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presents
**The 46th Annual
Fly Fishing
Expo & Banquet**
Feb. 6th 2016

Featuring
Ed Mitchell

Salt Fly-Fishing author, photographer, and
lecturer
Most recent publication
Along the Water Edge

**MANEELY'S
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BANQUET

- Cocktails 6pm • Raffles
- Dinner 7pm • Awards

Guest Speaker: Ed Mitchell

Reservations: Kurt Jagielow

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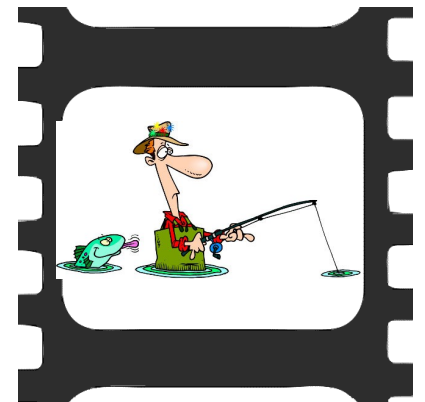
Expo 9am-3pm

\$3.00 Admission

Children Under 16 Free

- * Kids Fly Tying Table *
- * Presentations *
- * Fly Tyers Row *
- * Local Fly Shops *
- * Free Parking *

**JANUARY
MEETING
PIZZA AND
A MOVIE**



**FROM THE VEST
OF THE
PRESIDENT
&
DICK WEMMELL'S
FLY BOX**

Club Member Malcolm Robertson has a fleece vest that a very kind fly fishermen loaned him while he was fishing Matties Grove . The fishermen left and Malcolm didn't get chance to return it. If you are the person who loaned it to him (he does think it's a CFFA member) or you know who the fellow is, call Malcolm at 860-673-2977 so he can return it.

From the vest of the President

Fly fishing puts me into beautiful and interesting places, then gives me something to do



I say that to folks when they ask me to explain my fondness for fly fishing. Many fly fishing venues are very picturesque, although I've also cast a line in some fairly ugly, but interesting, places too. Interesting places for me can also include any CFFA event, such as a fly tying session or a club meeting. I'm grateful for all the places I've been to as a result of my involvement with CFFA, such as serving on the board of the Willimantic River Alliance and working with similar environmental groups throughout our state to conserve our natural resources. I'm one of CFFA's two representatives on the Fisheries Advisory Council, which is an important interface between DEEP and the anglers that it serves. I also serve as a representative of the Fisheries Advisory Council to Connecticut's Water Planning Council Advisory Group, which is currently helping to fulfill a legislative directive to create the first Connecticut state-wide Water Plan. I plan on continuing these, and my other CFFA activities, with one ex-

ception: I'll soon be stepping aside as CFFA's president after serving five wonderful years in that post.

I wish to thank the members of our club for all the support I've received over those years. My experience as president is that our members are, without exception, gracious, generous and cheerful. That's the main reason that all of our club events have been so successful. Some of the ways our members make CFFA so strong include being fly fishing mentors, streamside trail maintainers, fishing policy advocates, and enthusiastic participants in club events. Thank you, one and all.

My heartfelt gratitude also goes to everyone on our Board of Directors for their constant support of me and their total commitment to the wellbeing of our club. Every board position is occupied by someone who is excellent at their job. Our board operates as a team, and whenever anyone cannot fulfill their role, including the president, others step right up to cover for them. It's my honor to be a part of such a great team.

At the January election of officers, the Board of Directors will present a slate that includes all the current officers, except Gary Steinmiller will be endorsed as president. Gary was my first choice as our next president because I knew he was totally qualified for the job and that he's had the best interests of our club at heart for a very long time. Gary has been a CFFA member for 30 years, and he's still a youthful guy! For 22 of those years he was our club's Education Chair-

man, helping to introduce hundreds of new people to the joys of fly fishing and tying. He also happens to be one of the best fly fishermen I know. I'm sure Gary will be an excellent president, and that he'll receive the complete support of everyone in our club.

Our January 13th Monthly Meeting features Pizza & a Movie. The election of officers will also occur that night, and additional nominations can be made by any member.

Our Beginner Fly Tying Classes start on January 7th at Cabela's and run for six consecutive Thursdays. Please consider coming out on some Thursday evenings to help mentor the students. It's a fun and rewarding time for all. Students and mentors can coordinate with Peter Naples at 860-620-2317.

Our club's biggest day of the year is Saturday February 6th when our annual Expo (\$3) runs 9:00 – 3:00, and our Banquet (\$45) runs 6 – 9:30. Banquet seating is going fast, so get your

dinner reservations in now. And if you miss our Expo, you are probably missing the major winter fly fishing event in Connecticut. It features dozens of exhibitors, free technical seminars, vendors offering special deals, many of our area's best fly tyers at their vises, and much more.

Getting all the exhibitors moved in and out takes a lot of work, so we could use some energetic members around at 7:30am and again at 3:30pm. If you wish to donate any raffle prizes, or to sell on consignment any items at the club's Tag Sale Table, please bring them to the January meeting. Remember there is no regular meeting in February because of the Expo/Banquet, so our next Monthly Meeting will be on March 9th.

May your own fly fishing journey always bring you to beautiful and interesting places, and then give you something to do while you are there.

><<)))*> Bruce

A Note from the Editor about Bruce

It was almost 3 years ago when Bruce asked me to take over the newsletter from Todd. Todd did a great job for a number of years and I had to give this some thought as I had never done it. My wife Sandy said she would also work on it with me and after I'm done she goes over it for me. Bruce has a way of asking people to give a hand that makes it hard to say no, this was proven many times when different positions in our club had to be filled and people came forward. In time I know Gary will need help so as not to be

overwhelmed. I hope as you're reading this, you too will think about coming forward and helping when that time comes. As Bruce mentioned, nobody is left alone when someone needs help. It truly is a great club that I have had the pleasure of working with. I thank Gary for coming forward and taking on being President. Let's make sure you all think about coming forward for him when he needs help.

CFFA 2016

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Feb. 6th 2016

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Tickets can be purchased at monthly meetings or by sending a check made out to

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Seating will be on a "first come first served basis", however, tables can be reserved if you have a party of eight. The location has changed but the Chef, James Dean, has been preparing delicious feasts for our banquets for several years.

Our menu selections this year are:

Chicken Cordon Bleu ~ Baked Scrod ~ Roast Prime Rib of Beef

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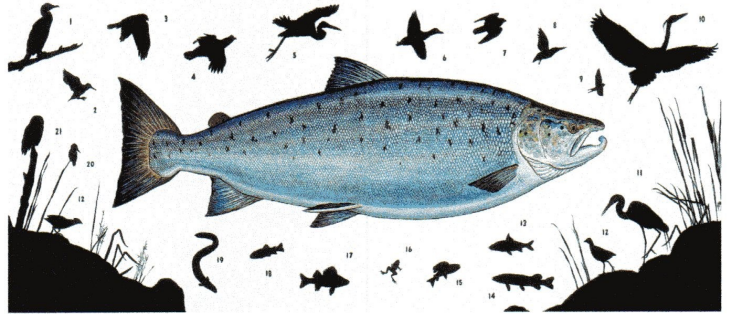
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Coming Events:

Fly Tying Classes
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No Feb. Monthly
Meeting - next Meeting
March 9th

SAVE THE DATE

January 13th monthly meeting

Pizza and a movie

we will also have our election of officers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 6 Banquet and Expo and Entire day of everything fly fishing plus a great meal with friends with a world class angler for a speaker. Many hours of volunteer labor goes into this for everyone come out to support your club, have a great time. Buy a raffle ticket for that entire outfit.

Don't need another rod? If you win give it to me I lost 3 rods on a trip to Maine in September.

John



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