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JANUARY MEETING

Montana Fly Fishing
Gary Evans

This month's speaker will be Gary Evans. Born and raised in Montana, he began guiding many years ago with his dad. Gary and his wife own West Fork Cabins on the Madison River in southwest Montana. He guides on many of the western rivers in the Yellowstone area.

Come and ask all your questions about fishing out west and enjoy a presentation of the beautiful rivers and mountains of Montana.

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

DATE: Wednesday, January 13
TIME: Fly Tying 7:00 p.m.
Program - 7:30 p.m.

FINAL NOTICE

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.

If there is a blue dot on your mailing label, your dues for 1999 have not been received. Call Bob immediately. We need you! No blue dot? Thank you CFFA Member.



FROM THE VEST OF THE PRESIDENT

It's early to be writing the vest article. It's only December 6th. Last December I waited until after our membership meeting to write it because I like to include the "goings on" at the general membership meeting. Well, the article got held up in the Christmas mail and Mike had to rush around to get the newsletter out on time. Extra things to do at Christmas time are definitely not needed. So as a courtesy to Mike I'm writing it early and we'll talk about the meeting another time.

At this month's board meeting we continued planning our banquet and expo. Everything seems to be going smoothly. The only thing that has been changed so far is the opening and closing hours for the expo. It's now 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

As you know, Jack Gartside will be the speaker at our banquet. He will also be giving a fly tying class the morning of the expo, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. If you want to sign up for the Gartside fly tying class, you must be an intermediate tier. This is Jack's request. The class is called "Innovative Fly Tying Techniques and Styles" and will be limited to 10 tiers and will cost \$30.00. Call me to sign up for the class.

Thanksgiving at my house went great. We had eleven guests and we got them to take home most of the leftovers. Except for my daughter Jennifer's wonderful, made from scratch, absolutely delicious, chocolate cream pie. Somehow I forgot to offer doggie bags for that. Slipped my mind, I guess. As predicted, the three cats suddenly appeared in the kitchen looking cute and got their finely chopped turkey. After they ate, they wandered off to take naps: one on the couch, one on the love seat, and one on a chair in the fish room. The fish room is where I tie flies. Kathleen and I sat on the couch with Trout (Trout is the couch cat's name, honest). Before we dozed off we remarked what a nice Thanksgiving it was.

Charlie

CFFA Annual Banquet

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.

We will have a special table with a Gartside Fly Selection/Books. So set the "egg money" aside for that!

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).

The banquet Reservation Form can be found on page 3. See you there!

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COMING EVENTS

Rod Building School	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, Westbrook	9 Jan 99
CFFA Membership Meeting, Gary Evans	13 Jan 99
The Fly Fishing Show, Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ, Info: 800-420-7582, www.flyfishingshow.com	29-31 Jan 99
CFFA Board Meeting	3 Feb 99
CFFA Board Membership Meeting, Fisheries Biologists	10 Feb 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 ✓
<i>Special CFFA Meeting, Gary LaFontaine</i>	<i>25 Feb 99 ✓</i>
CMTA Fishing Show, Civic Center	25-28 Feb 99
CFFA Fly Fishing School	4, 11, 18, 25 Mar 10 & 24 Apr 99
World Fly Fishing Expo, Wilmington, MA	13-14 Mar 99
FRAA Annual Banquet, Cornucopia Banquet Hall, Torrington	6 Mar 99
HFFA Expo & Banquet	21 March 99
CFFA Fishing Trips	22-23 May, ✓ 12-13 Jun 99 ✓

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CFFA 29th Annual Banquet 20 February 1999

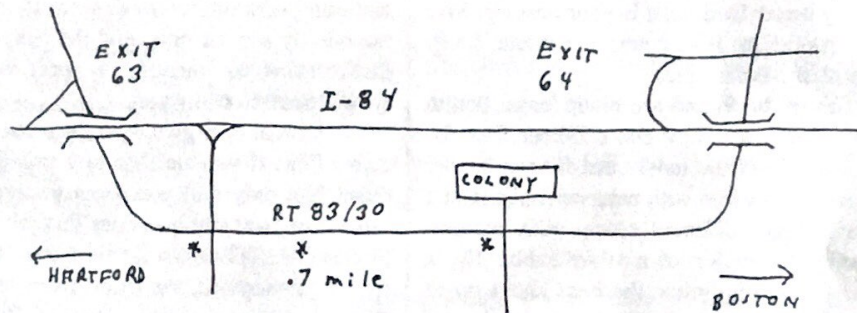
The banquet will be held at The Colony of Vernon (a map is provided below). Your choice of dinners this year will be Baked Stuffed Shrimp, Roast Stuffed Breast of Capon or Prime Ribs of Beef, Au Jus. Included with the meal will be salad, baked potato, ziti, vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee or tea,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



DINNER RESERVATION

DATE: _____

I will require a reservation for 2 persons at \$27.00 per person. Please find a check or money order (payable to CFFA) in the amount of \$ 54.00 enclosed.

Mail reservation form to:
Mr. Larry Johnson
60 Willard Street
Hartford, CT 06105

Name: RAM RILEY

Baked Stuffed Shrimp

Address: 108 CHURCH ST

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Please return before 13 February 1999

SALT WATER FLIES

BY ERNEST BOUTIETTE

Anything that I write is only my opinion. This article is mainly for beginners in the salt. Unlike trout flies that run into the hundreds in order to imitate mayflies, caddis, stone, etc., you can fish the salt with about 4 or 5 flies, with each fly in three sizes – small, medium, and large. The main size will be tied on a 1/0 hook. All sizes can be tied on this hook. Stainless hooks are expensive so I do not use them. I use Eagle Claw #254 and have used it for years. They are sharp out of the box and are shorter than #24007 Mustad stainless, which is an advantage as I tie from 2" flies to 4" flies on them. If I tie longer than 4", I use #254 – 2/10. They cost less than half of stainless.

The flies I most use are all modifications of existing fly patterns that you find in catalogs, and a few that myself and my fishing pals have devised from experience. We have tied many that were not so good; but patterns evolved that are our best flies. Remember to always try to tie a fly better than what is your best fly. Size and color are very important. If in doubt, use white. I will list what are my most successful flies.

The four fish in the Sound are blues, bass, bonito and false albacore, and I generally use different flies for each fish. Of course one of the most used is the Clauser Minnow in chartreuse and white with rainbow flash. But I have used them with many different colors with success. Next, Gary Steinmiller's version of a white rabbit fly, a version of a squid fly (deadly when the bass show up in May and June), first tied by Jerry Wade. A version of Deceiver that I came up with. Flies for blues with chartreuse in them. I also use often a version of Dan

Blanton's Whistler.

All salt fishermen look forward to fall when bonito and albacore arrive. They are the greatest fish to catch on a fly. No fish that I ever caught fights like they do, but without the right fly you catch very few. Also, the boat handler must think like one of these fish, and I am lucky, as Jerry Wade always seems to have the boat in a position such that the fish are within casting distance. I always accuse him of being one half albacore.

Now to flies; many years ago two or three albacore were a banner day and we knew that we did not have the right fly. So back to the vise. Each year new flies and a little more success, but still not too good. About 5 years ago, I came up with my version of a Deceiver and it proved the best of our albacore flies, but at times it drew a blank. Then Jerry Wade came up with what we call Jerry's Copper Top, and at last, success. We have caught over 100 in each of the last two years on our week's vacation on the salt. One day the one fly proved best, and the next day the other. This is just to show you that if you apply what you learn to your tying, success awaits you.

I will now give a boost to our fly tying class on salt water flies. If you tie flies and fish the salt, this class is a must. Not only will you learn patterns, but people will be there to answer any questions that you may have. (Call Gary Steinmiller, 563-0040, for fly tying class info. Ed.). As far as I am concerned, the most overpriced flies are salt water flies. Just take a Bob's Bangor Popper at \$5.95 in all catalogs. It's a fly I could teach a beginner in minutes at a cost of maybe 50 cents.

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Camp Out at Cape Cod - CFFA is exploring to see if there is any interest in going to the Cape in May at a local campsite. We have found a location with 33 sites. CFFA will pay for the site fees. Trout and bass fishing are available at nearby Cliff Pond, Strippers at Brewster Flats, etc. If you are interested give Gary Steinmiller a call, 563-0040.

CMTA Fishing Show - We are looking for volunteers to help out at the CFFA booth. Ray Riley is trolling for some helpers. Save Ray a call and let him know you can help out.

CFFA Expo - Effort is underway to surpass last year's successful expo. In next month's Lines & Leaders we will be providing a schedule of activities. Admission will be \$5.00. The admission will include all seminars/clinics. The Expo hours will be from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. Gartside's slide show will be 2 - 3.

Fly Tyers - Anyone interested in tying flies at the membership meetings please see Steve Sawczuk. Don't worry about your fly tying skills. Anyone can pick up a tip or two just watching you. Give it a try! Ed.



CLUB TRIP

Cape Cod Fishing

22-23 May & 12-13 June 1996

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 strippers 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 5/21 & 22 or 6/11 & 12. 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 expected to fill quickly. Your cost of \$110.00 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 an extra \$35 per night breakfast included. Call Larry, number below, for the total cost.

Make your deposit check payable to CFFA in the amount of \$50.00 for each person.

Send to: Larry Johnson, 60 Willard St., Hartford, CT 06105; tel: 246-0728 (H), 725-3873 (W).

NOTES:

- The first weekend, 4 - 6 June, is also open if there is enough interest.
- The May weekend is expected to have better fishing from the beach during the day.
- In June, night fishing is expected to be better in the salt ponds.
- A New Moon will occur on the 11 - 13 June weekend. The tides are expected to be high for evening fishing for that weekend.

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Al Chase	Tim Lemon
Edmond Rowan	Liam Rosati
Jay Sklenka	Alan Cornell
Guy Bagdasarian	Shawn Szczesiul

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.

Nominating Committee Report

The following people are nominated to the named positions for 1999. Elections for these positions will be held at the membership meeting on 13 January 1999. Floor nominations will also be accepted at that time. This meeting will not be canceled due to inclement weather.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mike Stewart, Chair, Charlie Place, Gary Steinmiller, Bob Quinn, 1999 Nominating Committee

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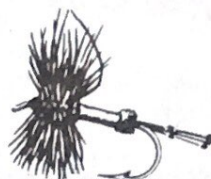
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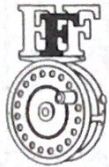
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