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DECEMBER MEETING

Fishing in Labrador
John Marona

Our guest speaker this month is John Marona of Quiet Sports in Collinsville, CT. He has a new program on brook trout fishing in Labrador from his numerous trips to the north country. John is an excellent fisherman, hunter and all around outdoorsman. He will show us a practical and affordable way to fish Labrador.

Bring a friend and come and enjoy this presentation of one of the great trips Canada has to offer.

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

DATE: Wednesday, December 9
TIME: Fly Tying 7:00 p.m.
Program - 7:30 p.m.

REMINDER ALL CFFA MEMBERS!

It is time to renew your membership for the upcoming year. Please fill out the enclosed form (on Page 4), 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 PRESEIDENT

Ray Riley and I attended a public information meeting on November 5, 1998, concerning the DEP proposed rule changes for the surplus salmon broodstock fishery on the Shetucket and Naugatuck rivers. Eleven people attended the meeting, not counting officials from the DEP. Six of the people that testified were for the proposed changes and three people opposed them.

The proposed rule changes were discussed at the November board meeting and because opinions were so varied, it was decided that we would leave it up to each member to express his views by writing to the DEP. The issue was also discussed extensively at the November membership meeting. After the discussions, I asked, "How many people think that the proposed changes are a big issue?" 75 people were at the meeting. I didn't see any raised hands. Given the attendance at the DEP Information Meeting, it's safe to assume that the majority of fly fishermen do not have any problems with the rule changes.

If you were not at any of the above mentioned meetings and would like to express your opinion, review the proposed changes in last month's newsletter and write to: Ernest E. Beckwith, Jr., Director, Fisheries Division, DEP, 79 Elm St. 6th floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5127. Remember a full mailbox is not a lonely mailbox.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, Gary Lafontaine will be visiting us on February 25, 1999, at the clubhouse. I know that many of our members like to purchase a visiting author's books so they can have them signed. So to help you out I've asked Mike to put a list of Gary's books in the newsletter (see page 6). I hope you have time to get them on your Christmas list.

After all this political stuff, I wish I had a fish story to tell. I haven't been, and it's killing me. I've been raking leaves and getting ready to have a houseful on Thanksgiving Day. You know what that means. The house gets a makeover. Kathleen and I usually have between fifteen or twenty guests for dinner, not including our three cats. The cats aren't much of a problem. They disappear after the first few guests arrive and then suddenly reappear like little furry ghosts, after everybody leaves. Then they hang around the kitchen counter, purring and trying to look as cute as they can, hoping for some leftover turkey. Which they get by the way, finely chopped. There's two spayed females and a male that's still intact, if you know what I mean. I can't help but wonder, if he's thinking, like, you know. Who's next?

Charlie



Club News

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Ed.

COMING EVENTS

CFFA Board Meeting	2 Dec 98
CFFA Membership Meeting, Don Leydon	9 Dec 98
Rod Building School	9 Dec 98, 7, 14, 21, 28 Jan 99
CFFA Board Meeting	6 Jan 99
Fly Tying School	7, 14, 21, 28 Jan 4, 11 Feb
Southern CT Fly Fishing Show	9 Jan 99
CFFA Membership Meeting	13 Jan 99
The Fly Fishing Show, Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ	29-31 Jan 99
The Fly Fishing Show, Royal Plaza Trade Center, Marlborough, MA	13-14 Feb 99
CFFA Expo, The Colony, Vernon	20 Feb 99
CFFA Banquet, The Colony, Vernon	20 Feb 99
CMTA Fishing Show, Civic Center	25-28 Feb 99
Special CFFA Meeting, Gary LaFontaine	25 Feb 99
World Fly Fishing Expo, Wilmington, MA	13-14 Mar 99
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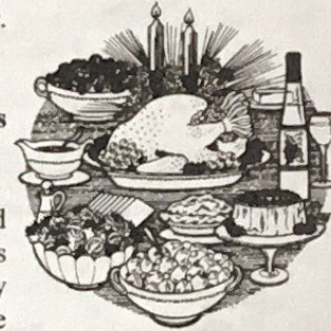


CFFA Annual Banquet - 31st Anniversary

Plans are proceeding quite rapidly in preparation for all festivities. **Jack Gartside** will be coming for the banquet as the prime speaker. During this evening's banquet we will have our conservation raffle.

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

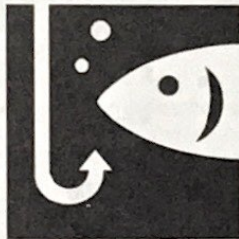
Please keep in mind that the banquet is the prime means of fund raising for the CFFA. Bring friends and family. Your support is greatly needed. In addition, the banquet is a tremendous opportunity to enjoy an excellent meal, renew acquaintances and talk fishing (the latest inside tips are available just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



Keep an eye out for the next month's Lines & Leaders for the banquet Reservation Form.

See you there!

Southern Connecticut Fly Fishing Show January 9, 1999



The Hammonasset Chapter of Trout Unlimited will present their eighth annual Fly Fishing Show, featuring that exciting blend of fresh and salt water fishing available on the Connecticut shoreline.

Speakers will include:

MARK LEWCHIK, who will share his extensive knowledge of Salt Water Fly Fishing;

JEFF PASSANTE, well known Connecticut angler who will present a program, *A Year in the Life of a Fly Fisherman*;

Montana guide **GARY EVANS** will be making a return appearance, discussing the latest in Western trout fishing;

JERRY STERCHO, one of "The O Boy," will give a presentation on the Catskills.

The program will also include dealer displays, fly tying and raffle items.

The show, open to the public, will be held at the Westbrook Elks Club, 142 Seaside Avenue, Westbrook, CT, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Saturday, January 9, 1999. Admission \$5. Children under 16 free when accompanied by an adult.

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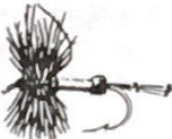
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**Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association
Presents
Beginning Fly Tying, Saltwater Fly Tying, Rod Building Schools**

Classes: Classes will meet downstairs at Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse, Sunset Ridge Drive, East Hartford, at 7:00pm on the following evenings: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4 and 11, 1999

Beginning Fly Tying

Saltwater Fly Tying

- Class:
1. Marabou Leech, Wooly Bugger
 2. Dark Cahill, Soft Hackle
 3. Tellico, Hare's Ear Nymph
 4. Blue Wing Olive, Light Cahill
 5. Poly Spinner, Hen Wing Spinner
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- Surf Candy, Squid,
- Clouser's Minnow, Cross Cut Deceiver
- Lefty's Deceiver, Whistler
- Epoxy Shrimp, Slider
- Bob's Banger, Sand Eel

Equipment: All necessary hooks and materials will be furnished. Students must supply their own vise, bobbin, thread, scissors, etc. It is also suggested you bring a portable lamp with you.

Class Size: Fly Tying classes limited to the first 25 people submitting applications for each class.

Tuition: Fly Tying class: CFFA Members - \$35; Non-Members - \$45; 16 & Under - \$25

ROD BUILDING CLASS

Instructor: Alan Gnann, Rodmaker

Rod Selection: 7 foot (3/4 line) Graphite • 8 foot (5/6. line) Graphite • 9 foot (9 line) Graphite (saltwater)

You may build a rod of your choice if you make an early decision to enter the class. Alan Gnann can be reached at 860-749-3476 between 8:30 am and 7:30 pm to answer any questions relative to rod selection and material cost.

Class Size: Limited to the first 10 people submitting applications. Must submit application and make rod selection by 18 December 1998. First meeting will be after the membership meeting on 9 December, 1998.

Tuition: CFFA Members - \$15; Non-Members - \$20

CFFA Enrollment Application

Please PRINT the requested information. Forward application forms and tuition (Checks payable to CFFA) to Gary Steinmiller, Education Chairman, 26 Penwood Lane, Wethersfield, CT 06109

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Check one 1. Beginning Fly Tying 2. Saltwater Fly Tying 3. Rod Building

Rod Selection, circle one: 7 foot 8 foot 9 foot

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Charlie



CLOTHING NEED

This summer I went to Russia with my wife. We were invited there by a family I met on the internet and became friends with. Life there is very hard and it really is as bad as what we read in the newspapers and see on TV. I am having my friend over to visit us in December and would like to send her back with as much clothing as I can. If anyone has anything they do not want that's in good shape, these people would really appreciate it. They are all thin people and are about 5'6" to 5'8" in height. Anything that my friend can not use for herself or her family I will give to another friend on the Railroad that has a clothing drive every year and sends it to Native Americans that live out west and are poor. Thanks for anything you can give.

John Springer
860-669-5917

CASTING TIPS AND TRICKS WITH Jason Borger
(Reprinted from the Nov. 98 FFF Clubwire)

Bow and Arrow Cast

There is significant emphasis in fly fishing placed on being able to cast very long distances. And while long-distance skills are certainly important, there are times when it pays to be able to cast very SHORT distances, too. Indeed, there are times when ANY standard cast at all is too much. At those times, you need to break out the Bow and Arrow Cast.

The Bow and Arrow Cast is begun with a length of line approximately the same length as the rod. With the rod held steadily and aimed at (or just above) the target, grasp the fly between the thumb and forefinger of your line hand (hook point UP and outside of your finger tips) and then pull the line back toward you. This will cause the rod to flex like a bow (don't allow extra line to be pulled from the reel). A note of caution: DO NOT rear back and over-flex the rod's tip-most section (you

may get a multi-piece rod even if you don't want one). Try to flex the rod as if simulating the "load" from a real cast. When ready to "cast," simply let go of the fly. The rapid unflexing action of the rod will deliver the fly to the target (just like an arrow). It will likely take a few practice shots before you begin to get a feel for this technique.

The Bow and Arrow Cast is great for coping with brushy little streams, hunting the near-shore shallows in stillwaters, and precisely placing poppers in a bream pond. Give it a try--you may find yourself Bow and Arrowing your way to unexpected successes.

(Jason Borger was the shadow caster in the movie "A River Runs Through It," and is Editor of the FFF's Casting Instructor Certification Program newsletter. Visit Jason's website at: <http://www.jasonborger.com>).



Reprieve by Ted Rzepski

"If these people are dorks or geeks or nerds or losers, I'm out of there!" my son declared on our way to the first class of CFFA's fly fishing school. Patrick, 10 years old at the time, was trying to cooperate in a father and son experience. His sense of self, however, would not allow him to associate with a group of uncool people. Child development experts believe that sons sometimes gauge their father by his friends. Perhaps he feared discovering his father was a fuddy dud. I came up with a few tactics to lure him to the classes. I had promised to take him out for dinner. Cool fishing gear was a further inducement.

Snow made driving slippery. Not a good omen. The educational chairmen gave us a warm welcome. My son found him acceptable. Other students arrived. Some of the students were boys. I could see my son sizing them up. So far so good. Then the instructor began. His presentation was laced with technical jargon and Latin names for stream insects. Patrick began to squirm. Next came labored breathing. This could turn out bad. What could I do? Think!

The glass doors swung open. A big guy entered. Snow dusted his long hair and beard. Long coat opened like a gun fighter's. Harley Davidson emblem on his T-shirt. Everyone looked at this guy making the dramatic entrance. The only thing missing was background music, perhaps ZZ-Top. The instructor, sensing his audience was distracted, paused and acknowledged the new arrival.

It was Dale.

My son nudged me with his elbow. Smiled. Nodded his approval. After class I introduced my son to Dale. Apparently not all fly fishermen are nerds.



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