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The Newsletter of The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association

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THE PRESIDENT**

**JANUARY  
MEETING**  
Pizza and a Movie

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WET FLY**  
By Dick Wemmell

**CFFA EXPO  
BANQUET**

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### From The Vest Of The President

“... let mankind have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air ... and over all the earth”

Genesis 1:26

CFFA is kicking off the new year with a great lineup of events, including our club’s biggest single day of the year on February 2nd. That’s when our annual Expo and Banquet will take place at Maneeley’s in South Windsor. Be sure to let your friends know because both events are open to the general public. Legendary fly tier and fishing tactician Don Bastian is our Special Guest this year. Don will be on hand throughout the day, providing technical fly fishing information during the Expo and presenting a general audience program at the Banquet. The Expo also features a couple of dozen exhibitors and some of our area’s best fly tiers, making it the most convenient and affordable (at \$1 admission) fly fishing show of the season. The Banquet includes our famous bucket raffles and it requires a reservation, so get your dinner selections and \$40 per person in to Mike Stewart. We

are still accepting items for book and tag sales at the Expo and for bucket raffles at the Banquet, so if you have anything to donate bring it to the January meeting or to the Expo or contact Kurt Jagielow. There will not be another newsletter before this big day, so mark your calendars for the first Saturday in February – that’s the day before the Super Bowl. Don’t forget, there is no monthly meeting in February because of the Expo & Banquet.

Our beginner Fresh Water Fly Tying Course is running Thursday evenings at Cabela’s. Most of the classes are led by one of our professional fly tiers, Leslie Wrixon or Mike Stewart, making this course one of the best values anywhere. There may be room for a few late-comers, so let Richard Gilligan know immediately if you want to attend.

Our monthly meeting on Wednesday January 9th is Pizza & Movie Night. This year it also features a special book sale. Over time, CFFA has acquired an extensive collection of fishing-related literature, so we are opening the

vault and making these materials available at bargain prices during the January meeting. Our members always enjoy seeing flies being made, so everyone is invited to setup a vise and tie some up between bites of pizza. This meeting will also be a good time to reserve a spot for our Roscoe trip and to renew your club dues. If you can’t make the meeting, please mail the \$25 dues into Phil McCormick, because CFFA needs your support.

Seventy-six people attended our December meeting, and it was a terrific time. The informative presentation by Mike Duclos of Tiderunner Charters took us through a season of fly fishing on Long Island Sound. Mike had many of his favorite fly patterns on display, and we also enjoyed watching flies being tied by Ted Rzepski, Bob Winot, John Walker and Gary Steinmiller. Everyone’s attention was captured when Bill Case explained the pending Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) proposal to pipe drinking water from the Farmington Valley to Storrs because Uconn and the Town of Mansfield (of which Storrs is a section) cannot proceed with their development plans without 1.25 to 1.93 million gallons more water every day. Much concern over this proposal was expressed at our meeting. It was also a hot topic at the Fisheries Advisory Council meeting on the following day, and there has been a lot of buzz about it in the fishing community at large.

Uconn’s expansion plans include a large Technology Park, a redevelopment of the Depot Campus, and new business and mixed use areas at King Hill Road and Storrs Center, some of which is already being built. Mansfield’s

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plans include a redevelopment of the Four Corners area and new residential areas. There are also plans for a new main entrance road into Uconn off of Route 44 near the two banks opposite the Grand Union.

Storrs sits on a hill between the Fenton and Willimantic Rivers, and it draws drinking water from aquifers below both rivers. There are strict limits on how much water can be taken from these aquifers, and this is monitored very closely, especially since 2005 when too much water was pumped out of the Fenton aquifer causing a section of that river to completely dry-up. Test wells have been drilled in numerous places around Storrs but they have not shown enough capacity required for the desired new development. So an attempt is being made to import the water.

Connecticut law requires an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for these types of projects. This EIE can be viewed at <http://www.ct.gov/ceq/cwp/view.asp?a=987&q=249438#EIE>. If you don't use computers, the EIE is available for viewing at the East Hartford town hall and some other town halls in the area – call ahead to make sure. I submitted written comments on behalf of CFFA after first posting the comments on our website. These comments can be viewed at The President's Blog on CFFA's website. The deadline for public comments was extended from December 21, 2012 to January 4, 2013, and it may be extended again. There will probably be future opportunities for public comment on this project before it is all settled, and people are always free to express their

feelings anytime in various ways. I hope that anglers do so respectfully, remembering that MDC allows free public access to much of the land it controls, including a lot of fishing access to the upper Farmington River.

MDC's proposal states that the water they can supply to Storrs would be taken from the Barkhamsted and Nepaug Reservoirs, not directly from the Colebrook and West Branch Reservoirs that feed the world class trout waters of the West Branch Farmington River. I would sleep better if the MDC proposal contained an absolute assurance that the West Branch Farmington and its upstream sources will never be tapped. Otherwise, that could be a temptation once the pipeline is built and demand for water increases in the future.

Two other alternative water sources for Storrs are presented in this EIE. The Connecticut Water Company is offering to supply water from the Shenipsit Reservoir on the Hockanum River plus from some of its well fields near the Scantic River and Gulf Stream. This could impact flows in all these important fisheries. The Willimantic Water Works is offering to supply water from the Willimantic Reservoir on the Natchug River. Flows on that river could be lessened, as well as on the river it flows into, the Shetucket. The EIE analyzes all three alternative water sources, but it does not indicate a clear winner. I've spoken with some folks who feel the Executive Summary gives a slight advantage to the MDC offer. The issue is quite complex, and the EIE contains far too much data to even summarize here.

Yet, many of us feel this EIE is incomplete. It does not address the environmental impacts of the additional wastewater. Regard-



## January Meeting

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

January is our annual Pizza and a Movie Night!

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](http://www.ctflyfish.org)

Now is the time to purchase your tickets for the CFFA's annual expo and banquet. It is Saturday, February 2, 2013 . 6:00pm - 10:30pm at Maneely's , 65 Rye Street, South Windsor, CT.

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less of the source, most of the additional water supplied to the Storrs area will be piped directly from Uconn's wastewater treatment plant into the Willimantic River at Eagleville. That is several miles downstream of the Trout Management Area, which should not be affected. Still, every year hundreds of millions more gallons of wastewater will enter the Willimantic River and the other valuable natural resources downstream: the Shetucket and the Thames Rivers. Will the added volume cause more flooding? Will the treatment plant be overwhelmed during heavy rains and discharge raw sewage? What are the ecological ramifications of so much additional wastewater which, even after treatment, can contain significant levels of detergents, pharmaceuticals, hormones, and other substances that can harm plants and animals in and around these rivers? Two of the three proposed alternative water sources drain into Long Island Sound via the Connecticut River. This new wastewater would enter the Sound via the Thames River. This volume of water has never before been piped between two of our state's three major drainages to the Sound, and this transfer would occur far from the Sound, in the northern parts of our state. Such an unprecedented water transfer requires serious study, which is lacking in this EIE.

Some of the Storrs area already has dangerously high percentages of man-made ground cover that prevents rainwater from percolating through the soil before entering the watershed. Eagleville Brook, which flows from Storrs to the

Eagleville Lake impoundment on the Willimantic River, has for years been cited by the CT DEEP and by the U.S. EPA as non-supportive of aquatic life because of impervious cover, which basically means that rainwater is surging directly into this brook off of roads, roofs, parking lots, etc. The purpose of supplying additional water to the Storrs area is to enable further development which will add even more impervious cover. This will further threaten flora and fauna in the Fenton and Willimantic Rivers and their tributaries with erosive surges of storm water runoff containing pollutants, heat, and sediment.

Perhaps these development plans can be scaled-back, made with "green" construction methods, and/or moved to other locations that have enough local water and less stressed environments. Humankind does indeed have dominion over the fish and the birds and the earth. What we do with it today determines what will be left tomorrow. All the rivers mentioned here were once teeming with salmon.

## FRAA Annual Banquet

SATURDAY  
MARCH 2, 2013  
CORNUCOPIA Banquet Hall  
371 Pinewoods Road  
Torrington, CT

Tickets can be purchased at the monthly meetings, at Upcountry and online at FRAA.org.

Mail orders can be made through:

Tom Karpeichik  
170 Ramstein Road  
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1-860-309-5510.



## Roscoe Trip

The CFFA is sponsoring a week-end trip to the birth place of fly fishing, Roscoe New York. Come join your fellow club members for a week end of fly fishing, May 17,18 and 19th. Ken and Michelle Tutalo will be our host at The Baxter House River Outfitters. Enjoy the company of friends while fishing The Beaverkill River, the Willowemoc River and the East and West Branch of the Delaware River.

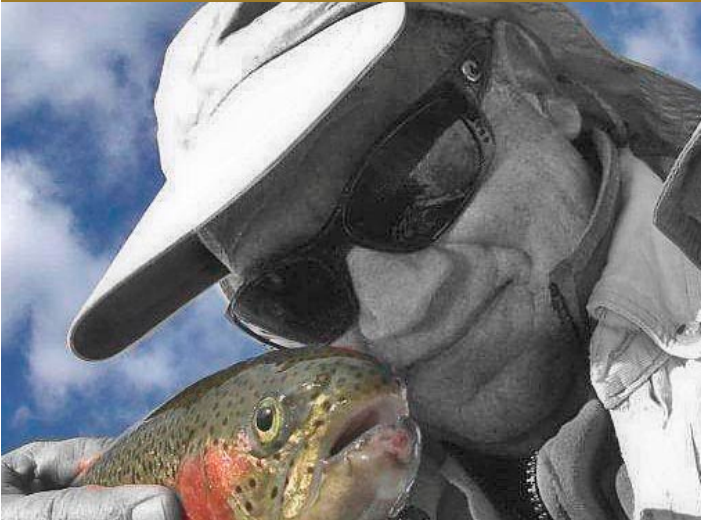
The trip will include lodging on Friday and Saturday night. Cost is \$100.00 for club members. Visit The Baxter House website for information about the lodging and available guide service.

Please contact Bob Winot at 860-292-1685 or [rwinot25@cox.net](mailto:rwinot25@cox.net) for more information and reservations.

## Coming Events

**BOARD MEETING JAN 2nd**  
**CLUB MEETING JAN 9th**  
Beginner Fly Tying Classes  
Begin Jan. 3rd  
Expo & Banquet Feb. 2nd  
Roscoe trip May 17th -19th  
**CLUB POSITIONS THAT MUST BE FILLED**  
Banquet Committee

## Catch of The Month



This "Catch of the Month" was submitted by John Springer. He is shown here posing with a new friend. If you have a photo of the great fish you have caught, please send it to the Editor at: [todd.gorman@mac.com](mailto:todd.gorman@mac.com)

## Dick Wemmell's Fly Box



### **Moby Dick Wet Fly**

Hook: Mustad 3906B Size 12

Thread: Black 6/0

Tail: Golden Pheasant Tippet

Body: Peacock

Rib: Brown Hackle

Wing: Wood Duck

Fly tied by Dick Wemmell

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Mr. Michael Stewart  
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Request for Vegetarian Dinners: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Rod Raffle

This years raffle will be for a Winston Blix 8 1/2 4wt 4pc rod, an Orvis CFO III Reel w/spare spool Rio Select DT 4wt line and a Teeny 130 line Tickets are \$20.00 Only 60 tickets will be sold! Tickets will be available at the Dec. and Jan. monthly meetings or mail a check to:  
CFFA c/o Kurt Jagielow 14 Earl Ave.  
Hamden, CT 06514



### CRSA Dinner

The CT River Salmon Assoc. will hold it's 37 annual dinner Jan. 19, 2013 at the Chowder Pot IV 165 Brainard Rd. Hartford, CT. Social hour/preview 5-6:30 pm dinner at 6:30 pm. Guest speaker is William Hyatt from DEEP Tickets are \$40.00 each. Download reservation forms at [ctriversalmon.org](http://ctriversalmon.org) or call Tom Chrosniak 860 519-7451 or Jim Carroll 860 236-5181

CFFA Marketplace

# CFFA Expo & Banquet

Saturday February 2, 2013

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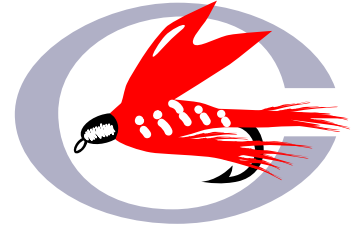
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