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The Newsletter of The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association

**FROM THE VEST OF
THE PRESIDENT**

**OCTOBER
MEETING**
Nate Schweber

PSYCO STREAMER
By Dick Wemmell



Joe Klinger Joins the 40 Pound Club



From The Vest Of The President

"... nothing sends an angler's mind reeling like a great story about a cool spot."

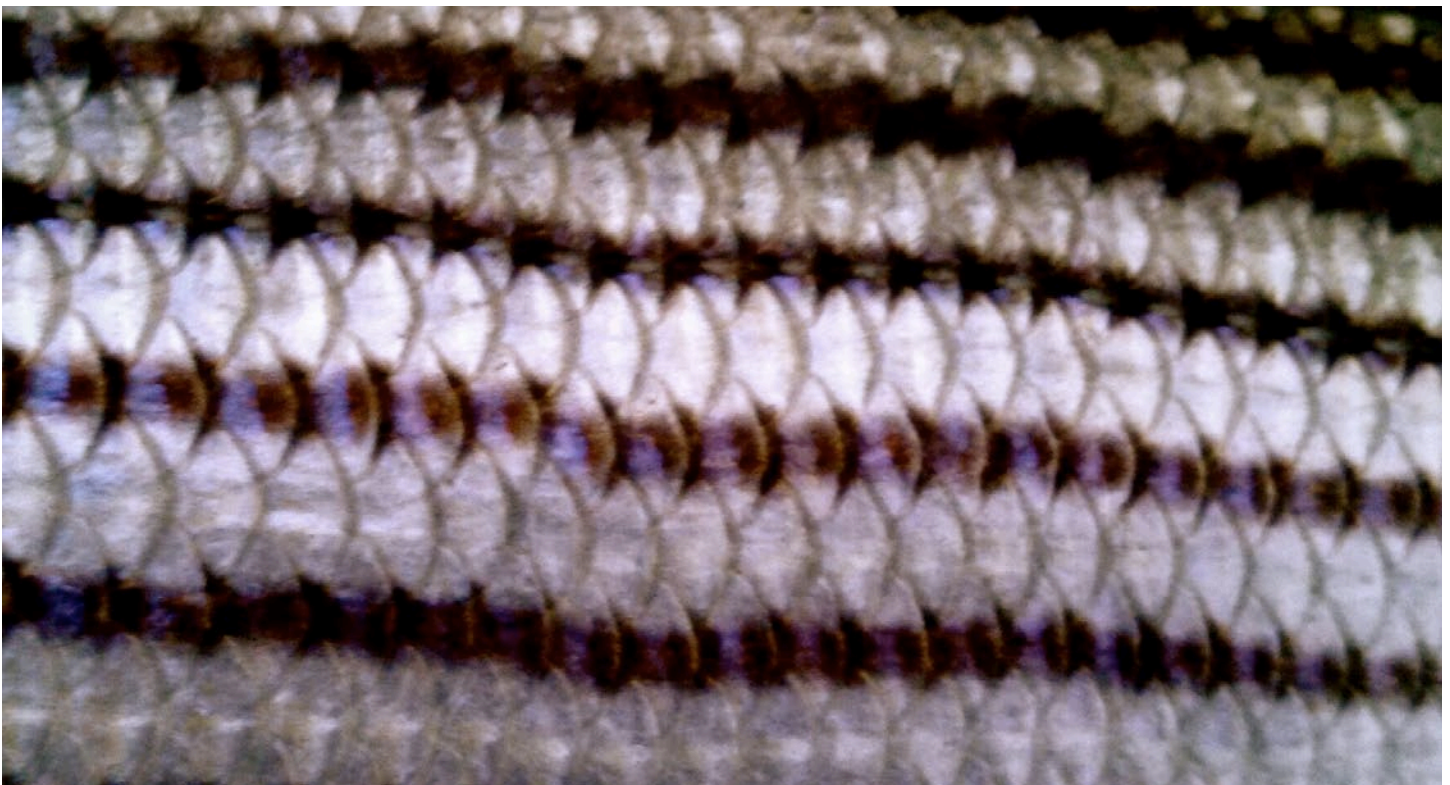
Nate Schweber

CFFA member Carl Ochnio has coordinated with JT's Fly Shop and Holiday Inn Express to

sponsor a very special guest for our October 9th meeting. Nate Schweber is author of a thoroughly researched book on fly fishing Yellowstone National Park. Nate has also penned many insightful articles for magazines

and newspapers, including one appearing in the July edition of Fly Fishing Magazine. Kurt will have a special rod raffle going at this meeting in addition to Richard's regular raffle. Denise will have our club apparel for sale. Jonathan and Scott will be offering free book loans from the Goldman Library. As always, Phil will have free coffee and refreshments. Unfortunately, a family obligation will prevent me from attending, so I want to thank Kurt and Roger for offering to fill-in.

All of CFFA's monthly meetings will be at the Veterans Memorial Clubhouse this year because the Haunted House is no longer being held there.





This newsletter needs more photos and articles from you, the members. Whether they are true, fictional or just exaggerated, John would love to receive them.

In my humble opinion, October is an outstanding month for fly fishing in New England. Fall trout stockings are being completed and those fish are eager to fatten-up before winter, so using streamers can be very effective. Someone once told me flies with some red color work well in the autumn, and ever since I've enjoyed good luck with Mickey Finns this time of year. Connecticut's Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) is releasing 29,000 trophy and adult sized trout into selected



October Meeting

The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association will present a fly fishing program on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at the Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse, 100 Sunset Ridge, East Hartford, CT., at 7:00 pm.

Nate Schweber is a freelance writer born and raised in Missoula, MT and currently living in Brooklyn, NY. His work has appeared in the New York Times, Rolling Stone, Time, Budget Travel Magazine and the Village Voice. His recent article in the July 2013 edition of Fly Fishing Magazine highlights some of the "newer" hatches in Yellowstone. In addition, he is the lead singer of a band called the New Heathens.

His recent book, Fly Fishing Yellowstone National Park – An Insider's Guide to 50 Best Places highlights -

The important hatches/ recommended patterns/ key

fishing techniques and the best times of year to fish.

Interviews with a stunning collection of Yellowstone Park veterans in the know, including fly shop owners Bob Jacklin, Craig Mathews, John Juracek, Richard Parks, and John Bailey; writers Tom McGuane, Wild Bill Schneider, and The Drake magazine's Tom Bie.

Best spots for Yellowstone cutthroat, west slope cutthroat, Snake River fine spotted cutthroat, grayling, rainbows, cut bows, brown trout, brook trout, mountain whitefish, and Mackinaw lake trout.

How the illegal introduction of Lake Trout into Yellowstone Lake has adversely impacted the entire Yellowstone River watershed.

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

Vest Continued

waters throughout the state. Among the areas to be stocked this fall are twenty-three lakes and ponds, fourteen rivers and streams that include twelve of the Trout Management Areas, and eight Trout Parks. Additional fishing related information, including broodstock salmon stockings which begin this month, can be found on the DEEP Fisheries web pages at www.ct.gov/deep/fishing and on the Fisheries and Wildlife Facebook page.

Freshwater bass become more active as the water cools back into the 60's and will attack fast moving streamers, crayfish patterns fished deep and top water frog imitations. Some bass will be shallow and others still deep, so try tapering shorelines with deep-water access. As the water cools further, slow down your presentation and downsize your flies.

Coming Events

NEXT BOARD MEETING SEPT 5th
NEXT CLUB MEETING SEPT 12th

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Catch of The Month



This "Catch of the Month" is by Norm Davidson, he is proudly holding his 30 pound plus Stripper. Nice catch Norm, congratulations.

Dick Wemmell's Fly Box



Psycho Streamer

Hook: 3X long #12

Thread: Dark Olive

Body: Pearl Crystal Flash

Tail: Yellow Hen Hackle

Throat: Yellow Hen Hackle

Wing: White & Tropical Psycho Hair

Fly tied by Dick Wemmell

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On the salty side of things, I've caught more and bigger striped bass during the daylight in October than in any other month. Small flies do an excellent job of imitating sand eels and silversides which are currently migrating out of inlets and into the waiting mouths of bass. Larger, fuller-bodied baits like bunker (Atlantic Menhaden), shad and mullet are also near the top of a striper's menu this time of year. False albacore and bonito, which are members of the tuna family, are visiting our inshore waters and they often focus on the smaller baitfish, especially anchovies. The bluefish are more ravenous than ever. Bright, flashy streamers and surface poppers seem to attract blues, but they are not picky eaters and will usually strike anything remotely resembling any type of prey. Bluefish and bonito have lots of sharp teeth so bring bite tippet to prevent your flies from being bitten off and bring long-nosed pliers and a boga grip to protect yourself when unhooking them.

I love October days because they can be warm, with dry air, colorful foliage and no biting bugs. With only

about eleven hours of daylight, we can fish at dawn and still sleep through the night. We can fish though dusk and still be home for dinner. Our waters are less crowded because many sportsmen are focused on hunting. The fish we stalk are feeding aggressively right now, so I hope you get out there and meet a few. That's what I'll be doing.

><>)))*> Bruce



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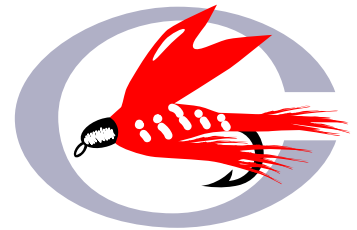
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