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The Newsletter of The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association

**FROM THE VEST OF  
THE PRESIDENT**

**OCTOBER  
MEETING**  
Bob Romano

**MAROON PICKET  
PIN**  
By Dick Wemmell



Chuck Koteen with a 33" Brown



### From The Vest Of The President

"The two best times to fish is when it's rainin' and when it ain't."

Patrick F. McManus

It was nice to see so many friends at the September meeting and to meet some new folks, too. Eight people raised their hands when I asked if anyone was visiting the meeting as a non-member.

Our meetings are free and open to the public, and it has been a great tradition of CFFA to welcome guests. Our members are always glad to help new folks learn about our club and about fly fishing, and that's one of the great things about CFFA. The speaker at the meeting was Ron Merly who took us on a tour of fishing

spots around our state and many of us left with a copy of his new book.

That first meeting of our season was well attended and it ran smoothly, which reminded me of all the folks that make our meetings happen every month. I want to thank Phil McCormick for preparing the refreshments and cleaning-up the kitchen afterwards, while at the same time handling membership applications and renewals. Thanks to Roger Plourde for continually finding interesting presenters for our events and for assisting with prizes for the monthly raffle. Kurt Jagielow also supplies huge support to the monthly raffle, and Walt Grudzien has been running it for years, so those guys deserve our appreciation. Speaking of the raffle, I want to commend Richard Gaudreau and Kyle Dauray for stepping-up and offering to takeover for Walt. Thanks



## May Meeting



## Vest

to Bob Winot for reserving the clubhouse for all our meetings and classes, and thanks to Denise Dauray for always being prepared to sell club hats and clothing. The Goldman library is a tremendous addition to our meetings and we are deeply grateful to Scott and Jonathan for creating it in memory of their father and for running it every month. Our meetings are announced in this newsletter, and we all appreciate the outstanding quality of Lines & Leaders for which we have Todd Gorman to thank. I also want to give a nod to Dick Wemmell for sharing so many of his classic fly patterns in these pages. Our club's website is an essential means of communication in today's world and we owe a debt of

gratitude to Nils Christensen and Don O'Neil for keeping it running. Thanks to Ted Rezepski for tying flies at the September meeting, as he so often does, and for always sharing insights about his patterns with the folks who stop at his table.

We'd like to see more tyers at the meetings, so anyone that ties at the October meeting will receive a dozen free tickets for the monthly raffle. You do not need to be an expert tyer to setup a vice at our meetings. Our club has all levels of tyers, including non-tyers, and it's always interesting to see someone else's creations.

Paul Edberg has done a fabulous job as our Treasurer, but he can no longer serve in that position because he has moved to the Boston area. So we really need someone to step-up and fill this critical void. CFFA is not a

The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association will present a fly fishing program on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012 at the Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse, 100 Sunset Ridge, East Hartford, CT., at 7:00 pm

Our October meeting will feature a presentation by Maine guide and author Bob Romano. Trish and Bob Romano have owned a cabin in the Rangeley Lakes Region of western Maine for over twenty-five years. Sometimes referred to as The Land of Fishing Legends, the Rangeley Lakes Region is where Carrie Stevens tied her Gray Ghost streamer and Louise Dickinson Rich wrote her books about life on the Rapid River. The brook trout here are native and the landlocked salmon wild. It is a place where an angler can still catch a fish as big as he or she can dream.

Bob will be providing a lively commentary accompanied by over 100 of Trish's photographs covering places to fish, accommodations, and an overview of the flora and fauna of this region of the country that remains much as it was in the early nineteen hundreds. Bob has written three books about the area.

Illustrated by his wife, Trish, *Shadows in the Stream*, contains a series of essays about the lakes, rivers and streams of the region. *North of Easie*, Bob's fly fishing novel, received second place in the New England Outdoor Writer's Association's contest for Best Book of 2010. Published in 2012, *West of Rangeley* is the sequel to that novel. 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.cfflyfish.org](http://www.cfflyfish.org)

## Vest

fully functioning association without a Treasurer. We cannot be a legal entity without a Treasurer. The job is similar to balancing your personal checking account with the bank statement. We can move the club account to your bank of choice if you take this job. It does not require coming to every meeting because much of the communication is via email. Everyone on the board helps each other out; we've got you covered if you can't make an event. This is of utmost importance to CFFA, so please give consideration to becoming our Treasurer and let myself or any board member know if you have interest or questions.

CFFA had a table at Cabela's celebration of the US Sportsmen's Alliance



during Hunting & Fishing Appreciation weekend in September. In addition to the satisfaction of promoting our sport and our club, volunteers also received a vendor's discount for the weekend and CFFA received a \$100 Cabela's gift card. Commendations to our tyers and talkers: Promotions V.P. Rich Gaudreau, Joe Fasulo,

Ted Rezepski, John Baracchi, and Phil McCormick.

CFFA's next public event opportunity will be 1:00pm on Sunday October 28th at Heron Cove Park in Tolland. We've been invited to teach fly casting as part of an outdoor event that features a hike along the Willimantic River on a half-mile loop trail. This is one of the Walktober 2012 events and it is expected to attract families with young children. We can setup targets on the grass and help folks learn to fly cast. Afterwards, perhaps we can checkout one of my honey holes on the river or a private club I belong to in the area. However, we can only accept this invitation if enough members participate, so speak up if you want to be there.

There will be no haunted house at the Clubhouse this autumn so our October and November meetings will be held there at the usual time. Maine guide and author Bob Romano will



## Catch of The Month



This "Catch of the Month" was submitted by Chuck Koteen. Chuck landed this 33" brown trout on Aug. 8 in East Lake near Bend, OR, drift fishing a nymph. Nice job Chuck. 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



### Maroon Picket Pin

Hook: 2XL Nymph  
Thread: Black 6/0  
Tail: Pheasant Tail  
Body: Maroon Peacock  
Hackle: Brown  
Wing: Gray Squirrel  
Head: Maroon Peacock  
Fly tied by Dick Wemmell

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be the speaker on Wednesday October 10th. Bob will display many of his wife's beautiful photographs while discussing the largely unspoiled environment of the Rangeley Lakes region, including fishing spots and accommodations. Bob is a friend of our club, having exhibited at our Expo, and I'm sure his presentation will be very informative about this area where many of us would like to spend more time.

Remember that Todd always invites you to submit photos and/or articles for future editions of Lines & Leaders. Please support our advertisers that help bring you this newsletter. Keep in mind that invasive species could be lurking in your fishing gear. Don't take chances with lightning or violent storms, but remember that autumn is one of the best times to fish our salt and fresh waters, whether it's rainin' or it ain't.

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## Coming Events

**NEXT BOARD MEETING OCT 3rd**

**NEXT CLUB MEETING OCT 11th**

Casting Clinic on the Willimantic River in Tolland  
Sun. Oct. 28th - pending enough volunteers



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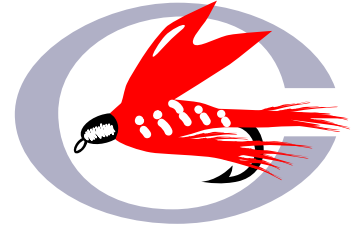
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