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## JANUARY MEETING

Tom Klein

### Fly Fishing the Far North

Ever dream of fishing where the fish have never seen a fly? Where the "next" fisherman might be 50 or 500 miles away? Take a journey north of the 60th parallel where fishing dreams and reality merge.

"Fly Fishing the Far North", a slide-illustrated lecture by Canadian fishing lodge owner Tom Klein, will take you to lakes and rivers of dreams. The program will focus on the four major species of Canada's Northwest Territories: arctic char, lake trout, northern pike and arctic grayling. Details on the natural history of these fish along with information on fly selection, tackle and techniques will be presented.

#### SUBSTITUTE PLACE:

East Hartford Middle School Cafeteria  
Burnside Avenue  
East Hartford, CT

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 12

**TIME:** Fly Tying - 7:00 p.m.  
Ken Parkany tying Gary LaFontaine Patterns  
Program - 7:30 p.m.



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## FROM THE VEST OF THE PRESIDENT

My heart felt thanks to all of you for my five years as president of CFFA. I've always felt that I've gotten a lot more out of being involved with this organization, than I've put in. Hell, I was happy just to be sitting in the same room with you guys.

*Charlie*

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**Reminder:** The January 12, 2000 general membership meeting is not being held at the Veteran's Memorial clubhouse. It's being held in the East Hartford Middle School (cafeteria) on Burnside Avenue. As you look at the front of the building the cafeteria is on the left. More directions are in this newsletter.

**Reminder:** There will be no general membership meeting in February. Please do come to the CFFA expo and banquet February 12, 2000.

January is also election month. If anyone wants to run for office, please contact any member of the nominating committee. The committee members and nominees are listed in this issue. We will also take nominations from the floor at the January meeting.

We have been discussing ideas for monthly programs at the board meetings. Barring any emergency, I'm planning on starting the January board meeting with a brainstorming session on that subject. We'll make up a list of all the ideas. Roger and Steve will sort it all out and report back to the board, probably in March or April. Then we'll come up with a plan for next season. So, anyone that wants to participate please come to the board meeting. Just to get everyone thinking-we don't have to have a slide show at every meeting.

Another issue that I've spoken about before is a web site. If you recall, I was against it because we had no volunteer to maintain it. Anybody that has been using the web to go to fly fishing sites can tell you that there's nothing worse than going to a site that is not up-to-date. Anyway, we have a volunteer to set one up for us and maintain it. So over the winter expect some more news about this. We'll be going slowly, so hang in there. We want to make sure to get our site just right.

*Charlie*



## Club News

Flies Needed for Banquet - We are looking for donations of flies tied by the members. Flies have always been a popular item. As you are tying your flies over the next month, please tie up an extra dozen for CFFA. Give your flies to Ed Fidrych, Larry Johnson, or bring them to the banquet. Thanks a lot.

End of Season Sale - Clousers, Deceivers, Whistlers, Bunny Flies, Squid and many other patterns. Proven Albacore and Bonito flies! \$2.00 each. Many more at \$1.00 each. Bead Head Caddis Pupae - many tied with tungsten beads. \$.75 each. Retail at \$1.70 each. Some nymphs. \$1.00 each. Call Ernie Boutiette, 860-289-3605.

Winter Fishing in Mexico/Central America - Al Schwenhe, Jr, is considering a winter fishing vacation to a warmer climate this year. Maybe Mexico or Central America. He would appreciate any recommendations for fishing location, accommodations, etc. Al would also like to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking such a trip. You can contact Al at 860-688-6144.

### For Sale - Bamboo Rods

- Bamboo Rod, Orvis Battenkill #14572. 8 foot for 6 weight. 3 piece/1 tip. Walnut reel seat. Built by Cal Skinner and George Reed. Completed 7/1/53. Comes with rod tube and bag. \$500.
- Bamboo Rod, Maker Unknown, 8 foot for 6 weight. 3 piece/2 tips, one marked "Dry Fly," the other marked "Streamer." Sliding band reel seat. Rod bag. No tube. \$300.
- Bamboo Rod, Canada Creek. 8 foot for 6 weight. 3 piece/2 tips. Never fished. Clear plastic wrap, still covers cork. Comes with rod bag and tube. \$500.  
Contact: Phil Brunquell, 860-545-9473.

Ed.

## COMING EVENTS

|                                                                                                                                            |                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Rod Building School                                                                                                                        | 9, 6, 13, 20, 27<br>Jan 00           |
| CFFA Board Meeting                                                                                                                         | 5 Jan 00                             |
| Fly Tying School                                                                                                                           | 6, 27 Jan, 3, 10<br>17 and 24 Feb 00 |
| CFFA Membership Meeting, Tom Klein                                                                                                         | 12 Jan 00                            |
| The Fly Fishing Show, Marlboro, MA                                                                                                         | 21-23 Jan 00                         |
| The Fly Fishing Show, Somerset, N J                                                                                                        | 28-30 Jan 00                         |
| CFFA Membership Meeting                                                                                                                    | 2 Feb 00                             |
| Eastern Fishing & Outdoor Expo, Worcester                                                                                                  | 3-6 Feb 00                           |
| <b>CFFA Fly Fishing Expo &amp; Banquet<br/>Tam DiGristine, Fishing around Indian<br/>River and Mosquito Lagoon, The Colony,<br/>Vernon</b> | <b>12 Feb 00</b>                     |
| CMTA Fishing Show, Civic Center, Hartford                                                                                                  | 18-20 Feb 00                         |
| FRAA Banquet                                                                                                                               | 4 Mar 00                             |
| CFFA Board Meeting                                                                                                                         | 1 Mar 00                             |
| TGF Annual Day                                                                                                                             | 11 Mar 00                            |
| World Fly Fishing Expo, Wilmington DE                                                                                                      | 11-12 Mar 00                         |
| CFFA Membership Meeting                                                                                                                    | 8 Mar 00                             |



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**FINAL REMINDER!!**

It is time to renew your membership for the upcoming year. Please fill out the enclosed form on this page, 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.

**Membership Form**

Check if address changed

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**NEW MEMBER!**

The CFFA would like to welcome the following new member:

Dave DeMuth

You 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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**The Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association's  
February 12, 2000 Expo/Banquet  
Featured Speaker: *Tam DiGristine***

Tam has been an avid fly fisher all her life. She's spent most of her time fishing in Florida, in places like Mosquito Lagoon and Indian River. A recent move to Vancouver Island, Canada has turned her attention to salmon and steelhead. That's not all; sometime in early 2000 she's moving to Costa Rica to work as a fly fishing guide. As you can see Tam has a busy life so this may be our one and only chance to have her as a speaker.

**Tam on wading:** "Never wet wade in the lagoon after just shaving your legs. If you do make sure there are no small children in the immediate vicinity that might hear the cussing."

**Tam on Casting:** "The Over The Saw Grass Delivery, This is a move for serious fly rodders that like to fish the canals. It involves doing a quadruple haul. The double haul is self-explanatory, the other two hauls are for getting your fly line untangled from the saw grass."

**Tam on setting the hook:** "The Running Hook set, shown to me by a friend from Oregon that came to Florida to fish with me. After fishing for a while a five-

foot alligator came out of nowhere and took his fly. The poor guy didn't know whether to set the hook or run like hell. He opted for both. It was quite a good move and he immediately earned my respect."

**Tam on getting her first fly-fishing vest:** "I found the lipstick pocket right away. But what do I do with the other 109 pockets?"

**The Expo** is at "The Colony/ George's" route 83 Vernon. It starts at 9 a. m. and ends at 3 p. m. Featuring many exhibitors, seminars, and a slide show by Tam DiGristine. Tam will also be giving a fly tying demonstration. Open to the public so bring a friend. Admission \$5.00; women and children free. Call Jack Smola for more info 860-763-1856

**The Banquet** is at "The Colony/ George's" route 83 Vernon. Cocktails at 6:30 p m, dinner at 7 p m, featured speaker Tam DiGristine. Other features: Ed's prodigious fly fishing raffle and more stuff as we think of it. Call Larry Johnson for reservations, 806-246-0728.

## CFFA 30th Annual Banquet 12 February 2000

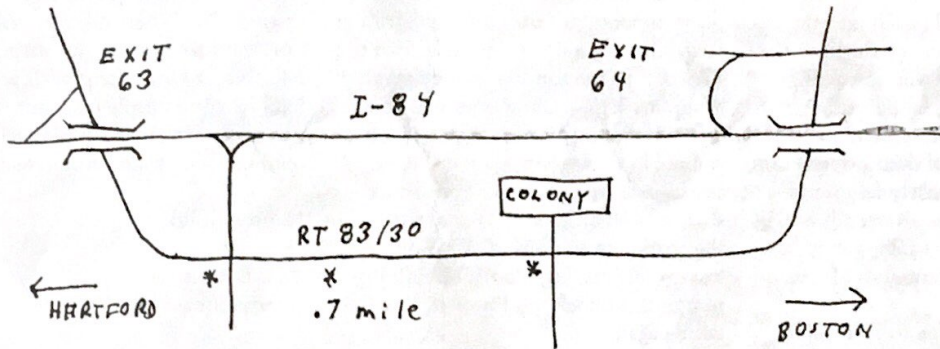
The banquet will be held at The Colony of Vernon (a map is provided below). Your choice of dinners this year will be Baked Stuffed Shrimp, Roast Stuffed Breast of Capon or Prime Ribs of Beef, Au Jus. Included with the meal will be salad, baked potato, ziti, vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee or tea, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ persons at \$27.00 per person. Please find a check or money order (payable to CFFA) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

Mail reservation form to:  
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Please return before 5 February 2000



## THE FALL GIRL



I am sure you have all heard of the term "fall guy". Well, I'm here to tell you all about it. I'm not a guy, of that there is no doubt, but this could be to my advantage in the ways of being a "fall guy", after all, girls tend to have more padding than guys. You see, I'm the world's best Fall Girl. It's true. Just ask anyone that I have ever fished with.

I started my career as a professional Fall Girl down there in Florida. Having lived there 21 years, I would almost go so far as to say that I mastered the art of falling in Florida. I fell in every possible way there was to fall, especially if there was fishing involved. A true fall person does their best falls while fishing. Fishing and falling seem to go hand in hand.

In Florida, I managed to fall into the water, out of the water, getting into the water, walking to the water, walking away from the water, while casting, while fighting fish, while standing still. I fell out of trees, out of boats, out of cars, trucks and even purposely fell out of airplanes several times. After all, if you are going to be good at falling, you should learn to fall thousands of feet.

Then I started traveling to fish. The world was mine. I could be a National Fall Girl. I did well with it. I fell in water and on trails and in woods and on land in several states. I fell in Maryland, Connecticut, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Georgia, Arizona, Nevada and even in Tennessee. I was destined to be a Fall Girl. I was so good at it! The north allowed me the pleasure of learning about falling down mountains, off of cliffs and into cold water. It taught me how to fall in moving water, on trout streams, in ponds, lakes and small rivers. I fell in creeks. I fell in flyshops. I did it all.

The one thing I was lacking experience in was something I found when I moved here, to Vancouver Island. It was here that I learned the true value of snow and ice. Oh, the many opportunities to fall

that those two mediums provided me. I have never known falling like this! It's wonderful. Sometimes I don't even see the ice. I am just walking along minding my own business and WHAM!!! I'm falling. Snow covers all of the little rocks and twigs and holes in the ground well. Somehow I manage to still find them all. I can be trudging through the snow with all of my fishing gear and usually commenting to myself about how I should be falling right about now. Next thing I know, I'm ass over elbows and falling. It never fails me.

Another opportunity for falling presented itself to me here as well. The salmon runs are great for falling! Not only in the water, but out of the water as well. In the water when I am standing there minding my own business, fishing away, drifting a fly across and down the streams, the salmon will come up and bump my legs, or dead ones will come down and bump against them. Years of wading in the lagoon around the alligators have my nerves honed to a sharpness that the knife manufacturers of the world are envious of. One of them bumps into my legs and WHAM! I'm jumping, and before I know it, I'm falling again.

On the land, where they end up after they are dead, they are very useful for falling purposes as well. I don't know how they get up into trees and on trails 20 feet from the water but they do. I could be walking along just fine and suddenly look up and see a half decayed salmon carcass staring me in the face from a tree limb. WHAM! I'm freaking out and falling. Better yet, I can be walking along the trails, step over a giant log, place my foot securely down on the slimy carcass of a dead salmon and no sooner than I pick my other foot up than I am falling again. It's amazing.

I think perhaps I may very well be one of the best Fall Girls that ever walked the face of the earth. I don't even wave my arms anymore, I just sort of gooooo with

it. It's amazing to watch. My fishing partners rarely say anything about it anymore. I don't get inquiries as to whether I am all right or not anymore, just a simple barely visible glance, a number rating and then back to normal, as if nothing ever happened. That my friends, is the true sign of a Fall Girl if ever I knew one.

With me now being in Canada, and away from the good old US of A, I can now claim to be an International Fall Girl. What joy that brings me! People write me and ask for advice on falling. They ask how it is that I have never been severely maimed or hurt with my vast experiences in falling. I do not know. I guess I'm just good at it. People also write me and ask questions related to casting. I tell them all the same thing; if you want to learn about casting, learn to fall. No, it won't help with your double haul or your steeple cast, but it will surely teach you about plaster casts, and temporary casts and soft casts.

Happy Holidays!

Tam DiGristine  
International Fall Girl Extraordinaire

(Other articles by Tam can be found on the Internet at <http://ddi.digital.net/~garyc/tammy15.htm> and at <http://www.camirl.com/>. Tam also posts frequently on Dan Blanton's Bulletin Board and on flyangersonline Bulletin Board. Ed.)

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### Nominating Committee Report

The following people are nominated to the named positions for 2000. Elections for these positions will be held at the membership meeting on 12 January 2000. Floor nominations will also be accepted at that time. This meeting will not be canceled due to inclement weather.

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| President                   | Ray Riley     |
| Vice President, Environment | Jack Smola    |
| Vice President, Promotion   | Ed Fidrych    |
| Vice President, Activities  | Larry Johnson |
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Respectfully submitted,

Chair, Charlie Place, Gary Steinmiller, Mike Stewart, Roger Plourde; 2000 Nominating Committee

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### DIRECTIONS FOR JANUARY 2000 MEETING

Our January meeting will be held in the East Hartford Middle School on Burnside Ave. (for some members this is the former East Hartford High). We will be meeting in the school cafeteria.

**FROM HARTFORD ON I-84**  
Take the Roberts Street Exit and take the left hand ramp. At the light, go left, across the highway, past the Holiday Inn, all the way to Forbes Street. Go left onto Forbes St., which becomes Scotland Rd. Go all the way to Burnside Ave. Turn right at the light onto Burnside. The middle school will be on the right, just up the road. There are two entrances, so if you miss the first, take the second. Part and go to the Auditorium entrance, which is on your left as you face the building. Go inside, past the auditorium, and turn left into the cafeteria.

**FROM MANCHESTER/VERNON ON I-84**  
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**FROM MANCHESTER ON SILVER LANE**  
Go past your usual turn onto Ridgewood Road to the intersection with Forbes Street a short way ahead. Go right, across the highway, and continue to Burnside Ave. Follow the directions above.

**FROM MAIN STREET, EAST HARTFORD ON SILVER LANE**  
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