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A beautiful Rainbow caught in  
Vermont's Walloomsac River



NOVEMBER MEETING

*Rob Nicholas  
The Best of Patagonia  
Argentina and Chile*

**From the vest  
of the  
President**

**OUR NOVEMBER MEETING WILL NOT OCCUR ON THE  
USUAL DATE. IT WILL BE ON THE SECOND THURSDAY IN  
NOVEMBER, THURSDAY THE 12<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00pm at the Club-  
house. This is due to East Hartford facilities being closed  
for Veterans Day on the previous day. Our thanks go out to  
all of our nation's veterans.**



## From the vest of the President

*“Fishing makes me feel like a little kid again.”*  
Common Saying



The quotation above has long been one of my favorite sayings. I may have come up with it on my own, although it contains a very common notion, and somebody must have said it before me, so credit is given to “common saying”. I hope that saying is as true for you as it is for me, because feeling like a little kid is quite precious, especially since adult life can be so serious. As fly anglers we rarely fish for food. We do it for recreation, for a much needed respite from the rest of our lives. It is partly that surge of excitement that comes from hooking into a fish, but this about more than just catching fish for me. It’s about that feeling I get when I just think about going fishing. It’s about being alone with nature, or sharing an adventure with one or more friends. I feel very fortunate to be a fly fisherman because it enables me to get outdoors and play. That’s exactly what nine CFFA members did when they participated in our club fishing outing on October 10<sup>th</sup>, which you can read more about elsewhere in this newsletter.

I think Rob Nichols also likes to get outside and play because for well over 20 years he’s been fly fishing and guiding on our local waters as well as internationally. Rob will be the speaker at our Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting and his colorful presentation will focus on several

South American fishing destinations. CFFA’s monthly meetings are free and open to the public, so consider bringing a friend. We all enjoy seeing flies being tied, so any member is encouraged to do that before the meeting. Denise will have CFFA hats and shirts for sale that make great holiday gifts. Phil will have free refreshments and he is also ready to renew your membership - early renewals help our club and make Phil’s big job a little easier. Jonathan and Scott have the extensive, and continuously growing, Goldman library open for free book loans. Richard will be manning the monthly raffle table filled with fishing items. Bob will be continuing the fly swap and there is still room for more members to join the fun.

Hope you all find some time to play outdoors, and hope to see you all at our next monthly meeting on the special date of Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup>.

><<)))\*> Bruce

### About our speaker and his program

Rob Nicholas, full time fishing guide on the Housatonic River since 1993, will be talking about his adventures in Patagonia. More specifically he has been running trips to both Chile & Argentina since 1998 and has established a booking agency solely focused on fly fishing in Patagonia called, Angling in the Andes. He has multiple short films and slide shows to share with us and he can explain why Patagonia remains the best location in the world for the traveling trout bum. Join us for lots of fish porn and laughter.



## CFFA On Water Day, Oct. 10, 2015, Peoples Forest, Pipeline Pool Out- ing

By: Dan Price

At the September 2015 CFFA Board meeting, Dan Price and others suggested that we try to hold an on water day this fall with CFFA members. So Dan was selected to head this up and notices and announcements were made at the regular meeting in September, on facebook and ctflyfish.org. The first two weeks after the announcement, the only response was from Seth Walter, who emailed Dan and said: Great Idea, but "I won't be able to come." So now the question was, who if anyone would come. A few days later, Stan Bastura said yes, then a few more, including Ted Repszki, Bob Niezabitowski, Phil Apruzzese, Bob Winot said they were in. That still meant we were a bit short of expectations. The week prior to Oct. 10, Chuck Koteen and Mike Stewart stepped up along with Jim Swiatek, Steve Cifirbon, Ed Buggie, and Malcolm Robertson. Well, the big day Oct. 10, 2015 came and lo and behold, even with 45 degree 7:30 a.m. temps, 9 intrepid fisherpersons showed up for a great day of fly fishing at the Pipeline Pool in People's Forest.

We met at Matthies Grove, sipped lots of hot Dunkin Donuts Coffee and mounds of donuts to take the edge off the cold. After a lot of palaver on the best fly pattern to use and unrelated stuff, we ventured out on the River. Fishing was great, catching so, so. About 10:00 a brief hatch

occurred and action got busy, but it only lasted long enough to get most of us excited. A few fish were caught, Dan says he lost a big brown (wind knot).

Members fished up and down the pool and at the Whittemore Pool. Ed Buggie said he caught two at Whittemore. About 12:30 a few of us were left at Pipeline, and we had some time to debrief and talk about the morning. Mike Stewart gave an impromptu talk on Czech nymphs and techniques, and it turned out that Phil Apruzzese, Mike Stewart and Dan Price all lived in New Britain as kids, but never crossed paths. Jon Goldman said he lived there for a year when he attended UCONN Medical School. Us New Britainites reminisced about fishing at Batterson Pond and Stanley Quarter for calico bass and bullheads.

The group consensus was that we had a great day, the sun shined and that we all should do this again with a lot more members soon.



***My first salmon of the season, all with Ron's help. I always bring him lunch, this day it was a chili dog and home made cake washed down with a beer.***



**LIFE IS GOOD**





## VISIT THE FLY SHOP

**NOVEMBER 21ST**

### *“Flies for the Farmington at Attractive Prices”*

The First Congregational Church of Farmington is hosting a Christmas Fair following the Danbury show and right before Thanksgiving on Saturday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Church members who tie will be offering small selections of flies as gifts or stocking stuffers at attractive prices. Think Hendricksons, sulfurs, isos, olives, caddis and more. Also nymphs, emergers, streamers, spinners and dry flies including a lot of sparkleduns and comparaduns. Maybe even a woolly bugger or two. Possibly even a few steelhead flies.

The fair will be held in Amistad Hall on Main Street in Farmington, across from Miss Porter’s and the Fire Station. Parking will be available behind the church and the Barney Library via Church Street which is just south of the church itself.

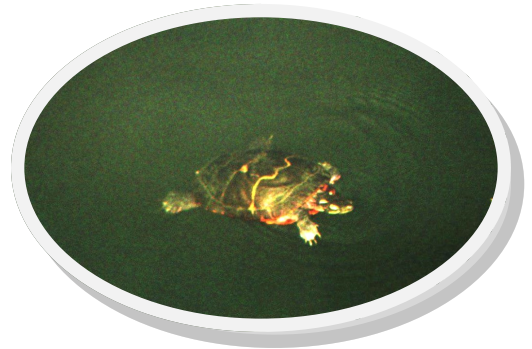
Admission is free, and all proceeds will benefit First Church, so bring a spouse who will enjoy browsing the many other Christmas items and could even purchase some thoughtful and practical stocking stuffers for you. Questions? Call Bill at 860-678-7245.

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## Note from the editor

Club Member Ron Dunlevy got a throw away camera and shared some pictures with us. Ron is one of the best fishermen I know and fishes for Carp each year and does very well at it, it was great to get these pictures of what is out there. He has a buddy, Tippy the turtle who came back to see him again this year as you can see. Ron feeds Tippy almost by hand now. He fishes from a canoe and float tube and goes very early in the morning. He also has been fishing for our Atlantic Salmon since the program started and I am very lucky he has shared his knowledge with me on this. Last month I had pictures from other members to put in here please send me some of yours. Everyone loves fish pictures.



## THEATER ON THE WATER

George Jacobi ©2015

Familiar streams keep flowing and producing memorable days, but by now some of the familiar characters are gone. Al Nineteen (“Hey, I got nineteen trout!”) is fishing high above us now, along with Paul, whose ashes drift in the Matapedia. Joe RedBeard has a white beard - along with the rest of us, I might add. Just Talkin’ Teddie long ago disappeared who knows where.

Teddie got his nickname on the Battenkill, a river he introduced us to in the 70s. A born salesman, Ted loved to talk. One time at the riverside camp, he was going on and on, making less and less sense. Someone eventually asked, “Teddie, what are you talking about?” “I don’t know,” replied Ted, “I’m just talkin’.”

### ACT 1

Teddie was driving the four of us home one June evening after the darkness put an end to the dry fly fishing. On the way back to Camping on the Battenkill, he said that every once in a while, it seemed like we had a cop behind us. And then not. What the hell? When I looked myself, it was all black behind us.

Taking no chances, Ted turned right onto a one lane dirt road. We bounced along, and all the beer bottles that littered the floor front and back rattled and clinked. Where Quist and I were in the back, we had to wiggle our feet down between them to reach the floor. No shortage of glass, is what I mean.

We came to a stop as the road dead-ended in a cornfield, and sure enough, the Vermont police cruiser was right behind us. Teddie rolled the window down as the officer walked up to the car.

“Hey, son,” the cop says, “Your trunk is open.”

The police flashlight shone around the interior of the car. Ted babbled on as he went to close the trunk. The thousand dollars or so of bamboo rods and other fly tackle was all still there. Ted climbed back in the driver’s seat. And the cop said, “Be careful on the way home, boys,” and went on his way.

When we got frustrated at the Battenkill’s relentlessly fussy trout, we would head up to the back of the town of Rupert to a huge woodland called the Merck Forest. A mile or so up the trail was an old farm pond of

about a half acre or so that was stocked. Easy pickings. We liked to eat trout too, not just get refused and insulted by them.

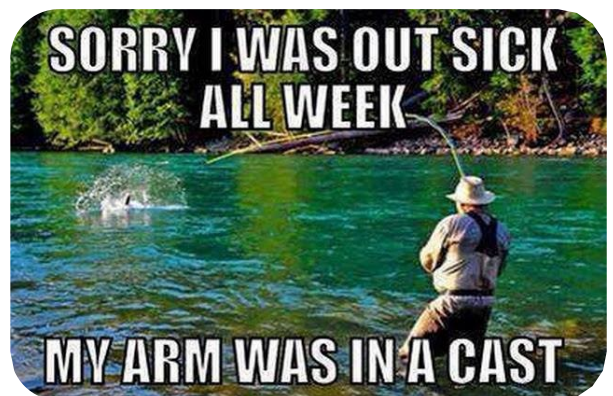
At that time, Quisto had a graphite fly reel that he was growing more and more impatient with. The drag was so loose that it would backlash on every cast. Terrible piece of equipment. The well-known manufacturer will remain nameless.

Now when young, Quist was a guy who was not averse to making a dramatic statement. Once he had a party and shot his TV. Having previously determined that everything on it was crap, he got an extension cord and put the TV on the deck railing. The Carol Burnett Show was on at the time. Remington 20 gauge - the second one went through the bottom of the TV as it was airborne. So long, Carol. Good party.

Anyway, I watched, not understanding, as he reeled in and took off his fly, despite a bunch of browns feeding right in front of him. Then he reared back and threw that fly reel as high as he could. It came down in the middle of the pond, spooked the trout, and sank out of sight. I’m sure it’s there still, functioning as an artificial reef, and will be until it becomes a small circle of gray sand. Sunshine and a beer or two carried Quist through the rest of the afternoon. Next stop, Orvis.

(To be continued )

*Second part of this will be in December’s newsletter. I want to thank George for letting me use this.*



# Dick Wemmell's Fly Box <sup>6</sup>



**Wood Cock Soft Hackle**

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**Thread-UTC Dark Brown size 10**

**Tail- Wood Cock**

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November 12

Different DATE !!!!

for monthly meeting

## UPCOMING EVENT

BOD meets Dec. 2nd at EHCCC, 7pm  
Beginner Fly Tying Classes begin Jan. 7th -  
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