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FROM THE VEST OF THE PRESIDENT



**Parks Davis on the
Ravin Fork River N.C.**

From the vest of the President

"When you are fishing, you must be able to move fluidly through multiple approaches and not be dogmatic in your thinking. There really is no one best way."



A highly renowned competition fly fisher, instructor and author specializing in fishing for trout, George Daniel is our Special Guest at the upcoming Expo and Banquet. As a teenager in Pennsylvania he was tutored by the legendary Joe Humphreys. George went on to win a Fly Fishing Masters and two U.S. National Championships. His recent book, *Dynamic Nymphing* is probably the most thorough study ever published on catching trout with nymphs. You can meet him at our Expo and see firsthand his flies and fishing tactics. George will present one of the free technical seminars at the Expo, and he'll be available throughout the day on the Expo floor. The Expo (admission \$3) is Saturday February 7th at Maneeley's in South Windsor from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm. It also features dozens of exhibitors and vendors along with a tag sale full of bargains. It's the best little fly fishing show around.

CFFA's annual Banquet also occurs that day at Maneeley's starting at 6:00 pm. After dinner George Daniel will present a program of

interest to everyone, whether they fish or not, and our famous bucket raffles are expected to be better than ever this year. Space is filling-up, so reserve your place today by using the Banquet Dinner Reservation 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 weekend after the Super Bowl this year. Don't forget, there is no monthly meeting in February because of the Expo & Banquet.** At this point there are also no board meetings scheduled for January or February.

Our recent Expos and Banquets have received rave reviews and have been quite successful for the club. Last year's Expo smashed attendance records with 291 attendees plus 60 workers. 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. They especially need help at 3:00pm with transforming the Expo hall into the Banquet dining room. Another way you can help is to donate an item or service for the bucket raffles or the tag sale. We could really use more items that will interest the non-fishing spouses, such as bottles of wine and gift certificates. Please get these items to Kurt by our January 14th meeting at the Clubhouse. Kurt is also the man to see if you want a one-in-60 chance to win a premium fly rod outfit.

The January monthly meeting on Wednesday the 14th at the Clubhouse is Pizza & a Movie Night so be sure to bring your appetite. If you wish, also bring your fly tying stuff and show us how you make a hook look like fish food. Twelve free tickets to our monthly raffle will go to everyone who ties at this meeting.

Election of club officers will also occur at the January 14th 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.

CFFA's Fly Tying Classes begin on January 8th and will run for six consecutive Thursdays, 7:00pm at Cabela's conference room near their deli. If you are a beginner fly tyer, or just a rusty one, this is a great opportunity to learn from some of our very best instructors. Two of the sessions will be taught by professional fly tyer Mike Stewart, one by professional tyer Leslie Wrixon, two by our past Education Chairman for 22 years Gary Steinmiller, and one by myself. Tuition for the entire course is only \$30 for kids (and one parent can accompany them for free), \$40 for adult CFFA members and \$50 for everyone else. All tools and materials are provided, but students can use their own equipment if they have some. 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.

Upon completion of this upcoming Tying Course, Richard is retiring as Education Chair. On behalf of our entire club, I want to thank him for all his work in keeping this important CFFA program not only alive, but vibrant and growing too. We are very much in need of someone to fill this critical position. Now is the perfect time for someone new to ease into the role because they can work side-by-side with Richard during this Tying Course that begins January 8th. It is doubtful that we can have future Fly Fishing or Tying Courses until someone steps-up. Note that this position does not require teaching any classes, and it certainly does not require any expertise in the subject matters. It

mostly involves administrative functions like registering the students and coordinating the teachers and organizing the classroom materials.

CFFA has completed another very good year and I want to thank our dedicated board of directors for making that happen. I also want to send a big thanks to all of you, the CFFA club members, for supporting our club with your time, talent and resources. Our club has the most awesome members! All the various club events in the past year were well attended, and the folks that participated enjoyed the comradery. A lot of fun was had along the way and some nice fish were landed too. We did our part to preserve and promote the pleasures and traditions of fly fishing and to conserve game fish waters.

Your dues enable us to continue to make a positive difference in our world. Your dues also make possible this outstanding newsletter and our top-notch monthly programs. If you have not already paid your dues, please mail-in the renewal form found in this newsletter or bring it to give to Phil at the January 14th meeting. Everyone with paid-up dues by the Expo, including Life Members, will automatically be entered into a raffle for an Echo Base 9' 4pc 5wt rod.

I wish you all a very happy and fishy New Year.

><<)))*> Bruce

Note from the Editor, There will be a story next issue about fishing on the Ravin Fork River inside the Cherokee Reservation where the pictures on the front page were taken.

Our Banquet and Expo Speaker for February 7th will be George Daniel

George Daniel began fly fishing at age 6 while growing up in Potter County, PA. Growing up along a native brook trout fishery designated as a “kids only section” and being the only kid in the village who fished, George developed a passion for fly fishing. Through his early teens, much of his fly fishing knowledge was self taught. However, his family relocated to central PA when George was 14, where he eventually ran into his fly fishing idol, Joe Humphreys at a local fly shop. Joe took George under his wing and provided began providing his first formalized fly fishing instruction. Joe began to provide instruction on all levels (e.g. basic cast to advanced nymphing casts) when George was 16 years old. George credits Joe Humphreys for the bulk of his knowledge along with many national and international fly fishing professionals.

Then in 2005, George had an opportunity to try out for Fly Fishing Team USA in Bend, OR. After qualifying for the team, George had the opportunity to compete in 6 World Fly Fishing Championships, coach both the US Youth

Team and Fly Fishing Team USA in 4 World Championships. During this time, George has had an opportunity to travel the globe and learn from some of the best anglers in the World.

George is a two-time US National Fly Fishing Champion and was ranked as high as 5th in the World. Currently, George is head coach for Fly Fishing Team USA.

George’s passion is in fly fishing education, where he conducts lectures/seminars throughout the country. He logs over 200 days a year on trout waters near and far. George and his wife Amidea bought and restored an old home along his favorite trout stream, where they spend many hours with their two children walking along the banks, throwing stones, and sometimes even catching a fish. George is the author of the best selling book, “Dynamic Nymphing” along with being published in Fly Fisherman, American Angler and Fly Tyer magazines.

He’s pro staffer for a number of fly companies including Simms, Orvis Fly Rods, Scientific Anglers, Smith Optics, Hatch Reels, Loon, Regal Vises. George is a fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants and recently joined the Fly Rod Chronicle’s Pro Staff.



Ron Dunleavy on the Shetucket River mid December



CFFA Special Raffle of George Degen Carvings

We will be having a Special Raffle of wood carvings by George Degen at the CFFA Expo. George has been a longtime member of CFFA since the 1970's volunteering his time to numerous positions on the Board. Upon retirement, George applied his skills from the dental arts to carving shorebirds, songbirds and various species of ducks and trout. The carvings for the raffle are,

An American Eagle Plaque, a Classic Duck Carving, a Blue Winged Teal, an American Robin, Lesser Yellow Legs Shorebird and a Shadow Box with Flies that George made with a card J Edson Leonard had sent him when George was Program Chairman.

We will have a special table setup at the Expo for this club fundraiser.

Tickets will be \$2.00 each or 3/\$5.00

Winning tickets will be drawn at the close of the Expo.

Winner need not be present.

Winners not present will be notified by phone and can pickup their prize at the March membership meeting.



CFFA Banquet Dinner Reservation

Banquet is Saturday February 7, 2015. Doors open at 6pm Maneeley's,
65 Rye Street, South Windsor, CT

The dinners are \$45.00 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.

Print & Mail this Reservation Form with your Check made to CFFA by 1/30/2015

TO: Mr. Michael Stewart, 215 Loomis Street, North Granby, CT 06060

Make Check out to CFFA

Name _____

Address _____

Contact phone _____

Email address (not required) _____

Number of Prime Rib _____

Number of Seafood _____

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39TH ANNUAL DINNER

or contact Tom Chrosniak (860) 519-7451

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SAVE THE DATE

Monthly meeting

Jan. 14th Pizza & Movie night at Clubhouse

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jersey Fishing Show Jan. 23-25

Garden State Convention Center Somerset NJ

Feb. 7th - Expo & Banquet at Maneeley's

NO Monthly meeting in February

No BOD meetings scheduled for Jan. or Feb.



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