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The Newsletter of The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association

## FROM THE VEST OF THE PRESIDENT

### MARCH MEETING

Marla Blair

### ORGANDY RIBBON HORNBURG

By Dick Wemmell



Lower Falls Yellowstone River



### From The Vest Of The President

"A trout is a moment of beauty known only to those who seek it."

Arnold Gingrich

This is the first newsletter since our Expo and Banquet in

February and I want to thank everyone who helped make that day a huge success. Roughly 300 people came to our Expo, and although we don't keep precise records (this is after all a fishing club), no one I've

spoken with can remember a bigger turnout. There were over a dozen of this area's finest fly tiers demonstrating how they do it. There were another two dozen exhibitors, some offering all kinds of new and used fly fishing gear at bargain prices, while others got us dreaming about great destinations and guided trips. The four free seminars were all informative, entertaining and very well attended. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Banquet that evening which featured spirited socializing, amazing raffles and delicious food. It was my pleasure to award the Scarlet Ibis to Education Chairman Richard Gilligan for all he has accomplished with our Tying and Fishing Schools. The Ted Barbieri Award went to Dick Wemmell for contributing so many fine fly patterns



to this newsletter. In honor of great Moms past and present, Jonathan and Scott Goldman bestowed the first-ever Gloria Goldman Memorial Award to Denise Dauray. Special Guest Don Bastian was a big hit at the Expo, and also at the Banquet where he surprised us all by ending his presentation by superbly singing a long and ribald Scottish ballad.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, Kurt Jagielow will try to name everyone that helped out with the Expo and Banquet, but he'll probably not mention himself, so I just want to thank him for preparing all year long for our club's biggest day. More than any other single person, Kurt is responsible for these events running smoothly, and for them being so much fun and so financially successful.

We just completed a Beginner Fly Tying Class that had twenty students. Richard Gilligan did a terrific job with organizing all the tools and materials, and with coordinating all the people. Thanks to Leslie Wrixon and Gary Steinmiller for each leading a session, and a special thanks to Mike Stewart for leading three sessions. A class of that size could not work without the help of the many CFFA members that came to assist the students at their vices, so on behalf of all the students, Richard and I wish to thank Peter Naples, Ted Rosenkrantz, Phil McCormick, Bob Winot, Gordon Tedford, John Baracchi and Gary Steinmiller.

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### March Meeting

The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association will present a fly fishing program on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at the Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse, 100 Sunset Ridge, East Hartford, CT., at 7:00 pm

Our speaker will be Marla Blair. Marla's presentation will cover "The Best Local Rivers of Western MA & Northwest CT." Marla is the author of the book, "Positive Fly Fishing", and she has been a good friend of CFFA since the beginning of her guiding career in 1993. Marla coordinates destination fly fishing trips, and creates fly patterns that are effective in New England. Marla Blair can be seen on "The New Fly Fisher" Fishing

Show, on PBS, OLN, & Discovery Channels. She was the subject of a Documentary, advertising the Union News/Sunday Republican. Marla Blair offers lectures, power point programs, casting & fly tying demos at trade shows, as well as fishing and other types of clubs.

She will present a very interesting program that focuses on some of our local waters and includes information about flies, equipment and best times to fish. 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)

## Thank You

We had a lot of help again this year with the Expo and Banquet. Many people stepped up to help.

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A big thanks to Roger Plourde. We plot, plan and bounce ideas around and somehow the Expo and Banquet always works out great.

Maneeley's Bruce and Sandy always make sure we're well taken care of and all the details are covered.

I always miss a name somewhere. Your efforts to help the club are truly appreciated

## Coming Events

**NEXT BOARD MEETING MARCH 6th**  
**NEXT CLUB MEETING MARCH 13th**

#### Fly Fishing Classes:

Our beginner Fly Fishing Class starts on March 7th at Cabela's with four consecutive Thursday evenings of classroom sessions followed by two daytime on-the-water sessions. The cost for all six sessions is only \$50, just \$40 for CFFA members, or \$30 for kids. There may still be room for a few more students - to find out, call Richard at 860-839-2070.

#### ASD Fly Tying:

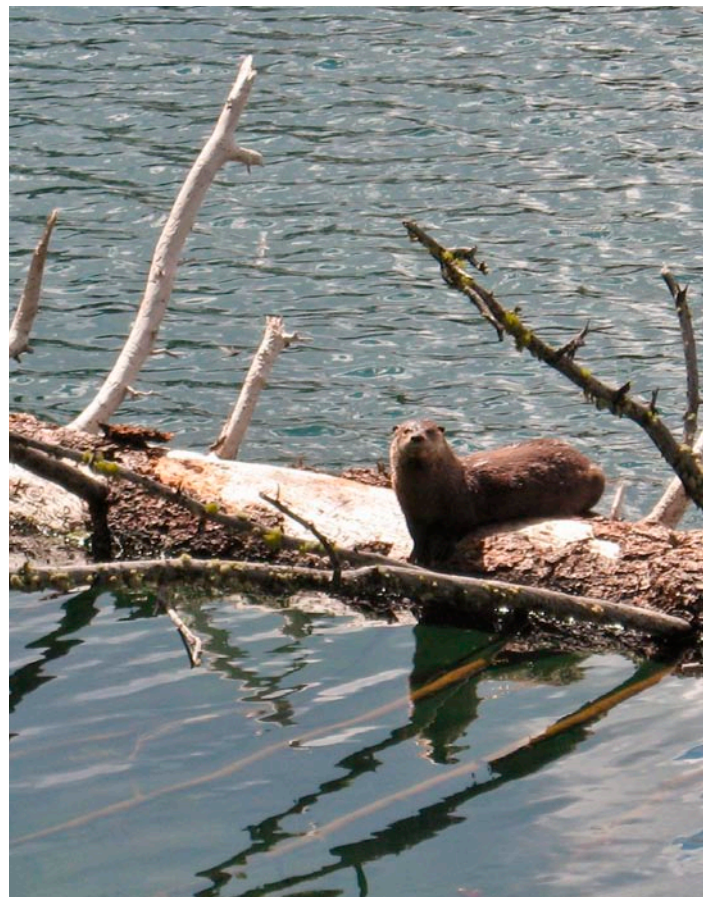
March 12, 19, 26 & April 2 in West Hartford, call Kevin at 860-632-2171.

#### Roscoe Trip:

May 17 - 19

#### Help Wanted:

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## Catch of The Month



This "Catch of the Month" was submitted by John Springer. 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



### **Organdy Ribbon Hornberg**

Hook: 3X Nymph Hook

Thread: Black 6/0

Body: Organdy Ribbon Cut in Half Horizontal  
Fibers Removed

Wing: Mallard Flank

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Fly tied by Dick Wemmell

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A new season begins for CFFA at the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford on March 12th and runs four consecutive Tuesdays. Please consider joining the CFFA members who find it so rewarding to help these high school students learn how to tie flies. The classes start at 6:00pm, but volunteers can arrive around 5:00pm to help setup and to enjoy the free

cafeteria dinner at ASD, 139 North Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107. For more info phone Kevin Fuller at 860-632-2171.

If you have not yet paid your 2013 dues, please get that \$25 to Phil McCormick, or mail it into CFFA, P.O. Box 380268, East Hartford, CT 06138. Before you buy elsewhere, try to support the advertisers that support this newsletter. Remember that Editor Todd Gorman is always interested in receiving your articles and photos that could appear in these pages. Consider lending a hand to help run this great club; we currently need help with publicity and with the website.

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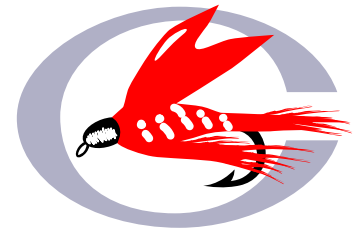
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