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MARCH MEETING

Fly Fishing Myths and Mythology Iain Sorrel

WARNING!! This is a highly interactive program and will challenge many of our "Cherished & Accepted" theories.

Just when you thought you had seen it all, Iain Sorrel has put together a unique and entertaining program that will leave all of us "speechless with disbelief." Just the title of his program "Fly Fishing Myths and Mythology" rubs your curiosity bone.

PLACE: Veterans Memorial Clubhouse
Sunset Ridge, E. Hartford, CT

DATE: Wednesday, March 12

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



CLUB TRIP Cape Cod Fishing 7-8 & 14-15 June 1997

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!

Lodging will be at The Moorings Lodge in Falmouth Heights for the nights of 6/6 & 7 or 6/13 & 14. We have one space left for the last weekend. However, we will take folks for a waiting list. So please call if you are interested. Your cost of \$99.00 including tax per person, provides 2 nights, 2 breakfasts and 1 buffet dinner on Saturday. If you would like to stay additional nights it will be extra. Call Larry, number below, for the total cost.

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From the Vest of the President



Well, another banquet has come and gone. I want to thank everybody for coming and all those that helped out. I'm already thinking "about next year's banquet and how we can make it better. Anybody that has any ideas, please let me know."

Ken Reinard and his wife Kris had a good time too. They enjoyed our hospitality and asked me to extend their thanks for having them. Judging by the long and loud applause at the end of Ken's program, I think it goes without saying that everybody was pleased and enjoyed it.

At our March meeting, Larry Johnson will be looking for volunteers to tie flies at the CMTA show at the Aereo Center in East Hartford. CFFA will have a couple of things going on there. We will have our regular booth staffed with fly tyers; and we will have a separate area for tying flies with children and probably some big kids too, commonly called adults. We are working on Casting Demos and would like a couple of volunteers to do them. Keep this part under your hat. If you're a little worried about tying flies in front of people, as I was, remember that the people you are giving the demonstration to have probably never tied a fly in their life. So think it over and let Larry know at the March meeting, or give him a call. His number is on the last page.

It's time to start calling our hotline. Please keep John busy this year with plenty of fishing information. I want to hear him complain that he doesn't know what to do with it all. Also, checkout John's article in the February issue of *Heading Out* magazine.

I saw a coffee cup the other day. It had a picture of two fishermen sitting in a boat on a lake surrounded by mountains and forest. They both were wearing the typical fishing hat with flies stuck all over it and bulging vests. Behind them on the other side of the mountains were three huge mushroom clouds. One fisherman says to the other "You know what this means Harry? No more size limits and you can keep as many as you want."

Charlie Place





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Fly Tying & Rod Building Schools: Many thanks to the people who helped out in this year's schools. We had 13 beginning tyers, 7 rod builders and 12 saltwater fly tyers this year. Those who helped out were:

Chair, Tyer, Helper & all-around good guy: Gary Steinmiller, **Rod Builder,** Ed Roberts;

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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 **John Springer**. Congratulations, John.

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 Secretary, **Ted Rzepski**. Ted will receive a custom fly rod built to his specifications by CFFA member and rod maker, Ed Roberts. Congratulations, Ted.

Fishing Banquet: Our 26th Annual Banquet was an outstanding success. Over 135 people were present for the evening. Many thanks go to the following people

who volunteered their time and worked very hard over the past few months to make this banquet a success. Thank you very much folks, your help was sincerely appreciated.

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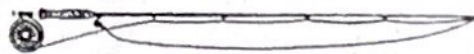
A very special acknowledgment goes to the following folks who were the driving force behind obtaining the many items for the raffle tables:

Ed Fidrych George Degen
Ernie Boutiette Jack Smola, head gopher

COMING EVENTS

FRAA Annual Banquet, Walt Landgraf	1 Mar 97
CFFA Board Meeting	5 Mar 97
Fly Fishing School	6, 13, 20, 27 Mar, 12 & 26 Apr 97
Theodore Gordon Fly Fishing Show Mahwah, NJ	8 Mar 97
World Fly Fishing Show, Wilmington MA	8-9 Mar 97
CFFA Membership Meeting Iain Sorrell	12 Mar 97
CMTA Fishing Show, Aero Center East Hartford	13-16 Mar 97
HFFA Annual Banquet, Joe Humphreys Hawthorne Inn, Berlin, CT	22 Mar 97
CFFA Board Meeting	2 Apr 97
CFFA Membership Meeting Fly Fishing Round Table	9 Apr 97
CFFA Trip, Falmouth Heights Cape Cod	7-8 & 14-15 Jun
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Thank You by John Springer

I would like to say thank you to the board of CFFA for presenting me with the Ted Barbieri award at our annual dinner. Many other members deserve this award more than I. As you all know I do the Hot Line and this has generated many members for us. I have gotten many compliments over the years on how well I do this by different people leaving me messages. Only because of a very dedicated group of people, some members, some not, can I update this information several times a week. Without their input the only information on the line would be how I did when I went fishing. My program up at the American School for the Deaf only took off because club members Steve Murphy and Bob Quinn

agreed to go with me the first time I went to the school to meet the kids and put on a demonstration. Had I not had their help and then the help of six other members I could not have kept going up there. I want to thank all those people that help me for it is because of your generosity with your time that what I do works out so well. In the past I have told Larry Johnson and Charlie Place how lucky they are to have such a wonderful board to work with and a great membership. Because I am in seven fishing clubs, I see the difference in the clubs and their memberships. CFFA, truly has the best.

(On behalf of the CFFA, we thank John for his many kind words. Ed.)



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The Great White by Jack Smola



The White River is located in northern Arkansas on the Missouri border. The White is a tailwater fishery with the Norfolk as a tributary. Bass country...Wrong...one million plus trout stocked a year!

I first started fishing the trout rivers of Arkansas (after I found where Arkansas was located) two years ago. My friend, Scott, moved his company to Oklahoma and called me to tell me about a great trout fishery he had found. The call was made with his cellular phone while playing a four pound Rainbow.

I was on a plane in late October for the spawning Browns, five to forty pounds. I landed in Little Rock with Scott waiting with a coffee. We loaded his truck and headed for the Little Red for three hours of fishing before dark.

The terrain in Arkansas is similar to New Hampshire with its rolling hills and small towns. We arrived on the Little Red at Heber Springs Trophy area. It was crowded in the lower area but we moved around the bend and the fishing was all ours. I heard splashing on the river, Beaver, I thought. No!!! It was a porpoising Brown. Holy Cow!!! I caught six fish, 14 to 16 inches, not pounds. There is always tomorrow.

We left Heber Springs that night for the Best Western in Mountain Home and hit the sack. Mountain Home is situated between the White and Norfolk Rivers. Up at 5 a.m., we then drove for a half hour to the White. The river starts at the base of Bull Shoals Dam. The Dam is about 1/8 mile long with eight turbine generating gates with under-dam release which insures fifty degree water all year long. The water was down to one gate which produces about two to four foot deep chutes in the river which in turn pools up the fish. The river is easy wading with a cinder bottom. This is Woolly Bugger water, sinking tip lines and seven weight rods. It was a ten Rainbow morning. We saw huge Browns on their spawning beds. No fly interested them! It still turned out to be a thirty fish day.

The next morning the water was up on the White so the Norfolk River was the ticket. We used the handicapped access area and began to wade upstream to two small islands and the riffle above. I looked at my feet and saw a ball of fish. Rainbows, Browns and Cutthroats who were feeding on nymphs that I kicked up as I walked. Landed ten to fifteen fish here.

Driving to McCellan's Trout Dock, we paid two dollars each to park. It was well worth the price and then some. McCellan will come and pick you up by boat if you get

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Thank You!

The Board of Directors and the Banquet Committee would like to thank the following contributors for their donations to the CFFA Annual Banquet. These people and organizations helped to make this year's banquet a resounding success. The funds raised will help the CFFA pursue those goals for which it was organized. Thanks again!

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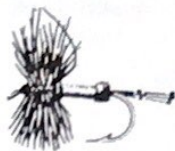
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trapped in high water. The flies of the day were Black Woolly Buggers with a Sow Bug as a dropper. I landed forty Trout with the biggest three pounds, maybe, I always guess small.

Right!!!!!!

The people of the area are outgoing and friendly. They would stop and talk all day. Their lifestyle is half speed compared to New Englanders. The food in the South is fried or fried, but good.

The next day we arrived back at Bull Shovels. There were plenty of fish and the weather was great with temperatures from the mid fifties to low sixties. Each day seemed to get better and better.

The last day came too quickly. We were up and on the river by 6:30 at Brainard's Bend on the White. The area had a boat shuttle service on the three miles of catch and release fly fishing only. The middle section was a large pool, an 1/8th of a mile long with a pod of thirty to fifty fish which made the dock area their home. We decided not to fish for them, rather headed down stream by boat to fish both sides of a small island, using a Glow Bug as dropper and a Black Woolly Bugger. I started with four dozen Woolly Buggers and now was down to one and a half. It was a slow morning with five to six fish. I switched to an Olive Bugger...look out, it's Big...get the camera. The first thing you do after hooking your big fish is to look around to see who is watching. No jumper

here, rather head shakes and runs. It measured twenty-three inches and six and a half pounds of Cut/bow. I yelled for the camera and released him.

After a half hour gloating, we headed upstream to the beginning of the pool. Scott went into the riffle and I went into the tail of the Keep area. Twenty fish in two hours which included several attempts at a ten pounder porpoising on the far bank.

At the end of the day we headed back to motel and a big steak. The last day made the trip! I left scratch marks on the tree where they had to pry me off to go home.

I am going back the end of March, 1997, for spawning Rainbows. Come see my slides and join me next October.

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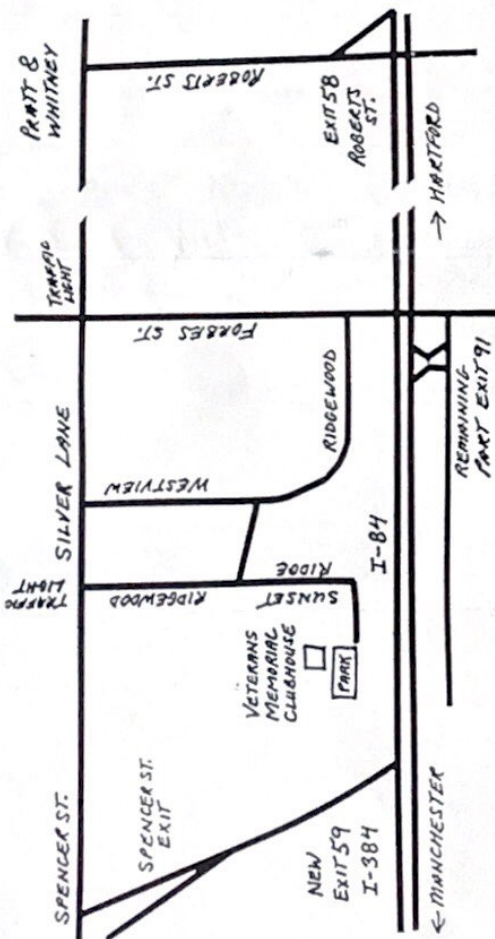
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