made fun of the name of this creek. I was positive I was up it.

"Pardon me, I'm new to this area and haven't fished here before." Bigfoot said. "I was hoping to hit the Ephemerella Dorothea Imagos this evening. Is there an opportunity?"

My eyes were glued to the blood spattered wolf. As he got closer I could see that it wasn't blood after all...but pizza sauce! My adrenalin soaked body began to recover. "Yeah" I squeaked out. "There should be a good spinner fall in about an hour."

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VIDEO TAPE LIBRARY RULES

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- \$2 late fee per tape per week.
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- Rented after meetings at coffee table.

Flyfishing With Bigfoot - continued

"Might I ask what would be the superior imitation?" Bigfoot asked politely. "I have patterns that are tied spent, half spent and some with egg sacks."

"I use a spent pattern, with no tails, tied with a creamy yellow body. It works well in this pool. I have some extras if you like" I answered.

"I'd appreciate that," Bigfoot replied. I fumbled through my vest, found my box of spinners, and pulled out four number eights. I dropped them in Bigfoot's giant out-stretched hand. They looked like twenty eights sitting on his saucer-like palm. Thanks for your kindness," Bigfoot said. "See you on the river."



With that I went about the business of getting ready to fish. I was anxious to see what size waders would come out of the back of that four by. There were no waders. No vest either. Bigfoot walked to a nearby tree and picked up his leaning fly rod. He quickly vanished down the overgrown path towards the river. I wasn't far behind. I waded into the pool about sixty feet below my new found-friend. He was just standing there watching a rising fish. Two minutes passed. Bigfoot reached into his pants pocket and pulled out his fly box. He studied the contents for a moment, selected a fly, and tied it on. I wondered if it was one I'd given him. His first cast was perfect. The fly drifted drag free toward the rising trout. The hungry fish ate it with a splash. I watched Bigfoot's technique over and over. Always the same scenario. He studied the rising trout for a few minutes, made his cast and hooked a fish.

I remembered the advice of an old friend, an expert spinner fisherman. "Use your eyes and your ears," he would say. "Listen for the trouts sip, look for a nose sticking out of the water. Then make your cast."

The spinner fall was over. The trout stopped rising. I whistled to Bigfoot and motioned that I was finished for the night. He waved back. I was sure I felt a breeze from his huge hand. I wondered how much the weather would change in China because of it.

I reached up and flicked the trunk light with my finger. It flickered a couple of times, then stayed on. I peeled off my waders. It's a funny thing about waders. You're always anxious to get them on but you can't wait to get them off.

I heard the unmistakable rattles and pings of a car traveling a dirt road. Light flickered on the tunnel's leafy cover. Suddenly it was on me. The iron monster. Its



piercing halogen eyes bathed me in brilliant light, forcing my eyes into a frenzy of dilation. Irritated, I quietly cursed the glaring intruder.

The driver's side window powered down. "Fishing was good," I said, anticipating his question. He smiled and nodded. The passenger side door opened. Somebody hurriedly got out of the car and rushed around to face me. The driver's side door creaked open. A young man with dark hair wearing a sweat shirt and jeans slid out from behind the wheel. We stood there a long, silent, moment. "This is trouble," I thought. Finally the dreaded words came. "Give me all your money!" the passenger ordered. "Get the fishing equipment!" he barked at the driver.

"Excuse me!" Bigfoot's voice boomed. The two thieves heads spun towards the unexpected voice. He was an awesome sight standing just at the end of the headlights' reach. The snarling wolf glowed. His diamond studded tooth sparkled as he spoke. "Excuse me!" he roared again, raising his giant arm pointing at the would be thieves. There was a large trout clasped in Bigfoot's raised hand. Its tail rose slowly, shuddered, then fell back again. "What are your intentions regarding my friend?" he growled.

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Flyfishing With Bigfoot - Continued

I saw the passenger's shoulders slump. "Nothing," he whimpered, "we were just asking about the fishing." He turned to me, his eyes pleading. The driver's door creaked shut. I was angry, real angry. I stared at him for a few seconds. Beads of sweat popped out on his forehead. "Get out of here," I said, nodding toward the open car door. He exhaled loudly, turned and stumbled. Then braced himself against a fender as he struggled back to his seat.

The car shot up the road in reverse. The driver cut the wheel, sending the rear of the vehicle careening off the road crashing into the thick underbrush. Then bolted forward, dragging a large branch, leaving us in a shower of dirt and stone.

I walked over to Bigfoot, weak kneed. "Thanks man," I said, sticking out my quivering hand. Bigfoot just stared up the dirt road. I turned and tried to see through the cloud of moon-lit dust. "What's he looking at?" I wondered. "Are those jerks coming back?" A minute passed. I turned back to Bigfoot. He looked different now. His lips were thick and covered with tiny shining specks. His eyes had a bright yellowish glow. His beard and hair had joined covering his sizable face.

"See you later man," he said, with a deep menacing growl. The hairs bristled on the back of my neck as I turned and walked back to my car. The air had a chill to it that I hadn't noticed before. As I slipped the key into the ignition, I turned and looked for Bigfoot. He was gone. On the way home, I pondered. "Was that really pizza sauce?"

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WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Fish kills have occurred in the Housatonic River in 1988, 1991, 1993 and now again in July 1995.

These disasters are caused when very hot weather warms the river above the lethal limits for trout. DEP and CL&P agree that during these periods water releases from Falls Village hydroelectric facility must be reduced to protect heat-stressed trout which are taking refuge in cool water at springs and in the mouths of feeder brooks.

The Housatonic Coalition has been working with DEP and CL&P to develop new flow schedules to protect trout from killing water temperatures.

For years CL&P has provided high midday water flows to accommodate boating interests, especially the companies which rent canoes, rafts, and kayaks on the Housatonic.

Boat renting concessionaires have suggested that DEP end Trout Management Area status for the river. They say they must have daily, predictable high water flows which take priority over protecting trout in the Housatonic. One whitewater outfitter even claims that browns and rainbows, being non-indigenous, do not belong in our rivers.

Connecticut fishermen pay over \$3,000,000 in license fees to maintain and enjoy our rivers, especially the "Housi" 9.5 mile Blue Ribbon fishery.

To save Housatonic trout, and the TMA, call DEP management, local legislators, even the Governor. Tell them you want Housatonic trout and the TMA protected.

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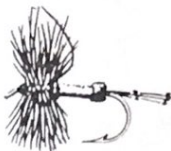
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Overwing: Mallard Flank

Gill Plates: Plastic Jungle Cock Eyes

Eyes: Chartreuse or Yellow Stick On

- Wrap mylar on rear 2/3 of shank, tie in yellow hackle tips vertically to bend of hook.
- Moisten and stroke down two mallard flank feathers to approx. 3/16" wide.
- Tie mallard flank feathers on each side of the yellow to 1-1/2 hook gaps past bend of hook.
- Tie in plastic jungle cock eyes to 1/2" from eye of hook.
- Complete shape of head with thread and tie off.
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