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JANUARY MEETING

White River (Arkansas) Fly Fishing
Jack Smola

Jack is a fly fishing guide, fly shop operator, karate instructor, CFFA vice-president, presenter of fine programs, writer of an occasional article, and program chairman for a TU club. We think there are two of him. One will be here doing a presentation on the White River of Arkansas for us this month.

PLACE: Veteran's Memorial Club House
Sunset Ridge, East Hartford
DATE: Wednesday, January 14, 1998
TIME: Fly Tying - 7:00 pm
Program - 7:30 pm



FINAL REMINDER!!

Attention all CFFA Members...it is time to renew your membership for the upcoming year. Please fill out the enclosed form (on Page 6), include a check or give it to Bob Quinn at the next club meeting. It is very important that this form be returned to ensure that we have your correct address and telephone number. 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 your 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



Take a fishing trip. Please set aside February 21, 1998, and attend our Expo and Banquet. Our Expo is "new and much improved. There will be a slide presentation by A.K. Best. There will be mini clinics all day for beginners and the experienced (four at a time). There will also be a table where children can sit, tie a fly with an instructor, and then take their creation home. Not to mention over a dozen vendors to supply your fly fishing needs. Our banquet is always fun. Good food, good drink, and good friends. Ed sets up a colossal raffle. Well--it's big. Hey! It beats casting a dry fly onto a frozen lake and watching the trout beat their lips against the cold ice. Seriously, please come.

About forty people braved the winter storm and made it to our December meeting. They were all treated to a wonderful slide presentation, some of which was about bone fishing in the Bahamas. There were lots of questions about the bone fishing, so I'll try and get a show exclusively on that subject.

Six people signed up for the A. K. Best fly tying class. I have room for four more. Call me at 860-623- 9912 for information or to sign up. The class will be February 21, 1998, at The Colony in Vernon, 9:00 am to 10:30am. The cost is \$30. All the money goes to CFFA. After the class you can enjoy our Expo starting at 10:00am. Please call as soon as possible because it's first come first served. If the first class is filled, and we have a large response, I will try to set up a second class, but I need to know soon. The January meeting may be too late.

Geez. It's winter and I don't have a fishing story. How about something different. There was a chess tournament in a well known hotel. At intermission there were two chess players standing out in the lobby arguing over some of the moves that were made. After a while the discussion got pretty loud and the manager of the hotel threw both players out of the building. Another chess player noticed the fray and began to chastise the manager for throwing out two of the tournament's best players. The manager replied, "I don't like Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

Charlie Place



Rearing Pool - 150 to 200 rainbows have been stocked in the rearing pool. They were all between 8 to 10 inches in length. These will be stocked in the spring. We are planning to repaint the pool over the summer in time for the fall delivery of more fish.

Membership - We currently have 352 members. This is membership renewal time. Please send your renewals in to Bob Quinn as soon as you can.

CFFA Expo - We have 14 exhibitors so far that have committed to be at the Expo, with more to follow. Jack Smola is busy lining up a series of fishing clinics which will be conducted throughout the day. In next month's Lines & Leaders we will be providing the clinic schedules. Admission will be \$5.00. The admission includes all the clinics. The Expo hours will be 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Ed.

COMING EVENTS

Rod Building School	8, 15, 22, 29 Jan & 5 Feb 98
Fly Tying School	8, 15, 22, 29 Jan & 5, 12 Feb 98
CFFA Board Meeting	7 Jan 98
Southern CT Fly Fishing Show	10 Jan 98
Hammonasset Chapter TU, Westbrook	
Elks Club, 142 Seaside Dr, Westbrook,	10:00-5:00
Fly Fishing Show	23-25 Jan 98
Garden State Exhibition Center	
Somerset NJ. For info call 800-420-7582	
CFFA Board Meeting	4 Feb 98
CFFA Membership Meeting	11 Feb 98
<i>CFFA Fly Fishing Expo, A.K. Best</i>	<i>21 Feb 98</i>
<i>CFFA Annual Banquet, A.K. Best</i>	<i>21 Feb 98</i>
Fly Fishing School	5, 12, 19, 26 Mar, 11 & 25 April, 98
National Fly Fishing & Wingshooting Show, Providence	6-8 Mar 98
FRAA Banquet, Cornucopia Banqueting Hall, Torrington	7 Mar 98
HFFA Banquet	21 Mar 98
CMTA Fishing Show, Hartford,	26-29 Mar 98
Northeast Fly Fishing & Wingshooting Show, Raritan Center, Edison NJ	27-29 Mar 98
CFFA Fishing Trips, Falmouth Heights, Cape Cod	6-7, 13-14 June 19-20 Sept 98

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Housatonic River	248-8616 (HFFA)
Housatonic River Flow	824-7861 (NU)

Winter Fly Fishing

by Jack Smola



The warmth of summer and early fall has gone. The bare trees and the crisp morning air usually indicate that it's time to put away the fly rod until spring. Don't! Trout may still be taken on a fly if you

alter your fishing technique to match the conditions. The water is colder which means slow down the retrieve. Fish the deep pockets and edges of runs in areas that held fish all summer.

Use the same nymphs you used in the summer but drop down a size or two. It's amazing how a small fly fished slow will turn on a fish's attack mode or hunger switch.

I was on the Deerfield last week in 40 degree water and saw the white of a trout's mouth, a little flash and a movement in front of me. I was fishing a double streamer rig. A few casts brought no attention so I switched to a floating line and a small caddis pupa. Since I'm not a fan of strike indicators I kept the fly line high for a drag free float. On the very first drift my line tightened and a large swirl appeared in front of me. Big fish! I fought and landed a 23 inch rainbow.

I released the fish and cast to my right. I was startled by such a quick hit that my leader snapped off. (Rule #1 - check your rig after a big fish.) This is the type of action available in the early winter.

Fish the heat of the day, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A warming of a degree or two will trigger a trout to strike.

The hatches of fall are all gone now. Or are they? Winter brings two flies out of my fly box: one, a size #20 black caddis and the other, a tiny blue winged olive (#24-28).

You and I know it's winter but do the trout? They know something is different. They move slower but they still must eat. If they're not feeding in one pool move to another and try two, three or four spots. They'll be feeding somewhere. I prefer to stand at the edge of the pool because of the winter conditions, standing in the low water and fishing to the deep water. The Ovation pool on the Farmington and Carbis Bend on the Deerfield are two examples of pools that begin in shallow water and drop off dramatically.

Winter fly fishing may call for a few different techniques but the results can be as exciting as a June hatch.

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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! (NOTE: We will be also booking a September trip again this year. The notice will be in the March Lines & Leaders.)

Lodging will be at The Moorings Lodge in Falmouth Heights for the nights of 6/5 & 6 or 6/12 & 15. 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 \$90.00 plus tax per person, provides two nights, two breakfasts and one 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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Plans are proceeding quite rapidly in preparation for all the festivities. **A. K. Best** will be coming for the banquet as the prime speaker. His program is titled, "Matching the Naturals - Not the Hatch." During the evening's banquet we will have our conservation raffle.

In addition we will have our publication, **The Flyfisher's Companion** on hand for anyone wishing to obtain a copy.

Please keep in mind that the banquet is the prime means of fund raising for the CFFA. Bring your friends and family. Your support is greatly needed. In addition, the banquet is a tremendous opportunity to enjoy an excellent meal, renew acquaintances and talk fishing (the latest inside tips are available just for the asking).

The Banquet Reservation Form can be found on page 7

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CFFA 28th Annual Banquet
21st February 1998

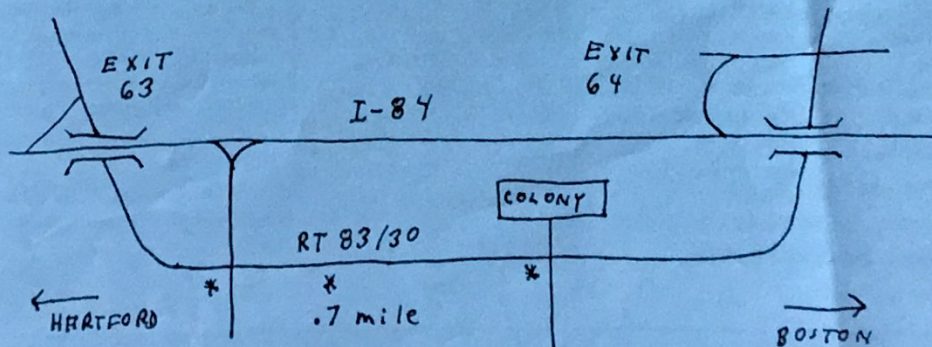
The banquet will be held at The Colony of Vernon (a map is provided below). Your choice of dinners this year will be Baked Stuffed Shrimp, Roast Stuffed Breast of Capon or Prime Ribs of Beef, Au Jus. Included with the meal will be salad, baked potato, ziti, vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee or tea, and dessert.

Your Banquet Committee has worked hard to provide you with an enjoyable evening. We have been able to do this for \$27.00 per person. The same price as last year. We will also be holding our General Raffle drawing that evening.

Please fill out the reservation form above and mail as soon as possible. If you want to reserve a table for your party, please send one check for all eight place settings.

Your Banquet Committee and Board of Directors are looking forward to seeing you there.

Anyone wishing to donate prizes for the banquet may contact Ed Fidrych at 342-1173 or Larry Johnson at 246-0728. All prizes will be greatly appreciated and all donations will be acknowledged in the "Lines & Leaders."





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