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## FEBRUARY MEETING

A. K. Best

### "Matching the Naturals, Not the Hatch"

CFFA's Banquet Committee and Board of Director's present the 28th Annual Banquet. This year's banquet and Expo speaker will be A. K. Best.

A.K. is from Boulder, Colorado and is the author of *Production Fly Tying, Dying and Bleaching Natural Materials* and *A.K.'s Fly Box*. He also has his own line of fly tying tools.

A.K.'s program during the Expo will be "A.K.'s Fly Box" and will start at 1:15 pm. A.K.'s program for the banquet will be "Matching the Naturals, Not the Hatch."

Feel free to bring any of A.K.'s books that you might have for signing. Come and meet this fascinating individual.

In addition to this program, prizes will be offered through door prizes, and the General Conservation Raffle.

Come out and support your club and have a great time!

**PLACE:** The Colony of Vernon  
51 Hartford Turnpike  
Vernon, CT

**EXPO SCHEDULE**  
See inside on Page 7.

**BANQUET**  
**DATE:** Saturday, February 21  
**TIME:** Cocktails - 5:30 p.m.  
**PROGRAM -** 7:00 p.m.

## NOTICE

There are a few members who have not yet sent dues for 1998. Please send your renewal to:

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*For membership renewals not received, this will be your last reminder and the last issue of Lines & Leaders.*

## From the Vest of the President



Just a reminder that there will not be a general membership meeting in February.

As usual Jack Smola put on a great program for us last month. After seeing all those big trout that live in the White River in Arkansas, how can you not want to go?

Banquet time is right around the corner and Larry Johnson is already receiving requests for reservations. Everybody is excited about having A.K. Best for a speaker, so you better reserve your table soon. I have one opening left for the A.K. Best fly tying class. It doesn't look like there's going to be a second class.

The plans for our expo are coming along nicely. Jack has done a fine job setting up this year's expo. Check out the seminar schedule in this issue of Lines and Leaders.

Our ever popular Fly Tying Round Table will be held in March this year. We expect to have about a dozen of the state's best fly tyers at the clubhouse. Please mark it on your calendar.

We are going to need help at the banquet and expo. We'll need people to man the door and collect admissions at the expo and somebody to help out at the CFFA table. We will also need people to help Ed set up the banquet raffle, we will need at least two or three people to sell raffle tickets at the banquet, and another two people to check in guests. Please call Larry for the banquet, Ed for the raffle or me for the expo. Thanks.

If anybody has donations for the banquet raffle please call Ed. One of the most popular items at the banquet is member tied flies. Please try and tie up a dozen and donate them. Thanks.

Larry Johnson is taking reservations for the club's annual Cape Cod trips. There are still a few openings for both weekends. These trips are always a good time. You should try it at least once.

As always, Mike could use some articles for Lines and Leaders.

After the banquet, fishing season is right around the corner. I'm really not crazy about fishing in the winter, although lots of guys do it and they do very well. I used to do a lot of bow hunting back in the days when the season was during November and December, I think I froze enough then. Even so, Ernie and I tried a trip to Pulaski a few years ago. I think it was the first week in November. At one o'clock Saturday afternoon I had ice in my guides. Sunday morning when we got up it was twenty degrees out. We ate breakfast and went home. I guess for us it wasn't fun anymore. Just cold.

See you at the banquet.

Charlie Place


## New Members

The CFFA would like to welcome the following new members:

Thomas J. Dunn	Craig Churchill	Eric Pagel
Les Krieke	Leonard J. Ertel	Dale Wilcox
Mark Buonome	Edward Goracy	Barret Nacle
Bruce Willard	Ed Mitchell	Ray Thompson
William Harned	Robert Sernoffsky	Robert Lessard
Richard Lupacchino	James R. Grandpre	

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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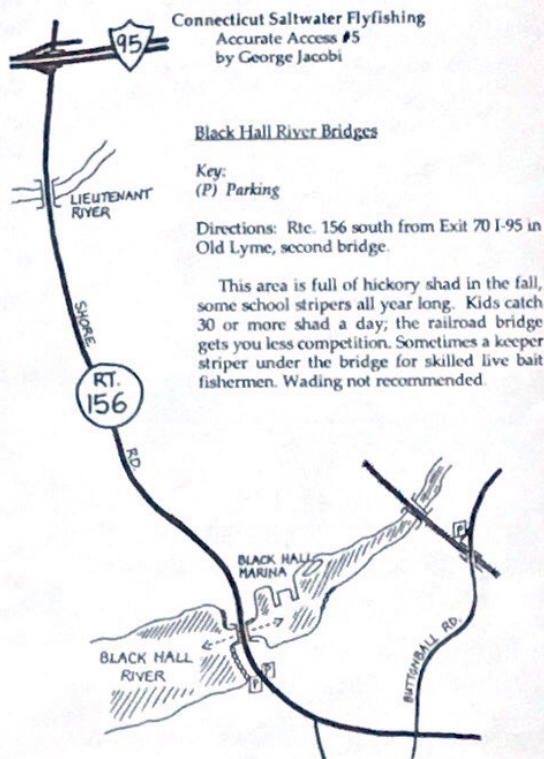
Fly Tying School	5, 12 Feb 98
CFFA Board Meeting	4 Feb 98
CFFA Membership Meeting	11 Feb 98
<i>CFFA Fly Fishing Expo, A.K. Best</i>	<i>21 Feb 98</i>
<i>CFFA Annual Banquet, A.K. Best</i>	<i>21 Feb 98</i>
Fly Fishing School	5, 12, 19, 26 Mar, 11 & 25 April, 98
CFFA Board Meeting	4 Mar 98
National Fly Fishing & Wingshooting Show, Providence	6-8 Mar 98
FRAA Banquet, Cornucopia Banqueting Hall, Torrington	7 Mar 98
CFFA Membership Meeting, Fly Tying Roundtable	11 Mar 98
Theodore Gordon Flyfishers Annual Day Sheraton Crossroads Hotel, Mahway NJ	14 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

## CT Fly Fishermen's Association Appreciation Day


For all the work you have done to preserve, protect and enhance the fisheries in the state, Classic & Custom Fly Shop would like to show its appreciation. We will be holding a one day sale. On Feb 22, 1998 Classic & Custom Fly Shop will open its doors exclusively to members of the CT Fly Fishermen's Association. On that day, you will receive 20% off every item you purchase. You must have a copy of your newsletter with your name on it to gain access to the store.

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## FISHING CONDITIONS HOTLINE NUMBERS



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Farmington River	738-7327 (FRAA)
Housatonic River	248-8616 (HFFA)
Housatonic River Flow	824-7861 (NU)

## What a Bargain

by Gary Steinmiller

### Bewitching Bargains

When you look around today, you don't have to look very hard to find people seeking a bargain. Consignment stores are thriving, tag sales are very popular and flea markets in any state are crowded for one reason. Everyone loves a bargain.

I would like to suggest to all the fishermen in our state of Connecticut that we have one of the best bargains going and most people don't realize it. The bargain I am talking about is the price of a fishing license. You have to admit, when you truly think this over, that 15 dollars can get you an unlimited amount of pleasure.

Most people complained when the price for a license was raised a few years back. Some people complain for no other reason than to complain. I have more good thoughts about the fishing in this state than bad ones and I like it that way.

I have been fishing for various species of fish in our state for the past thirty years and fishing is much better now than it was back then. One major change is we are now able to fish for trout all year because of the installation of Trout Management Areas. In the last few years these areas have been expanded to numerous rivers throughout the state. These programs provide all fishermen with quality fishing and we are now getting the most we can from these resources. The Salmon River T.M.A. was a real pleasant experience on nice days last March. Good fishing at Salmon River now exists from Sept-June where years ago good fishing was from the third Saturday in April through June. Quite a change, a bargain for sure.

Other improvements include very good pike fishing, trophy lakes for trout, walleye now being caught in our lakes, brood stock Atlantic Salmon fishing in selected rivers and I think I made my point.

I would like to thank our Department of Fisheries for continuing to improve the fishing opportunities in our state and providing us fishermen with a real bargain.

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## CLUB TRIP Cape Cod Fishing 6-7 & 13-14 June 1998

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! (NOTE: We will be also booking a September trip again this year. The notice will be in the April 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 \$105.00 per person, includes tax and 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.

Make your check payable to CFFA in the amount of \$105.00 for each person. Send to: Larry Johnson, 60 Willard St., Hartford, CT 06105; tel: 246-0728 (H), 725-3873 (W).



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Vice President, Promotion	Ed Fidrych
Vice President, Activities	Larry Johnson
Treasurer	Don Rose
Recording Secretary	Ted Rzepski
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Respectfully submitted,

Mike Stewart, Chair, Charlie Place, Gary Steinmiller,  
Bob Quinn, 1998 Nominating Committee



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## Stream Etiquette

submitted by Jack Smola

It used to be that most new fishermen were gradually introduced to the sport of fly fishing by a family member or friend who had a fishing background, and various rules of behavior would be acquired over time and adhered to as a matter of course. Nowadays, we welcome many adult newcomers to the sport with no tradition to rely on for guidance, so streamside misunderstanding can easily arise.

The rules of streamside behavior are few and easily observed. Mostly they revolve around *common sense, courtesy, and consideration* of others *sharing* the stream



A section of water belongs to the first fisherman fishing it. It is inconsiderate to crowd him and just how close an approach is permissible is an obvious variable.

A slow moving or stationary fisherman has every right to remain just where he is. If you are moving, leave the water and walk around him, being certain not to disturb his fishing or the water he might be working. In a similar vein, a fisherman may be resting a pool or planning his next move. It is still his water, and you should not jump in without his permission.

Don't hog a stretch of water. Catch a few and let others fish.

A fisherman working in an upstream direction has the right of way over someone coming downstream. Wading upstream against the current forces you to move slowly, cover less water, and you are approaching the fish from behind. The fisherman working in a downstream direction covers more water, more quickly, and has the potential to disturb more water, i.e., careless wading could send silt or debris washing downstream to alarm fish someone else is working over

Many streams flow through private property. Recognize that access is a privilege not a right. Respect private property. If unsure about access, ask the landowner politely. On farm properties: DON'T trample the crops, disturb livestock, or leave gates open.

Leave no litter at streamside. In fact, get in the habit of picking up discarded monofilament, cans and other trash, and carrying them out to be discarded properly.

Recognize that skilled anglers and/or heavy fishing pressure with excessively liberal limits can greatly reduce the available fish populations in any steam section unless voluntary restraint is practiced. A legal

limit is not a quota, let your fishing motto be: Limit Your Kill, Don't Kill Your Limit. Encourage a catch and release philosophy of angling, by allowing fish to mature, reproduce, and live to challenge other anglers in the future.

Multiple recreational use of streams is common. We may share the resource with tubes and canoes. It is the responsibility of the canoeer to recognize that the angler has established a position before the canoeer floated into view. The canoeer should try to pass behind the angler. If space doesn't permit this, the canoeer should float by quietly with minimum disturbance.



In summary, behave on stream towards other anglers as you would like them to behave towards you - and - welcome to the world of fly fishing.

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For additional information contact:

Ed Fidrych, V.P. Promotion, 951 Glastonbury Tnpk, Portland, CT 06480, Phone (860) 342-1173

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	4	3-26-98	Leaders and Knots
	5	4-11-98	Casting Instruction and Fishing (Pond)
	6	4-25-98	Fishing a Stream with a CFFA guide

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- Class 5 A private pond stocked with trout.
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**CFFA 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet**

21<sup>st</sup> February 1998

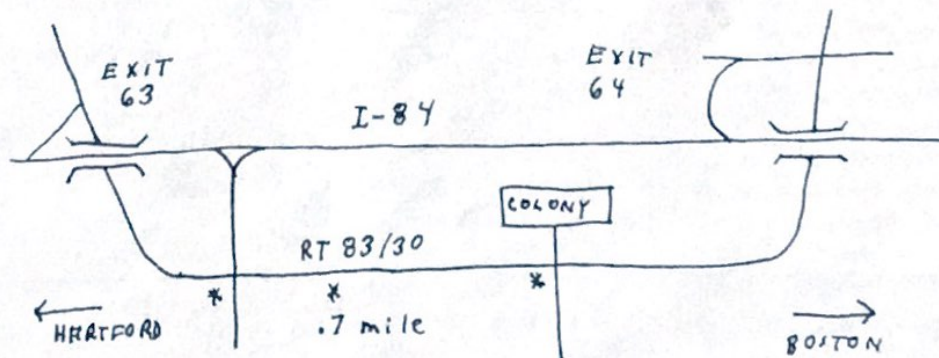
The banquet will be held at The Colony of Vernon (a map is provided below). Your choice of dinners this year will be Baked Stuffed Shrimp, Roast Stuffed Breast of Capon or Prime Ribs of Beef, Au Jus. Included with the meal will be salad, baked potato, ziti, vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee or tea,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

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