

The Newsletter of The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association

# FROM THE VEST OF THE PRESIDENT

# **CFFA NOVEMBER MEETING** Guest Speaker William Vincent Ph.D.







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It's time to grab the rake and start raking those darned old leaves that fill up our front and back yards.

I have been working a lot of hours and my wonderful wife, Donna, has taken over the yard duties. She does, for some reason, enjoy working out in the yard. She can stay out and rake leaves or pull weeds for hours, sometimes I think she may have been born outdoors or something. As for me, I think I was born on a couch because my favorite thing to do on a fall Sunday is lay on the couch and watch football. I usually end up falling asleep and don't get to see the end of the game anyway.

Happy Birthday to Kurt Jagielow, he turned the big 50 in October. One more year older Kurt, it just keeps on getting better from here, yeah ....right!

It was nice to see Peggy Brenner again, I hope all that attended enjoyed her program.

Kurt will be looking for help with setting up the expo and banquet stuff, so please let him know if you would like to help out. Anyone that has prizes that they would like to donate for our raffle please let us know. All of you fly tiers need to get busy put your favorite collection together and get them in to us so we can raffle them off at the banquet also. Believe it or not, your hand made flies are one of our biggest draws in the bucket raffle, so put a dozen or so together, stick them on a piece of foam and we will make sure they get into the bucket raffle at our banquet.

Maneeley's has insured us that their rates will not increase this year and that means banquet tickets will be \$40 once again. Make sure you get your banquet forms and checks in early as we expect a big crowd for this one. Our date for the expo and banquet is Saturday, February 5th, 2011. The expo starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. -- there will be fly tiers and also local shops and vendors and more. The banquet begins at 6:00 and ends when it ends so let's take our time and enjoy the evening; there is no need to rush. The rumor is true: I'm happy to say that our guest speaker for the banquet will be none other than Lefty Kreh. Lefty needs no introduction or explanation. If you don't know who he, is then you probably don't fly fish. He is as entertaining as always and most gracious. So, as I said before better get your reservations in





early because we will most likely have to cut it off once we sell so many reservations.

Once again thanks to Walt for all of his hard work with our monthly raffle and also thanks to Phil and Al for the great job making the coffee.

I have a little something that is kind of ticking me off a little so I figure after 5 or 6 years I think I'm entitled to spout off a little. Our newsletter editor, Todd Gorman, does not get paid, he does not have to do what he does and he does not have to give us the magazine quality newsletter that he gives us each and every He spends countless month. hours of his own time each month putting together the Lines and Leaders that we all enjoy. When emailing him please be respectful and please leave the sarcasm at home. Remember the people on the board of CFFA are volunteers, WE DO NOT GET PAID so if you want to tick one of them off, be ready to do their job. It's a fly fishing club and it's supposed to be fun! Anyone that is not receiving their emailed version of L&L please let Todd,

Phil, or myself know so we can remedy the problem. Don't get me wrong folks, I appreciate all of our members and I enjoy seeing all of you from time to time, but disrespecting the officers and board members that work so hard to make the club successful is just wrong. So once again here it is: our BOARD MEETINGS are the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. downstairs in the clubhouse. Anyone that has a concern is welcome to come by and address the board or even attend the meeting if you would like. Our MEMBERS MEETINGS are the second Wednesday of each month (except February, June, July, and August) upstairs in the clubhouse beginning at 7:30 p.m. There you have it; there should not be any more confusion, I hope.

My high school reunion was on October 24th at Adam's Mill. I brought my high school sweetheart with me, left the wife at home! Actually my wife is my high school sweetheart. It was so great to see some of my classmates that I haven't seen in 40 years. It's funny how everyone



**September Meeting** 

The CT Fly Fisherman's Association will present a fly fishing program on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at the Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse, 100 Sunset Ridge, East Hartford, CT., at 7:00 pm.

This month's guest speaker William Vincent. Ph.D. is Dr. Vincent is a clinical microbiologist and senior editor for Quest Diagnostics' Infectious Disease Update E Journal. He will be hosting a presentation on bug-borne diseases in New England. From Lyme Disease to West Nile Virus and more. Information every outdoorsman should know to help protect themselves from a host of insect transmitted diseases.

Admission to the CFFA monthly meetings is always free. Prior to the meeting some of the CFFA's best fly tiers will be tying some of their favorite patterns. For more information and directions to the meeting call 860-747-3324 or visit the CFFA website at www. ctflyfish.org

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aged or put weight on or lost their hair or their hair turned gray, not me though I stayed the same didn't change a bit. Right! Only problem was it was only 4 hours long so we didn't' really get to reconnect for long but, I hope the next reunion will be in summer and maybe be an outing type thing that will last all day long. I don't know where all the years have gone but I guess it's like one of my classmates said the years have gone into the experience and memories column. I guess he is probably right.

Please remember to support our sponsors, they are good to CFFA by supporting us with banquet raffle gifts and lessons etc. So be let's show them our appreciation by supporting them.

See you at the meeting, bring a friend, tight lines: John



**Coming Events** 

#### NEXT BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 3rd NEXT CLUB MEETING NOVEMBER 10th



### **Catch of The Month**



This "Catch of the Month" was submitted by Gary Steinmiller. That's not Gary in the float tube but none other than CFFA member Ted Rzepski in his new float tube with a smile and a fish. I bet Ted won't be returning the float tube. If you have a photo of the great fish you have caught, please send it to the Editor at: todd. gorman@mac.com

### Dick Wemmell's Fly Box



#### **BWO Dun**

Hook: #20 Mustad 94838 Thread: 8/0 Olive Dun Uni-Thread Body: Thread Tail: Olive Zelon Rib: Extra Fine Silver Wire Wing: Dun Pseudowing & Dun CDC Fly tied by Dick Wemmell Stop by the November meeting to see Dick tie this fly and maybe pick up a few pointers from him.

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