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The Newsletter of The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association



From the vest of
the president

December meeting
guest speaker

Rich Strolis

Dick Wemmell's
fly box



"The great charm of fly-fishing is that we are always learning."

Theodore Gordon

From the vest of the President

Theodore Gordon was a writer who fished the Catskill region of New York State in the late 1800's and early 1900's. He wrote articles for the Fishing Gazette and published works in Forest and Stream, sometimes under the pseudonym Badger Hackle. Though he never published a book, he is often called the father of the American school of dry-fly fishing because he imported English fly fishing tackle and flies and began to alter the English flies to precisely match the insects hatching in the Neversink, Beaverkill and Willowemoc rivers. Because these waters were often rougher than English chalk streams, one change Gordon made was to use stiffer hackle to help keep the flies afloat. His most famous pattern was the Quill Gordon, the fly that gave American fly tyers the confidence to break away from the shadow of the old English school. Theodore Gordon also experimented with what may have been the first hairwing fly pattern in the late nineteenth century. His intention was to tie a better pike fly, but he found, incidentally, that the pattern would catch other game fish, including salmon. The quote above states a great truth about our sport, that it is a never-ending expansion of mind and body which helps keep us open-minded and youthful.

CFFA offers many ways for us to enjoy this great charm of fly fishing, beginning with our December 11th meeting featuring a presentation on streamer flies for big fish in our local waters by Rich Stolis. Founder of the informative website and on-line store, Catching Shadows, Rich is an innovative tier and a contributor to fishing publications. He is a good friend of our club and his talks are always enjoyable and relevant.

We'd like to see more folks tying at our meetings so anyone who ties flies at the December 11th meeting (setup by 6:45) will receive twelve free raffle tickets for that night's monthly drawing. Kurt will have \$20 tickets available at the next two meetings for a special 50-ticket-only raffle for a bamboo fly rod outfit. The winner will be drawn at our Banquet on February 1st, but need not be present to win.

CFFA's next Fly Tying Classes begin on January 9th and run for six consecutive Thursdays at Cabela's conference room upstairs near the deli. If you are a beginner fly tyer, or just a rusty one (or you know someone who is) this is a great opportunity to learn from some of our very best instructors. Tuition for the entire course is only \$30 for all kids, \$40 for adult CFFA members and \$50 for everyone else. Space is limited so register now by phoning Education Chairman Richard Gilligan at 860-839-2070. Our annual Expo (admission \$1) is Saturday February 1st at Maneeley's in South Windsor from 9:00am till 3:00pm featuring dozens of exhibitors and vendors along with free technical seminars including one by special guest Eric Stroup. The Banquet follows at 6:00 and a dinner reservation form is included with this newsletter. Eric will present a banquet program with appeal to even non-fishers. Our famous bucket raffles will have a new format and are expected to be better than ever. Our recent Expos and Banquets have been very well attended, have received rave reviews and have been quite successful for the club. This is the single most important day of the year for CFFA, and we really need some more folks to step-up and help to run the event under the guidance of our experienced members. So please ask Kurt or Roger what you can do to help.

It's time to renew your CFFA dues. Only through member support can we continue to provide outstanding programs and to fulfill our mission of preserving the traditions of fly fishing and conserving game fish waters. Please see Phil at the December 11th meeting or mail-in the renewal form found in this newsletter.

I want to wish all our members a very merry holiday season. Here are my suggestions for your gift shopping list that keeps your dollars local and supports our club:

- Membership to CFFA (\$25)
- Jan/Feb Fly Tying Class (\$30 – \$50)
- Feb 1st Banquet Dinner Reservation (\$40)
- CFFA patch, hat or shirt (\$2 - \$20)
- Bamboo trout outfit raffle ticket with a 1 in 50 chance (\$20)
- March/April Fly Fishing Class (\$30 – \$50)
- Bring a friend to a CFFA meeting (free)
- Anything from the local advertisers that support this newsletter.

May the great charm of fly fishing always be with you.

><<)))*> Bruce

Dick Wemmell's Fly Box



BWO Wet Fly

Thread: Olive 6/0

**Hook: #16 Mustad
3906**

**Body: Chartreuse
(Chartreuse what I
don't know that is all
Dick put on the card)**

Rib: Gold Mylar

It's time to pay your dues again

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email _____

Phone: _____

Junior (under 16 yrs.) \$5.00

**Regular \$25.00

Supporting \$30.00

Contributing \$75.00

Life Membership \$300.00

Total Enclosed \$_____

Please, when mailing in payment for renewal, if no information has changed write in your name and be sure your email address is current. After the mail is sorted I only see the renewal form, not the check.

Make check payable to " CFFA "

SEND TO : CFFA, P.O. Box 380268

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Anyone interested in serving on any committee, Please
Speak with Bruce Rich at any monthly meeting.

OUR SPEAKER THIS MONTH IS RICH STROLIS

Trout fisherman to the core, but he'll be quick to tell you that as long as it swims and will eat sizable flies, it's pretty much fair game in his book. It was no coincidence that his first fly caught trout was fooled on a muddler minnow, and 25 years later his passion for streamer fishing continues to evolve. Although he can hold his own in many facets of fly fishing for trout, streamers are his passion, and he likes them big. His passion for streamer fishing goes beyond the water, expanding to his vise where he constantly tinkers with materials both new and old to create fresh patterns that push the limits in hopes being solid producers both near and far. Rich will be giving a presentation on his passion, Streamer Tactics For Trophy Trout. Bring a notepad and an open mind and you should walk away with some tips to fish streamers with consistent success all year round.

RON DUNLEVY WITH SHETUCKET RIVER SALMON



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Eric P. Stroup – Stroup Fly Fishing

Eric Stroup is arguably one of the most well known guides in the eastern United States. His decade long history of an average of 150 days on the water per year with paying clients is tops among other companies in the business. Eric along with wife, Tracey owns and operates **Stroup Fly Fishing**.

An accomplished writer, Eric has had feature articles in nearly every major national and some worldwide magazines. His first book, **Common-Sense Fly Fishing; 7 Simple Lessons to Catch More Trout**, has been a top seller and is now in its second printing. His second book, **River Pimp**, was released in November of 2011 and he is currently working on his third.

Eric is a national speaker on the subject of successful tactics in fly fishing. As a regular headliner for the **Fly Fishing Show**, the largest fly fishing venue in the world, Eric's presentations are always among the most attended. In addition to the major national shows, Eric presents at many fly fishing clubs, universities and charities across the country.

One of Eric's proudest works is a two volume DVD entitled **Practical Fly Patterns That Catch Trout** (Tightline Productions 2006) Eric is featured with his friend and mentor, angling legend Charles Meck. *Fly Tye Magazine* named the video one of the best instructional videos of 07. Once a commercial fly tier, Eric is in high demand for his instructional tying classes and instructs at all the national shows as

well as at private clubs, universities and events. Eric is featured in *Dave Klausmeyer's* book entitled **The Masters Fly Box**, released in 2011.

Eric's newest venture features his skills as a videographer and show host on **FACE TIME FLY FISHING**, a web-based instructional production featured at www.ericstroupflyfishing.com. This program is reaching thousands of enthusiastic anglers and is unique in the industry in being the first of its kind in fly fishing.

Eric resides in Tyrone, Pennsylvania with his wife Tracey, son Jon and black lab, BLUE. The family's dedication to the great sport of fly fishing is unparalleled and their invitation for all to come and enjoy the limestone streams of central Pennsylvania is always open.



Special Raffle



This years Special rod raffle is a Bamboo rod, reel and line.

Michael Shea Bamboo Rod Maker 6'3" 2/2 Rod and TubeFish Creek Edition Teton Reel with a DT 3 line.

Tickets will be sold by mail and at the December and January meetings and at the Expo and Banquet

50 Ticket Raffle \$20.00 per ticket

Only 50 tickets will be sold

To purchase tickets please make a check out to :

CFFA c/o

Kurt Jagielow

14 Earl Ave Ext

Hamden CT 06514



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CFFA Banquet Dinner Reservation

Banquet is Saturday February 1, 2014. Doors open at 6pm
Maneeley's, 65 Rye Street, South Windsor, CT

The dinners are \$40.00 per plate. If you wish to reserve an entire table (8 – 10 seats) you must phone Mike Stewart at 860-653-4203. Otherwise, simply fill out form below and mail with your check.

Mail this Reservation Form and your Check by 1/25/2014
TO: Mr. Michael Stewart, 215 Loomis Street, North Granby, CT 06060
Make Check out to CFFA

Name _____

Address _____

Contact phone _____ Email address _____

Number of Reservations@ \$40 each _____

Number of Prime Rib _____

Number of Seafood _____

Number of Chicken _____

Request for Vegetarian _____

Request for Gluten-Free _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____



UPCOMING EVENTS

Marlboro Fly Fishing show
January 17-19th

The Connecticut River Salmon Association's
38 TH ANNUAL DINNER
January 18, 2014
USS Chowder Pot in Hartford

New Jersey fly fishing show
January 24-26th
Summerset N.J.

SAVE THE DATE

Monthly Board meeting December 4th

Monthly meeting December 11th

Tying Classes start Jan. 9th

CFFA Expo & Banquet Feb. 1



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