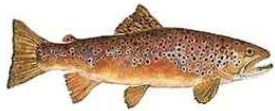




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March 2007

MARCH MEETING

Walter Landgraf
"The History of the Farmington River"



Our March meeting next Wednesday, the 14th, is "The History of the Farmington River", presented by **Walter Landgraf**.

In addition Bill Hyatt from the Connecticut DEP Fisheries will be to discuss the details of the proposed license fee changes on Bill 7124.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. Food and refreshments are available so there is time to chat and introduce yourself to club members. The meeting starts at 7:00 – and usually ends around 9:00 PM. *(See page 4 for more about Mr. Landgraf).*

There will be fly tyers making their favorite pattern before the meeting along with raffle prizes.

PLACE: Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse, 100 Sunset Ridge, East Hartford, CT

DATE: Wednesday, March 14th, 2007

TIME: Fly Tying, Tackle Swap, Raffle:
7:00 - 7:30 PM
Program: 8:00 – 9:00 PM



FROM THE VEST OF THE PRESIDENT

What a day!

I'm talking about Saturday February 3rd. The expo was absolutely fabulous! I could not believe the amount of people that came through the doors and I want to thank all of our vendors and sponsors for supporting our club by attending our expo. I want to thank all of you that helped the vendors set up. Everyone really stepped up and came through and you are all greatly appreciated. I was kept pretty busy all day and evening and I didn't get to visit with as many of you as I wanted to. Sometimes things get a little hectic.

The banquet! Ohhh, the banquet! It was much better than I could have ever expected. Thanks to everyone that helped put it together and a special thank you to Kurt, he worked real hard to make the banquet a big success and take as much of the pressure off of me and thanks to my wife Donna and Kurt's wife Deb also Mike and Lynn Stewart for all of their hard work taking the reservations and all of the other folks that helped there are just too many names to mention boy, I never thought I would say that. Don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining. It's like I have been telling everyone, it's your club, the members and don't any of you ever forget that. The CFFA is all about each and every one of you if it were not for you folks there would be no CFFA.

I had so much fun talking and joking around with Lefty, he's such a great guy and so down to earth, as famous as he is he humbles himself and downplays that fact.

Yes Lefty you are truly a fly-fishing icon and legend but more than that you are a great human being and a gentleman and I would like to use this

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CFFA CLUB NEWS

★★ SPECIAL THANKS ★★

....TO ALL THE FOLLOWING CLUB MEMBERS FOR HELPING AT THE EXPO & BANQUET

The 37th annual CFFA banquet was a resounding success!! We were fortunate to have a fly fishing legend like LEFTY KREH as our speaker. It was well attended and there were many helpers who contributed their time and energy to help make this a special occasion. We would like to thank the following CFFA members for their donations and hard work:

- Guy Bagdasarian
- Paul Beaudreau
- Stanley Calabrese
- Stephen T Chirdon
- Nils Christensen
- Todd Gorman
- Walter Grudzien
- William Keister
- Bruce Marino
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- Jim Stack
- Gordon Tedford
- Jerry Wade
- Stephen Sawczuk
- Robert Winot
- Dick Wemmell



👍 THANKS GUYS !!

The club appreciates all of you for your dedication and hard work !!

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE VENDORS WHO HELPED AND ATTENDED OUR EXPO

- King Cove Marina
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- Housatonic River Outfitters
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- Cubetas

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE VENDORS –

.....Continued

- The Fish Connection
- North Cove Outfitters

CFFA NEW MEMBERS

CFFA would like to welcome the following new members:

And what a list it is this month!!

- ★ **STEVE KATZ** – Avon ★
- ★ **CORT MICHAEL** – Groton ★
- ★ **FLEMING ELSBERRY** – Hamden ★
- ★ **SEAN CLARK** – Glastonbury ★
- ★ **JEFF IVES** – Marlborough ★
- ★ **DAVID DORN** – Glastonbury ★
- ★ **SANDRA TOTTEN** – East Hartford ★
- ★ **EDWARD SULLIVAN** – East Hartford ★
- ★ **R. BODALE** – Beacon Falls ★
- ★ **MIKE HIZA** – Manchester ★
- ★ **VINCENT RINALDO** – Broad Brook ★
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- ★ **PATRICK DEANGELO** – Springfield, Ma ★
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- ★ **JEFF DYBINSKI** – Simsbury ★
- ★ **ANDREW MANCHESTER** – N. Branford ★
- ★ **STEVE HILL** – Conway, Ma ★

We welcome all of you to CFFA! You are encouraged to participate in all the activities CFFA has to offer.

TEACHING FLY-TYING AT THE FRES WATER FLY TYING CLASSES



CFFA Educational Chairman, Gary Steinmiller, teaching a fly tying class last month. An eager young student watches closely.



Farmington River Angler's Association **ANNUAL BANQUET**

*Held at the Cornucopia Banquet Hall
371 Pinewoods Road, Torrington, CT
Saturday, March 3rd*



You are invited to attend this year's fund raising banquet and celebration. As always we will hold the largest angling auction/raffle you have ever seen. Preview starts at 5:30 p.m. Cocktails from 6:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Our menu entree selections this year are Roast Prime Rib of Beef, Chicken Picatta, and Stuffed Sole with Lobster and Scallion dressing. Your meal will include entree, soup, seasonal mixed green salad, pasta with sauce, potato and fresh vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee, tea, or decaf and dessert.

This year's banquet ticket price is \$35.00 per person. Send checks indicating your meal choice to: TOM KARPECHIK, 170 RAMSTEIN ROAD, NEW HARTFORD CT 06057, PH# 860-489-0346.

For additional info and for a reservation form, please visit www.fraa.org



Housatonic Fly Fisherman's Association **ANNUAL BANQUET**

*Held at the Il Monticello Banquet Facility
577 South Broad Street (Rt 5), Meriden, CT
Saturday, March 31st*



Doors open at 4:45PM with dinner being served at 6:00 PM. The ticket cost is \$30. Our guest speaker will be **David Skok**, creator of the "mushmouth" fly series. Madeleine Duberek, at (203) 634-1974, will be glad to provide further information.

Our annual Expo will be held one week earlier on Saturday, March 24th from 10:00AM to 4:00 PM, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 65 North Main St., Wallingford, CT. The Expo will feature slide shows, fly tying classes, vendors and representatives from other clubs. Dinner choices are baked stuffed sole, prime rib, or baked stuffed chicken served with a potato and vegetable. Other courses include salad, penne pasta, coffee or tea, and dessert. This meal can be reserved for a price of \$30.00. We look forward to seeing you there for a wonderful show, great food, and great friends. Additional information can be viewed at www.hffa.net.



Cuba's Jardines de la Reina

Think about a place where you can fish more than 100 miles of flats without seeing another fisherman, a place where the flats fishing is so good that you can catch seven species of fish in one day, a place where big bonefish run toward your fly when it hits the water too hard, rather than streaking off the flat in the other direction, a place where you have a legitimate chance for a grand slam every day of the year, a place where big permit are as plentiful as they were in the Florida Keys 30 years ago, a place where you can wade miles of white-sand flats in your bare feet for big bonefish, a place where you'll find enough big jacks, 'cudas, and sharks on the flats to wear you out!

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MORE ABOUT OUR MARCH SPEAKER WALT LANDGRAF (Continued from front page)

Walter Landgraf taught biology and environmental technology for 33 years at Regional High School #7 in Winsted CT. He retired in June of 1998.

As the naturalist for Peoples State Forest, he reopened the Stone Museum in 1992 and continues to develop programs and exhibits. The museum outreach includes community hikes, evening programs, special events, and living history demonstrations.

He is an active member and president of the Barkhamsted Historical Society, which is restoring the Squire's Tavern at People's State Forest. He is a member of the Friends of the Beckley Furnace in East Canaan, CT, which is restoring the furnace and related structures.

Areas of research interest are Native Americans, charcoal production, colonial life ways and history, iron industry, natural history, and geology of northwestern CT.

As a Trails Chairman with the Connecticut Forest and Park Association he is responsible for maintaining the trails in Peoples and American Legion State Forests.

He has a B.A. in biology from the University of Connecticut with post-graduate credits from the University of Conn. and Central Connecticut State University. Current areas of study are in archaeology and local history.

Walt's program at our March meeting will include a slide illustrated talk, with historic pictures, providing an over view of Farmington River history from 1690 to 1990 for the section from the Satan's Kingdom area to the Goodwin (Hogback) Dam area.

Walt currently lives in Pleasant Valley CT, with his wife Linne, where they have made their home and raised their family since 1964.



Cuba's Jardines de la Reina

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These islands--hundreds of little keys ("cayos"), rich with mangroves, palm trees, pristine beaches, and endless flats--form an archipelago 70 miles off the southeastern coast of Cuba. They are protected by the third longest barrier reef in the world, and one of the first white people to see them was Christopher Columbus, who gave them the name "Gardens of the Queen."

They form an island system similar to the Florida Keys--130 miles of key islands and flats, about the same distance as from Key Largo to Key West. But in this saltwater wilderness there is just one fishing lodge with a dozen flats skiffs fishing the entire area--the Italian operation Avalon and its floating lodge, the Tortuga.

Four years ago Captain Orlando Fl. Rodriguez Romay, the Cuban minister of fishing, signed a new law banning all commercial fishing, except for lobsters, in most of the Jardines. Later, an Italian group called Avalon Fishing and Diving Center signed an agreement acquiring exclusive use of the area in the Jardines De La Reina islands for sportfishing and diving.

Despite heavy commercial fishing pressure before the ban, the Jardines has remained an unspoiled place, primarily because they are situated from 50 to 70 miles off the Cuban coast and are not easily visited, even by the Cuban people.

VEST OF THE PRESIDENT (Continued from page 1)

column to thank you Lefty for sharing your valuable time with us. A bazillion thanks to our own Charlie Place for contacting Lefty for us and asking him to be our banquet speaker. I hope all of you that attended the banquet had a wonderful evening; I know that everyone I talked to said they had a great time.

During the banquet Lefty and I were talking and he said to me "I can't believe the turnout today and tonight" he then proceeded to ask me "how many people do you get at your monthly meetings John?" I answered that we usually get between 60 to 110 we usually average around 70 or 75" he told me that was incredible "John I do a lot of these things all over the country, and you probably have the best club in the country." That's what he told me and I don't believe for a minute that he says that to every club. The best in the country! Not the state not New England here is a man that has fished all over the world with presidents, dukes, athletes and celebrities telling me that our club is probably the best in the country. I told him it's because our members are so supportive and always willing to improve our club. Thank you all of you for all that you do, you are all awesome.

Once again we had a nice raffle with lots of quality prizes thanks to Kurt and all of the people that helped by donating prizes. Congratulations to all of our raffle prize winners and thanks to everyone that purchased tickets and helped support the club.

Scott and Jon Goldman would like to establish the Robert Goldman memorial library in honor of their father who recently passed away. They have some of their dad's books which they will make available to read and return to our membership. If any of you have any fly fishing books that you would like to donate to the library please contact us or Scott or Jon Goldman.

Congratulations to our award winners, Mary Edwards, Scarlet Ibis award, Ted Rzepski, Ted Barbieri award and Mike Kelly, Early Hatch award. Well done folks and well deserved thank you.

We are planning a trip to Roscoe New York June 16th and 17th the price will be \$100 and we will be staying at the Baxter House Bed and Breakfast. We will take reservations on a first come first served basis and we will be taking reservations and money for the trip at our March meeting. If you have never been with us to Roscoe you are missing a good time. You can fish the Beavekill, Willowmac and Delaware and guide services are available but you will have to book them yourselves. We didn't fill the trip up last year but because we have more members this year I am hoping that we can fill it up this year.



CFFA President John Baracchi, Lefty Kreh, and Stan Calabrese

Anyone wishing to have a shirt or sweatshirt or hat embroidered with our club logo can stop in with the article at J&B Lettering on Sullivan Ave. in South Windsor and Pricilla will be happy to do that for you the cost is \$12.00 per item you can drop the items off to be picked up at a later date. Also I am looking in to making CFFA coffee mugs available for sale. I have a very limited number of silver club lapel pins available for sale, the price is \$45.00. If you are interested in purchasing a pin please contact me, but hurry supplies are limited and I have a feeling they will go fast.

A special thank you goes out to Todd Gorman. Todd is one of our quieter members and most of you probably don't even know who he is. I have had the pleasure of spending some time with Todd and Stanley on the river. Todd has become a very active and helpful member of CFFA and Nils and I would like to thank Todd for his work on our new

website's graphics. I don't know exactly what it is that Todd and Nils are doing even though Nils did make an effort to explain it to me, when it comes to computers Nils you may as well be talking to the wall it probably would understand more than I do.

Thank you to my good friend John Springer for coming through and giving me a wood duck! Thanks John I will put it to good use. John had a special guest at his table at the banquet, George Kelly, George is in his 90's I'm not sure but I think he is 93 and I brought him over to sit with and meet Lefty and when I introduced George to Lefty much to my surprise Lefty's eyes lit up like he had seen a ghost. Apparently Lefty and George have known each other for years.

Our own Ernie Bouttiette could not make it to the banquet; it seems he had to have some teeth pulled. I for one missed you Ernie and I hope you are feeling better. By the way folks, on February 2nd Ernie our own fly icon, turned 88 years young. Happy Birthday Ernie and many more!

If you are having problems receiving your newsletter you can download it off of our website or email one of us and we will be happy to email you a copy.

This month's newsletter is going out a week early so I want to thank Bob Winot and everyone in advance for their volunteer work at the Hartford Hunting and Fishing Expo.

I hope to see you all at the March meeting. Don't forget our sponsors, they keep us going and we need to make an effort to support them also.

If I haven't met you yet, come on up and say hello at the meeting, I would love to meet you.

See you at the meeting! Bring a friend:

Tight Lines:

John

ABOUT CFFA: *The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association, Inc. is organized "To Preserve and Promote the Pleasures and Traditions of Fly Fishing and To Conserve Game Fish Waters." CFFA membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May. Meetings are held at the Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse, Sunset Ridge Drive, East Hartford, CT. "Lines and Leaders" is the official publication of the Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association, Inc. and is distributed to its membership and allies of conservation. Business card ads may be placed at a cost of \$5 per add or \$40 for nine months. CFFA members may place for-sale or want ads of a non-commercial nature without charge. Newsletter correspondence should be sent to David Casali, 259 Longhill Drive, Glastonbury, CT, 06033. Change of address notice should be sent to CFFA, P.O. Box 380268, East Hartford, CT 06138-0268*
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- Junior (under 16) \$ 5.00
- Regular \$ 20.00
- Supporting \$ 30.00
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- Life \$ 300.00

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COMING EVENTS

- Next Board Meeting** Mar 7th
- Next Membership Meeting** Mar 14th

SHOWS AND EXPOS

**2007 Fly-Fishing Expo-
sition, Shriners Auditorium
Wilmington, MA** DATES TBD

CFFA CLASSES/EVENTS - Dates

2007 Freshwater Fly-Fishing School 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 4/7, 4/21

2007 Saltwater Fly-Fishing School 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22/ April*. May*

2007 Cape Cod Fishing Trips:
First trip: June 1, 2
Second trip: June 8, 9

*Weather Permitting

OTHER CLUB EVENTS

**FRAA Annual Banquet
Cornucopia Banquet Hall
371 Pinewoods Road
Torrington, CT (See ad page 3)** March 3

**HFFA Annual Expo
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
65 North Main Street
Wallingford, CT** March 24
10 to 4 PM (See ad page 3)

**HFFA Annual Banquet
Monticello Banquet Facility
577 South Broad Street
Meriden, CT (See ad page 3)** March 31



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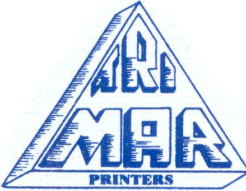
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