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The Newsletter of The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association

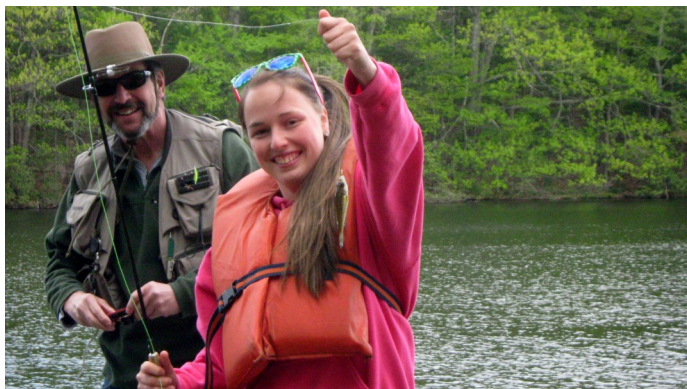


From the vest of the president

January meeting
Pizza & Movie

Dick Wemmell's
fly box

May on the Farmington River



From the vest of the President

"One of fly fishing's appealing qualities is that no two days are ever the same"

Eric Stroup

A highly renowned guide, fly tier and author specializing in fishing for trout and steelhead, Eric Stroup is helping to revolutionize the way we learn about fly fishing with his videos and his website *Face Time Fly Fishing*. You can meet him at our Expo and see firsthand his flies and fishing tactics. The Expo (admission \$1) is Saturday February 1st at Maneeley's in South Windsor from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm. It also features dozens of exhibitors and vendors along with free technical seminars and a tag sale full of bargains. It's the best little fly fishing show around.

A short presentation ceremony will occur during this year's Expo at 11:00 am when CFFA will donate 20 Regal vises and assorted fly tying tools to three unique local schools: The Learning Clinic in Brooklyn, CT where young people experience custom tailored educational and recreational opportunities, The Sound School Regional Vocational Aquaculture Center in New Haven which prepares high school students for careers in the marine sciences, and CFFA's own Beginner Fly Tying School where people of all ages learn to tie a dozen different flies over the course of six classroom sessions. All three of these groups will utilize the donated items in their respective curriculums for many years to come. We wish to thank Regal Engineering, Nick Masi Enterprises and Jeff Becker for their generous help to CFFA in making these donations possible.

CFFA's annual Banquet also occurs at Maneeley's starting at 6:00 pm on February 1st. Eric Stroup will present a program of interest to everyone, whether they fish or not. Our famous bucket raffles will have a

new format at the Banquet and are expected to be better than ever. Space is filling-up, so reserve your place today by using the Banquet dinner form included with this newsletter. **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 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, so if you can, please offer to assist our co-chairmen Kurt Jagielow and Roger Plourde.

One way you can help is to donate a box of flies for the bucket raffles, or donate some used fishing items for the tag sale. Please get these items to Kurt either at our January 8th meeting at the clubhouse or at the Expo in South Windsor on the morning of February 1st. Kurt is also the man to see if you want a one-in-50 chance to win a bamboo fly rod outfit. The January monthly meeting is Pizza & A Movie Night so be sure to bring your appetite. Election of club officers will also occur at the January 8th meeting so see Phil McCormick if you want to enter your name or nominate someone else. Nominations can also be made from the floor prior to the election. A family commitment will prevent me from eating my share of pizza, so I want to thank Bob Winot for offering to run the January meeting.

The CFFA website has been down for a few weeks and we apologize for that inconvenience. A brand new site should be announced soon. In the interim, keep current with club happenings and post your comments and photos on our Facebook page: *ctflyfish*. As always, you are also encouraged to submit articles and photos to John Springer for inclusion in this newsletter.

CFFA's next Fly Tying Classes begin on January 9th and will run for six consecutive Thursdays at Cabela's conference room upstairs near their deli. If you are a beginner fly tyer, or just a rusty one (or you know someone who is either new or rusty), 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. All materials are provided; just bring glasses or magnifiers if your vision needs assistance. Space is limited so register now by phoning Education Chairman Richard Gilligan at 860-839-2070.

CFFA has completed another very good year and I want to thank our dedicated board members for

making that happen. Thanks to all my fellow club members for supporting CFFA with your time, talent and resources. All the various club events in the past year were well attended, and the folks that participated either enjoyed learning or they enjoyed teaching, or both. A lot of fun was had along the way and some nice fish were landed too. We did our part to protect the environment and to preserve and promote the pleasures and traditions of fly fishing. 2013 will be remembered as the year we helped save the Kensington Hatchery from the budget ax, and helped prevent Farmington Valley water from being pumped to UConn.

Your dues enable us to continue to provide outstanding programs and to make a positive difference in our world. If you have not already paid your dues, please mail-in the renewal form found in this newsletter.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. Hope to see you at the Expo and Banquet on February 1st.

><<)))*> Bruce

A note from your newsletter editor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for taking the time to let me know how much you are enjoying the newsletter. My wife is doing much of it and is correcting my mistakes as I go along. And there are many. If you find something wrong or feel the need for a correction please let ME know and I will be more than happy to correct the mistake that I have made, but do make sure your correct that I made a mistake. As you all know we're a group of volunteers doing this and we try to do our best. I find it very offensive when I am questioned about something someone thinks we did wrong and we didn't.

If you have some pictures and or a story about fishing please send them to me. I will be happy to put them in here. Perhaps you have found some web sites that are very good and you are able to learn from them, I'll put them in here also.

[Here is a great site on winter fly fishing paste it into your browser](http://blueridgetu.com/uploads/BRM_TU_SPECIAL_WINTER_Fishin_2013.pdf)

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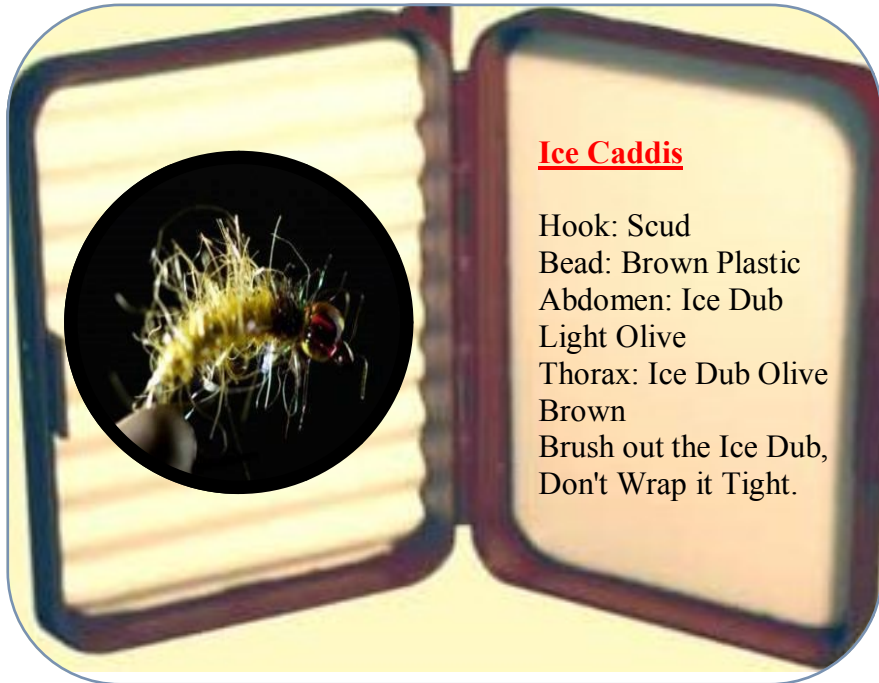
Anyone interested in serving on any committee, Please Speak with Bruce Rich at any monthly meeting.

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Dick Wemmell's Fly Box

July on the Quinebaug River



Ice Caddis

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 Abdomen: Ice Dub
 Light Olive
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 Brown
 Brush out the Ice Dub,
 Don't Wrap it Tight.



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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 year's 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

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"To Preserve and Promote the Pleasures and Traditions of Fly Fishing and to Conserve Game Fish Waters"

CFFA Banquet Dinner Reservation

Banquet is Saturday February 1, 2014. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
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 \$ _____

38th Annual Dinner and Raffle Auction

Saturday, January 18, 2014

USS Chowder Pot IV

165 Brainard Rd. | Hartford, CT

Guest Speaker: **John R.J. Burrows**

Director of New England Programs, Atlantic Salmon Federation (AFS)

Guest Sporting Artist: Charles McCaughtry

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and...!**

Tickets: \$45 per person.

For a reservation form and information visit:

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SAVE THE DATE

Monthly meeting January 8th

Tying Classes start Jan. 9th

CFFA Expo & Banquet Feb. 1

UPCOMING EVENTS

Marlboro Fly Fishing Show
January 17-19th

New Jersey Fly Fishing Show
January 24-26th
Summerset, N.J.



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