

Lines & Leaders

September 2010

The Newsletter of The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association

**FROM THE VEST OF
THE PRESIDENT**

**CFFA SEPT
MEETING**

Guest Speaker Ed Mitchell

ZEBRA MIDGE

By Dick Wemmell





From The Vest Of The President

I hope all of you had a safe summer. It was a very hot, dry and humid summer and not really good for trout fishing. Although some of you probably did okay I'm sure. There is still plenty of time to get out there, hopefully by now we had some rain and the rivers are back up to normal or close to it.

As for me, I did not get out and

fish at all, not even in my tube, I was just too busy; had lots of stuff that needed to get done so I had to take care of other things rather than go fishing. I know, I have my priorities mixed up but, oh well I'm sure I will get out there before the snow flies.

September marks the beginning of meeting season and I'm looking forward to seeing you

all again.

Please remember that our meetings are always free and open to the public.

Some bad news to report, past president, valued member and good friend Charlie Place is a little under the weather. So without going into detail, I would ask you to remember him and wish him well and I'm sure he will bounce back and be good as new real soon. Feel better Charlie! We are pullin' for ya!

On a personal level, I finally went back to work in June, it feels good to be working again. I tell you right out of the chute, they have us working overtime. But that's the way it goes in my business -- it's always feast or famine. Steak and lobster one month, peanut butter and jelly the next, just the way it goes I guess.

The new fish skulls are now on the market and doing very well. You can find out more about them on their website www.flymenfishingcompany.com They





also offer other products like nymph head beads and frantic tails to name a couple so check them out, it's a new experience in fly tying and they seem to work very well according to some of the feedback.

As you may or may not already know, our education chairman has vacated the position after more than 20 years of doing a great job. We need someone to step up and take over the position. It is a board position and you don't have to teach; you have to sign up students, collect the fees and take attendance every week. You will also be responsible for lining up the instructors for both the fly tying and fishing classes. You don't have to do this all alone; there is nothing that says you can't enlist an assistant or even form a committee. So please let us know if you would like the job.

Banquet and expo plans are already under way so stay tuned for more information.

Anyone that would like to have a table at our expo can contact Roger Plourde or let me know and I will relay the message. I

am already receiving inquiries about our classes so it looks like we should have a good turnout for both the tying and fishing classes.

We always need volunteers for our classes, banquet and expo help and especially when we tie at Cabela's and the outdoor show in Hartford. Please step up, lend a hand and volunteer. It's your club after all; if it were not for you, we would not have a club at all. So help us make CFFA successful and volunteer.

Please send your articles and pictures to our newsletter editor Todd Gorman. You can send your fishing pics and fly pics along with the recipe to Todd for consideration. If you would like to share an experience by writing about it you can send that in also.

A special thank you goes out to the family of Jeffrey Marchese for the donation of books to the CFFA. Thank you, they will be put to good use.

As always our board meetings are open to all of our members to express any concerns with the board that you may have. Board



September Meeting

The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association will present a fly fishing program on Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at the Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse, 100 Sunset Ridge, East Hartford, CT., at 7:00 pm This month's guest speaker is Ed Mitchell. Ed is one of the most well know saltwater fly rodders along the Atlantic coast. He authored three books: Fly Rodding the Coast, Fly Fishing the Saltwater Shoreline, and Fly Rodding Estuaries. Ed has written for all the major angling magazines and he is a contributing editor to Fly Fishing in Salt Waters magazine. You can read many of articles at www.flyroddingthecoast.com

Salt Sense: Tips and Tactics for the Saltwater Angler. This presentation contains insights gained from over 30 years experience in the salt. They range from basic knowledge to advanced strategies. Subjects include: Tides, light, seasons, reading beaches, retrieve styles and speeds, how to work a popper, and more.

Vest Continued

meetings are held at the clubhouse downstairs the 1st Wednesday of each month. Our members meetings are free and open to the public so let your fishing friends know.

Please, as always, feel free to approach me with any questions or concerns that you may have. I may not be able to fix your problem but I promise I will give it my best shot to get it resolved and I will listen. One unhappy member is one too many as far as I'm concerned. If we don't have your email address, please give it to us along with any changes; we do not ever share any of your private info with anyone for any reason at anytime, ever! Thanks to everyone that joined the emailed newsletter roster -- you have saved CFFA a bunch of dough each month so I thank you all for that.

See you all at the meeting, bring a friend.
Tight Lines: John

Special Announcement

The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association has received a donation of books and fly tying materials from the family of former member Jeff Merchese in his honor.

The CFFA would like to thank the Merchese family for their kind contribution.

Coming Events

NEXT BOARD MEETING SEPT 1st
NEXT CLUB MEETING SEPT 8th



Catch of The Month



This "Catch of the Month" was submitted by John Barrachi. The young lady in the photo with the nice brown is Chelsea. She is from a group of students from the American School for the Deaf that John and fellow CFFA members took out fishing early this summer. Congratulations to Chelsea. If you have a photo of the great fish you have caught, please send it to the Editor at: todd.gorman@mac.com

Dick Wemmel's Fly Box



Zebra Midge

Hook: #16 Daiichi 1150
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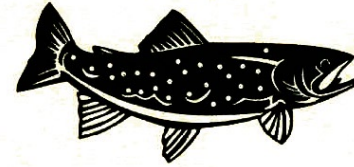
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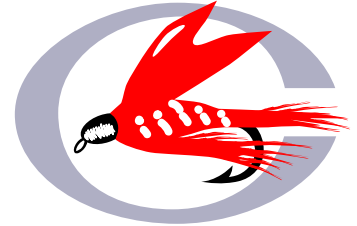
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