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The Newsletter of The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association

FROM THE VEST OF THE PRESIDENT

MAY MEETING

Neal Hagstrom

LAVENDER GHOST

By Dick Wemmell





From The Vest Of The President

"Almost everybody that ever wet a line has a fishing story to tell."

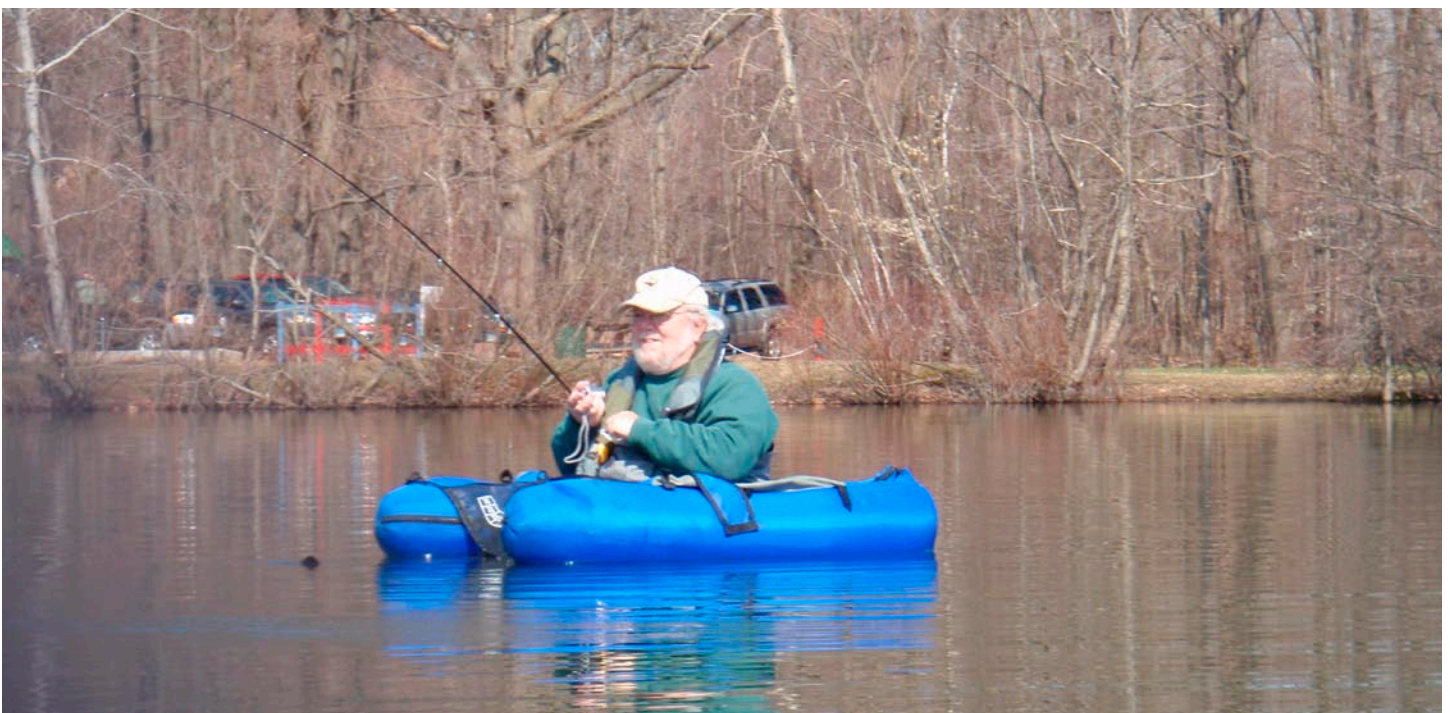
Charlie Place
1947 - 2012

Charlie was telling me fishing stories the last time I saw him, a few weeks before he passed away on April 1st. That evening I travelled to Canada, Maine and Montana through his

words. Whether spoken or written, Charlie's casual style of storytelling always made me imagine that I was there as the story unfolded. Charlie's writing contained the same homespun wit, wisdom and humor that could be felt whenever you were in his presence. His writing appeared many times in this newsletter



and on CFFA's website. He wrote for On the Water Magazine for eight years, and this month's edition contains a remembrance of Charlie by Editor Gene Bourque on page six. The Announcements Forum on CFFA's website contains links to some of his stories that were published by that magazine and by Fly Anglers Online. The forum also has information about the Charles Place



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Outdoorsman Award established in Charlie's memory by his family, and seeded with an initial donation from CFFA and our members.

Charlie first asked me to consider being president of CFFA two years before I agreed to do it. My decision was inspired by his guidance, his example and his laid-back perspective. He promised I would have his complete support and he more than fulfilled that promise, often in ways I never expected. My personal tribute to Charlie is that I'm a better person for having known him.

Charlie's passing is a tremendous loss to CFFA. He is one of our club's all-time greatest members and past presidents. He was a true gentleman and a great fly fisher, but as John Baracchi points out,

"He was never flashy, he was never fancy, he was just Good

Ole Charlie". His generous sharing of fly fishing with everyone, and his unselfish devotion to our club, symbolizes what CFFA is all about. That's what Lefty Kreh saw in Charlie when they first met, and as Ted Rzepski has said of the friendship that developed between those two, "Sometimes it takes an outsider to recognize how special someone is".

Charlie was a special person, a special club member and a very special friend to many of us. He leaves a legacy of many people forever touched by his spirit and of a club that will always be grateful to call him one of our own.

Charlie often participated in CFFA's classes, and our current Fly Fishing Class has 14 eager beginners including

May Meeting

The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association will present a fly fishing program on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at the Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse, 100 Sunset Ridge, East Hartford, CT., at 7:00 pm

This month's program will be Weird Weather and Trout. It will be presented by Neal Hagstrom. What has the mild winter and dry spring done to trout fishing in Connecticut? What can we expect looking forward? Neal grew up on the New Hampshire Coast. He earned a B.S. in Biology from UConn a Masters in Fisheries and Allied Aquaculture from Auburn University. Neal worked in the California Deserts for 5 years for the Imperial Irrigation District as part of a multidisciplinary study team. Worked on aquatic weed control using grass carp. Designed and build a production hatchery for producing grass carp at the Irrigation District. Started with the Connecticut DEP in 1988 working as lead biologist on the state wide stream survey project.

Admission to our monthly club meetings is free, and as always the public is invited to attend.

For more information and directions to the meeting or visit the CFFA website at www.ctflyfish.org



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three kids and three women. Bill Keister led the casting lesson on April 14th with help from Kyle Dauray, Gordon Tedford, Phil McCormick, Paul Edberg and Gary Steinmiller.

The fly tying and fishing program at the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford is completing its 18th year with about a dozen teenaged students ready to use their flies at the fishing picnic outing. This year's program was made possible by the contributions of CFFA members Kevin Fuller, John Springer, Dom Larosa, Ted Rzepski, Gordon Tedford, Phil McCormick, Jonathan & Scott Goldman, Richard Gilligan and Jon Hayhow.

If you are thinking of introducing someone to fishing, remember that May 12th is Free Fishing Day statewide and everyone can fish that day in Connecticut without a fishing license. This is a great opportunity for friends and families to fish with their children and enjoy the experience of being outdoors together.

CFFA will participate in "A Sporting Chance for Youth Day" on Saturday June 9th from 9:00am till noon at Riverfront Park in Hartford. We will be back at Riverfront Park for a Fishing Derby at 5:00pm on Wednesday June 13th as part of Fatherhood Week sponsored by The Village for Families and Children. CFFA may also participate in a fishing event for kids at TPC River Highlands during this year's GHO. Contact me if you are interested in helping with any of these worthy events.

Our next meeting is May 9th featuring DEEP Fisheries Biologist Neal Hagstrom's program on "Weird Weather and Trout". Neal will also touch upon the effects of this unusual weather on saltwater fishing. This will be our last meeting until September, so I wish you all a pleasant and safe summer.

><<)))*> Bruce

Coming Events

NEXT BOARD MEETING MAY 2th
NEXT CLUB MEETING MAY 9th

Coming Events:

May 9th CFFA Meeting - DEEP Fisheries Manager Neal Hagstrom on "Weird Weather & Trout".

May 12th - Free Fishing Day in CT

June 9th - Fishing Derby at Riverfront Park in Hartford 9:00am - noon

June 13th - A Sporting Chance for Youth Day at Riverfront Park in Hartford 5:00pm - 7:00pm



Catch of The Month



This "Catch of the Month" was submitted by Ted Rzepski. This Barbie was not quite a keeper but was safely released to be caught another day. 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



Lavender Ghost

Hook: 7X Streamer

Thread: Black

Body: Pumpkin Uni Stretch

Rib: XS Silver Mylar

Wing: Lavender & Dun Marabou

Beard: White Kip

Eyes: Painted

Fly tied by Dick Wemmell

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MAY 5th, 2012 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.



Join us for an afternoon in support of Casting for Recovery (CFR), a national, non –profit organization that offers counseling, education, medical information and a fly-fishing experience to women recovering from breast cancer.

Spend an afternoon at Farmington’s Winding Trails getting to know the soothing pursuit of fly fishing and the art of fly tying. Wander its picturesque trails and enjoy the scenery.



Winding Trails is in Farmington on Route 4 just 2.2 miles west of the Route 1-84 exit

Participate in fly tying and casting demonstrations
12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Make your bids in a diverse silent auction
12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Indulge in a Texas BBQ from our own Flagstead
BBQ: 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Cost for the BBQ is \$50.00 per person
(\$20.00 tax deductible), Cash bar

Proceeds from this event will help underwrite the opportunity for up to one breast cancer survivors treated at UCONN’s Cancer Center to attend the 2012 CFR retreat.

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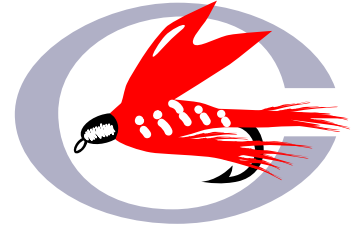
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