LINES & LEADERS

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MARCH MEETING Bob Jacklin: Montana Fly Fishing

Bob Jaclin is the most well known guide and outfitter in the United States as well as a world class fly tyer. His program will be on fly fishing in Montana.

PLACE: Veterans Memorial Clubhouse

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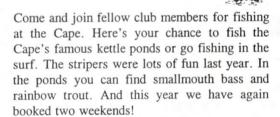
DATE: Wednesday, March 13

TIME: Fly Tying - 7:00 pm

Program - 7:30 pm

CLUB TRIP

Cape Cod Fishing 1-2 & 15-16 June 1996



Lodging will be at The Moorings Lodge in Falmouth Heights for the nights of 6/1 & 2 or 6/15 & 16. There is room for 16 people each weekend. Since there is limited room, the first 16 to sign up per weekend will get reservations. The first weekend is filling quickly. Your cost of \$93.50 per person including tax, provides two nights, two breakfasts and one buffet dinner on Saturday. If you would like to stay additional nights it will be \$35.00 extra per night, this includes breakfast.

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From the Vest of the President



I knew that Dave Whitlock was a world class fly tyer and a superb fly fisherman, Now I know he's a world class gentleman, too. I hope Mr. Whitlock and C.F.F.A.'s paths cross

again.

Dr. Brunquell was kind enough to do a children's and parents' program for us the afternoon of our expo. His program was well-attended and well received by moms and dads interested in teaching their children to fly fish. Phil was assisted by his son, Chris.

Well, our banquet has come and gone. We had a really nice turn out. Over one hundred and fifty attended. Ed Fidrych put together a huge raffle. If memory serves me, there were four or five rods, some very beautiful prints, a large book selection, hand crafted fly boxes, and on and on. Our advertisers were very generous again this year. We appreciate their support, and would find it very hard to have such a wonderful raffle without them. Be sure you stop by and see them when you need something. Our members came through again, offering more help than we could use and donating many items. Member-tied flies are always a hot item. Ed tells me that the buckets for flies were jammed with tickets, especially Paul Beaudreau's.

Roger Plourde built another absolutely gorgeous fly tying cabinet. I couldn't tell you how many people paid compliments to Roger's craftsmanship. I wish it was sitting in my house right now. It's close-Enfield. Maybe next year!

We still have a lot exciting things happening this year and plans for the future. Bob Jacklin will be our guest speaker in March. Vinnie DiCioccio, host of "Yankee Fishing With Vinnie DiCioccio" is on the Sports Channel, will be with us in April. May brings Jack Smola, a guides' guide. We're knocking around a fresh water fishing trip to complement our Cape Cod trip. We're also talking about souping up our monthly conservation raffle. And those are just the highlights.

Come on guys or gals, we need a Environmental V.P.. This a great chance to make an impact on the environment. Put your own stamp on it. Something to tell your kids and grand kids. Mom or Dad saved a river. There could be a river besides the Willi in our future. Give Kurt a call today.

See you on the ridge

Charlie Place



Fly Tying & Rod Building Schools: Many thanks to the people who helped out in this year's schools. We had 16 beginning tyers, 12 rod builders and 9 saltwater fly tyers this year. Those who helped out were:

Gary Steinmiller, Chair
Jack Marchesseault
Page Rogers
Ernie Boutiette
Dale Matthews

Lou Patria
Mike Stewart
Mark Lewchik
Ed Roberts
Charlie Place
Charlie Place
Don Rose

Fly Tying Hutch: Congratulations to Elijah Fuller on winning the beautiful Fly Tying Cabinet, built by Roger Plourde, in our Special Drawing at the Banquet.

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

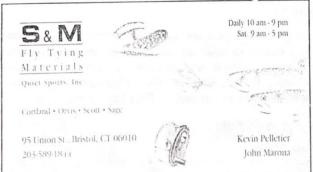
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Awards

Ted Barbieri Award: This award is given by the board of directors to a non-board member for outstanding service to CFFA. The award was an engraved Wheatley Fly Box. This year's recipient was Jack Marchesseault. Congratulations, Jack.

(Jack has an article, Flashback, later in this issue in gratitude to this award. Ed.)

Scarlet Ibis Award: This award is given by the CFFA President to a board member who has excellence service to CFFA and has been especially helpful to the president. This year's recipient was our treasurer, Don Rose. Don received an inscribed, nine foot, three weight, custom graphite fly rod built by CFFA member and rod maker, Ed Roberts. Congratulations, Don.



Fishing Expo & Banquet: Our fourth show was an outstanding success. Over 150 people were present for the banquet that evening. Many thanks go to the following people who volunteered their time and worked very hard over the past few months to make this expo and banquet a success. Thank you very much folks, your help was sincerely appreciated.

Gary Bogli	Charlie Utz	Earl Schofield	
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Charlie Kelly	Vin Ringrose	Gary Steinmiller	
Kurt Jagielow	Dale Matthews	Ray Reilly	
Alan Gnann	Ernie Boutiette	Dick Whitehead	
Ted Rzepski	Linda Gnann	Jack Marchesseault	
George Degan	Brad Degan	Roger Plourde	
Mark Lewchik	Dave Whitlock (served coffee)		

COMING EVENTS

CFFA Board Meeting	6 Mar 96
CFFA Fly Fishing School	7, 14, 21, 28 Mar
	13 & 27 Apr 96
CFFA Membership Meeting, Bob Jacklin	13 Mar 96
The World Fly Fishing Expo	9-10 Mar 96
Wilmington, MA	
CMTA Fishing Show, Hartford Civic Ctr	14-17 Mar 96
HFFA Fly Fishing Expo & Banquet	16 Mar 96
CFFA Board Meeting	3 Apr 96
CFFA Membership Meeting	10 Apr 96
Vinnie DiCioccio	
CFFA Board Meeting	1 May 96
CFFA Membership Meeting	8 May 96
Jack Smola	

Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

The CFFA would like to welcome our new members.

Sandra Bacardi Burt Horrow
Thomas A. Ricci Wayne R. Ringquist
Don Cunningham Michael W. Kelly
Steven McGee

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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"Flashback" from Jack Marchesseault

Dear Members,

Too many years ago, as a young lad, I would on occasion peddle my bike to the Still River in Pheonixville or a little further to the Natchaug from Dayville, I guess about 11 - 12 miles.

My mother thought I was possessed, but I guess my dad understood because they didn't stop me.

As a budding member of this great fraternity of fly fishers, I was totally amazed when I met an older gentleman named Bill (I don't even know his last name) who for some reason helped me through many hours of frustration on the Natchaug and all its miracles. He would reach in his vest at times, when I would be mumbling, and open up this beautiful fly box with all these spring loaded compartments, remove a fly and give it to me to try. They always seemed to work. I considered this man a fish God. At times he would let me hold his box and admire his creations and their beauty boggled my mind.

On my lone ride home I would fantasize about someday not only understanding these flies but also owning such a fly box.

Well, now I am the owner of several of these wonderful boxes. But after nearly 50 years am still trying to fool trout and hope I never tire. Some say that some of life's events are cyclic, but I hope the Lord gives me a few more years to enjoy my last and most precious Wheatley - the one you honored me with at the banquet.

I hope now you know why I was speechless as I accepted this prestigious award. I have a couple of problems which have severely limited my activities, and I felt guilty not being able to participate more, but believe me I miss being unable to participate.

I promise, however, to assist and share any knowledge I may have retained with anyone who asks. I have no secret flies or techniques I will not share with other fly fishers.

Who knows how I would have learned if "Natchaug Bill" would have withheld his knowledge from this hungry heart. You may not always agree with my views, but that's what makes our sport so much fun-great diversity and sharing of knowledge.

Well, dear members, I hope you now understand my inability to speak, and thank you all for the beautiful fly box and pleasant flashbacks. I want to thank all those responsible for choosing me for this award from the bottom of my heart.

I hope God will once again make me well enough to repay you all and enjoy my treasured acquisition.

Sincerely, Jack Marchesseault

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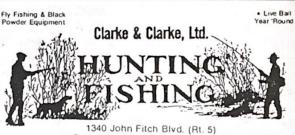
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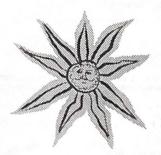
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Flyfisher Founder Bashline Dies After Fishing Outing

A sad note last year was the passing of Jim Bashline. Bashline died at the age of 63 after returning from a day of fishing with his friends. His fame as an outdoor writer is unsurpassed. He was the founding editor of the *Flyfisher* and at the time of his death, was the outdoor columnist for the Centre Daily Times as well as other newspapers. His free-lance work appeared in more than 100 national magazines including *Field and Stream, Fly Fisherman and North American Fisherman*. His obituary included the thought: "Although another talented writer is gone, he made a living doing something he really enjoyed." He is survived by his wife, Sylvia, former Executive Director of the Outdoor Writers Association of America.

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Grizzly Marabou Scrap Fly

Hook: #16 Wet Fly

Thread: Black

Tail: Grizzly Marabou dyed Yellow, Brown, Dark

Dun or Olive

Body: Grizzly Marabou to match tail color

I have tried but had very little success with the natural grizzly marabou. Fishing success was best with the colors listed above.

- When purchasing dyed grizzly marabou you will notice that some of the feathers are not much wider than aftershafts. These you want to put aside for the tails of this fly and the wider ones are needed for the body.
- Tie in a small dyed grizzly marabou feather 3 to 4 hook shanks long to rear of hook tied flat with convex side down.
- Take a wider feather of approx. 1/2" wide and around 2" long of webbing.
- Make a small dubbing loop 3" long near rear of hook and install feather so that the butt is near the fly and the stem is 1/16" from the thread loop.
- Keep tension on the loop to hold the feather secure and cut off the butts of the feather with scissors removing the stem and other half of the feather that you will need to complete the fly.
- Spin up the fibers in the loop and wrap them on shank stroking back each turn as you go.
- Tie off loop and make another loop and install the other half feather with butt end towards hook. Cut off the stem.
- Spin up fibers and wrap to eye.
- Tie off.

When the dark dun grizzly gets wet it appears to be almost black but still maintains a nice barring effect. It is quite effective along with the brown wherever stonefly nymphs are present. The yellow is good everywhere fish swim and the olive is especially popular to the trout of the Willimantic River.

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Rise Types

By Henry Kanemoto,

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"Henry, could you explain the difference between a compound rise, a complex rise, and a partial rise? (You might as well throw in a simple rise while you're at it."

Partial rise: You see the trout come part way up to look at the fly but then he goes back down. The trout never gets close enough to strike at the fly. Essentially he comes to get a better look then quickly refuses.

Simple rise: The normal rise where you see the trout come up to take the fly, or if he misses, it was probably as late refusal. The trout is facing upstream when he takes the fly.

Compound rise: The trout comes up to the fly but does not take it. He floats with the fly downstream before either taking the fly or refusing it. When he takes the fly or refuses it he is about vertical in the water. After taking the fly he can still simply swim forward back to his lie.

Complex rise: The trout comes up to the fly and floats downstream with it as in a compound rise and his body is turned vertical underneath the fly as he inspects it. But he continues to inspect the fly so that he is turned downstream before he decides whether to take the fly or not. If he takes the fly, he takes it facing downstream and after the take or refusal, the trout must turn back around before he can swim back to his lie.

Variations: I have seen a compound refusal followed by a complex rise and take. I've had a trout come up to look at my fly and float under it before refusing it. He starts to swim back to his lie but then turned around and came back to look at my fly again before taking it while facing downstream.

These different rise types are an attempt to describe what is essentially a continuum of trout feeding activity, but they help in describing how selective and careful the trout are in waters that are heavily fished and clear. This type of rise activity is not unusual particularly in spring creeks. I have had situations where I was fishing a surface pattern and I would get compound after compound rise from the trout, some with takes nut mostly refusals. Then I switched flies usually to an merger or a different merger pattern and the trout would change to a simple rise and take.

That tells me that the second pattern had a trigger characteristic that the trout were **looking for**. By studying the differences between the two patterns you

can sometimes tell what that trigger is and use it the next time when faced with a similar situation. As an example, a trigger might be the addition of a zelon trailing shuck on an emerger, or perhaps a lower profile mayfly pattern that rides low to the water like a real fly. Whatever the reason, it pays to ask why does this one pattern work when the other didn't? Otherwise, you will simply start over the next time systematically going through the patterns in your fly boxes without having an idea of what in those patterns trigger the trout's interest. Another pattern of trout behavior which occurs often is that the trout will perform a compound/complex rise and refusal. You'll cast to him again and this time it is a simple rise and refusal. You keep casting and he rises no more. Basically the trout after inspecting the fly during the initial rises learns the surface signature or impression of that fly on the water. He can now refuse your offering just by looking at the impression the fly body and hackle make on his window. He has become selective "against" your pattern and you had better change if you are planning on catching that trout.

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