



## Early Morning at Church Pool July

The Newsletter of The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association

**September meeting**  
**Mark Dysinger**  
**Fishing for Striped Bass**

**Dick Wemmell's fly box**  
**From the vest of the president**



## From the vest of the President

“No angler merely watches nature in a passive way. He enters into its very existence”.

John Bailey

*Reflections on the Water's Edge*



Whether wading in surf or stream, whenever casting from shore or boat, I feel that I'm actually entering into nature, not merely observing it. Fly fishing enables us to connect with the natural world in ways that are uniquely satisfying. Perhaps it has something to do with that atavistic hunter-gatherer thing, or with the feeling of adventure that comes from knowing how unpredictable and unforgiving nature can be. Becoming part of the natural environment certainly fosters a special appreciation for it, a will to protect it, and a desire to share it.

In the past few months our club has been busy sharing with others in a variety of ways. Eleven CFFA members were fly fishing coaches for a dozen kids from the American School for the Deaf at their annual fishing picnic, which for the second year in a row was hosted by the generous crew at the Willington Fish & Game Club. Once again, all the kids caught fish from either shore or boat, and some of those fish were taken on flies the kids tied themselves during the winter classes we conducted. The weather was great that day, and so were the ample food and

drinks which were largely paid for by a donation from Nancy Humphrey, who is the wife of the Willington club's president, Jim Humphrey. A rewarding time was had by all, and before we left that day Jim invited us back again next year. Thanks Nancy and Jim, and thanks to all the members of both clubs who worked hard to make this event so enjoyable.

This year's Fly Fishing School concluded with a fine day on the Willimantic River, so I want to thank all the CFFA members who assisted teaching both the classroom and the on-water sessions. Jerry Wade helped one student, a young woman, to hook into seven Willi trout that morning. Way to go!

In the spirit of continuous improvement, Education Chair Richard Gilligan organized a "Train the Trainers" session at the Salmon River in Colchester. The purpose was to help those of us that assist teaching the Fly Fishing School become better casting instructors. Thirteen members attended the session, which was taught by fellow member Bill Keister who is a Master Casting Instructor certified by the International Federation of Fly Fishers. He began by showing how we can allow students to discover by themselves the fly line "magic" that occurs when the rod is stopped at the proper moment. Bill used a long rope laid on the ground to demonstrate various drills that enable beginners to develop their own feel for the rod and to find the rhythm of the stroke. He went on to discuss common casting problems that involve timing, slack line and the casting plane. Bill supplied each of us with two-page handouts that summarized his presentation, and at our request, he concluded by demonstrating some advanced and at our request, he concluded by demonstrating some advanced casting techniques. We were all very grateful to become better trainers

because of Bill's thorough instruction. The sun had not quite set when the session finished, so some of us fished the river, but as Uncle Teddy put it, "The fish were not exactly suicidal".

Remember that Mr. Editor, John Springer, is always looking for your input to this newsletter, whether it be photos or stories that are real, exaggerated or pure fiction. Before buying elsewhere, please consider the advertisers that sponsor our newsletter. Our first monthly meeting after the summer break is Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the Clubhouse in East Hartford. Hope to see you all there.

><)))\*> Bruce

## Letter From the Editor's

On May 28 the Willington Fish & Game Club once again invited the students from the American School for the Deaf to there pond to fish all day from shore as well as in several members boats. A group of the members of this generous club also cooked for all of us for the second year in a row. Because Bruce Rich and Phil Mc Cormack are members we are invited. But at the end of the day that fellow Jim Humphrey you see in the plaid shirt walked out to see the kids off in their bus and turned to me and said your all invited back next year. And that said it all. Our big thanks goes out also to Kevin Fuller who came forward to keep the program going along with his volunteers. Also, Dick and Diane Trembly who are members of the Putham Lyons who donate \$200 every year to the program. I had one club member give me some information that I put together for a fishing story, there are several hundred of you out there who I KNOW are great story tellers. Would love to hear from you. Pictures and a story about them are always welcome.

John & Sandy Springer



**Our President enjoying an evening on the Salmon River**



**Panther Martin waiting for a strike on the Natchaug River in May**

## A Good Time on the Conn. River in New Hampshire for Seth Walter and his Friends

Seth and seven of his friends spent several nights at Mountain View cabins in New Hampshire while fishing the trophy water on the Connecticut River a real good deal at \$50 a night. The cabin had all new furniture as well as a fully supplied kitchen for cooking. They even had satellite TV! With Happy Corner Café across the street with a good breakfast menu, they ate there. Dinner offerings were average so they went to the Buck Rub Pub as the atmosphere, as well as the steak tips were great. Young's Store was across the street for beer and ice as well as general store items. Fishing conditions were tough due to so much rain and run off from the dams but using one of Mike Stewart's Tellico nymphs that he won at our banquet this year with his "First Hatch" prize, looks like it saved the day. He got that nice brown you see with Mikes fly. He ended up fishing Moose Pond in a float tube; this pond is fly fishing only and is perfect for a canoe too. As what always seems to be the case when we go fishing, Seth and his friends were told by another fellow in a canoe how good it was a few days before they got there. That eased the pain for the 8 of them not catching anything in the pond. There is an area called

### About our speaker, Mark Dysinger

Captain Mark Dysinger has fished the northeast salt most of his life. Although he is skilled in many angling methods, he is most accomplished with the fly rod. He specializes in the northeast slam of striped bass, bluefish, and false albacore. Although he guides in Long Island Sound and its surrounding waters, he is also passionate about freshwater fishing and is a recognized authority on flyfishing for northern pike.

Capt Mark has fished extensively across North America, and his works have appeared in numerous print and online publications. He has been a featured innovative fly tyer for *Eastern Flyfishing Magazine*, Capt Mark is an experienced teacher both on and off the water, and takes great joy in seeing others succeed. His enthusiasm and attention to detail make him a popular instructor, and his topical presentations are both informative and entertaining. Many guides can put people on fish; Capt Mark's patience and enthusiasm make the fishing adventure complete and rewarding. Capt Mark is licensed by the United States Coast Guard and fully insured. Captain Mark resides on the Connecticut coast with his wife Anne and daughter Lucy .

Moose Alley, and a sign saying "Moose Crossing". When you see these believe them; he saw 2 moose from his truck. When Seth and his friends go again, they will go a bit later as there was still snow in some places along the road.

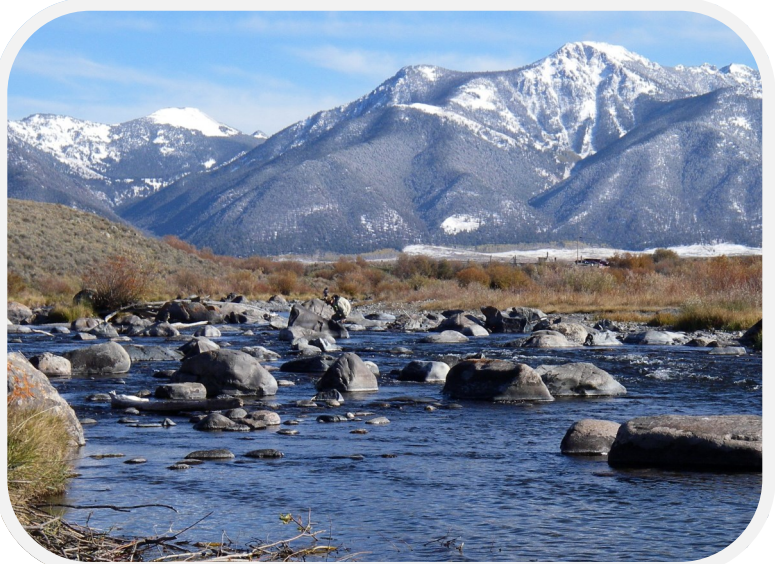


Thanks for the story Seth, looking forward to many more.

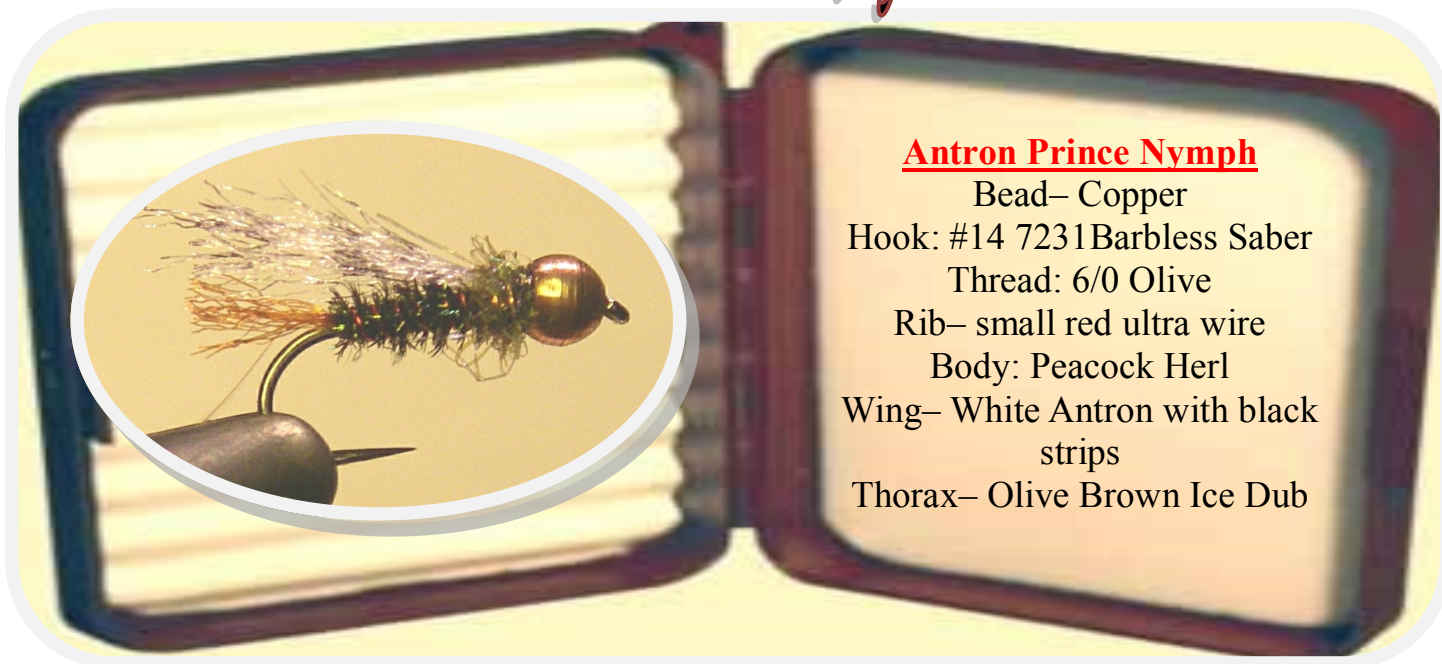
**As we ALL say, "That's a nice fish"**

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***Montana's Madison River in October  
fish are hungry and not many people.  
It doesn't get any better than this.***



# Dick Wemmell's Fly Box



## Antron Prince Nymph

Bead– Copper

Hook: #14 7231 Barbless Saber

Thread: 6/0 Olive

Rib– small red ultra wire

Body: Peacock Herl

Wing– White Antron with black strips

Thorax– Olive Brown Ice Dub

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# ASD Fishing Day



## Jack Daniels Fishing Story

I went fishing this morning, but after a short time I ran out of worms.

Then I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in its mouth.

Frogs are good bass bait.

Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in its mouth, I grabbed it right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. Its eyes rolled back, and it went limp.

I released the snake into the lake without incident and carried on fishing, using the frog.

Not long after, I felt a nudge on my foot. It was that damn snake ... with two more frogs.

Life is good.



Captain Mark Dysinger



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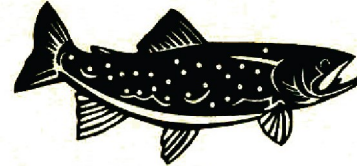


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## SAVE THE DATE

Monthly Board meeting September 3rd 7PM  
at Club House

Monthly meeting September 10th  
7 PM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Look forward to the  
“Blue Wing Olive”  
Hatch



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