



Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association Inc.

Presents the 48th Annual

FLY FISHING EXPO & BANQUET **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018**



featuring

**Jen
Ripple**

- Publisher

& Editor-in-Chief, *Dun Magazine*

- Board of Directors, Fly Fishers International
- National public speaker on the history of women in fly fishing and fishing specialties, both fresh and saltwater.



For more info: CTFlyFish.org

Maneeley's

65 Rye Street, South Windsor

EXPO

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

\$3 admission

Children under 16 FREE

- Presentations
- Fly Tyers Row
- Kids' Fly Tying Table
- Vendor tables
- Demonstrations

BANQUET

Bucket Raffle & Presentation

\$45 per person

6 p.m. Cocktails & Raffle viewing

**7 p.m. Dinner, Awards, Presentation, &
Drawings**

History of Women in Fly Fishing

Reservations: Phil Apruzzese (860) 489-4319 or
pjapruz@aol.com or CTFlyFish.org

RSVP by January 27

Open seating or reserve tables of 10.

From the vest of the President



Our November meeting once again had us putting out more chairs. The attendance at all of our meetings this fall has been outstanding. The program content and our speaker Tommy Baranowski covered everything required to fish the back country of Yellowstone Park. Our December 13 meeting will take us from one beautiful place to another when CFFA member Gary Bogli does a presentation of his trip to Alaska last summer.

With the Thanksgiving holiday in our recent past most all of us took some time to think of something we are thankful for. And after a full year as your president of our CFFA I will share a few things for which I am thankful. I thank every one of you that volunteers your time to help CFFA attain the goals they set each and every year. It's a fact that we would not exist without you. It has also become apparent to me that we have way more members than those that attend our monthly meetings. If this pertains to you I say thank you for continuing to support us. It shows that you believe in our CFFA and in what we are doing. Your annual dues allow us to provide all of our educational programs, our newsletter, our monthly meetings, our annual Expo & Banquet and all the other expenses we incur annually.

Speaking of educational programs our "Beginner Fly Tying School" will begin in early January and continue once

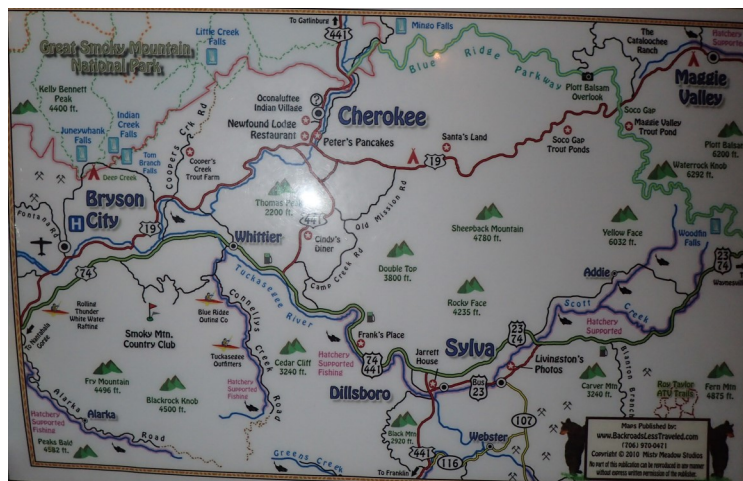
a week for 6 weeks. Pete Naples is our education chairman and he has been in contact with Cabela's setting up the schedule. We do provide everything you need to give fly tying a try. Look for updates on our Website and our Facebook page or contact Pete if you have any questions.

December is here and our CFFA is preparing for our annual banquet and expo. It will be here before you know it. Kurt and Roger will be coordinating the event so please contact them if you have an inclination to assist in any way. I have always enjoyed both events and I hope all of you have also. We will start a list of attending vendors soon and these along with all other pertinent information will be posted on our Website and our Facebook page.

Gary



Next month you will learn about several members and myself and our trip to North Carolina



CFFA 2018 Banquet Dinner Reservation
Saturday February 3, 2018.
Maneeley's, 65 Rye Street, South Windsor, CT

You are invited to attend this year's annual fundraiser and banquet celebration. Come out and enjoy a night of camaraderie, a great speaker's presentation and some "tall fish tales".

Cocktails, cash bar and preview of prizes from 6 to 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Seating is on a "first come first served basis" If you wish to reserve an entire table (8 – 10 seats) you must phone Phil Apruzzese @ 860-489-4319. The dinner is \$45.00 per plate. Just fill out the form below and mail with your check.

Mail this Reservation Form and your Check by 1/28/2018
TO: Mr. Phil Apruzzese 1369 Mountain Rd. Torrington Ct. 06790
Please Make Your Check out to CFFA

Name _____

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Number of Prime Rib ----- _____ Number of Stuffed Sole _____

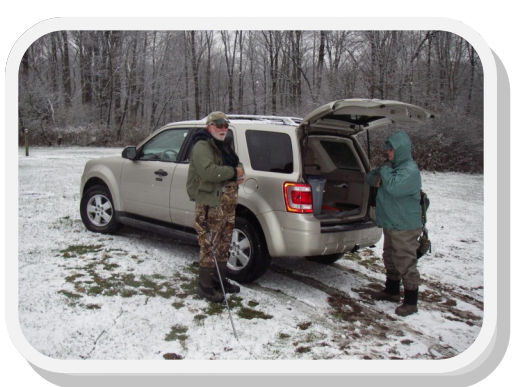
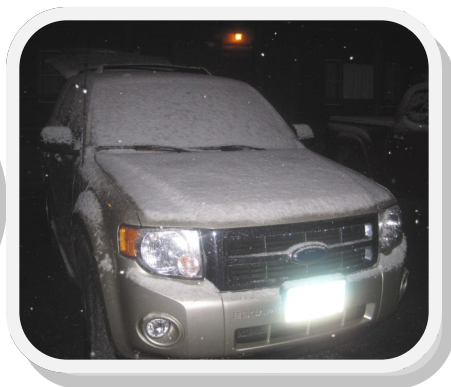
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Number of Reservations@ \$45 each ----- _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

As you can all see our banquet is getting very close, 2 months after you get this. Many hours of work go into preparing this for all of you Kurt and Debbie Jagielow work tirelessly on this as does Roger Plourde. They have help also but this even and it is an event takes up a lot of time as we all know time is something we never seem to have enough of. This event is what keeps our club going all year. It is a very fun day so much so I come up from Florida for it. The volunteers involved in running this don't ask anything from us besides that we come to enjoy the day and support CFFA. Think about attending and bringing your friends the camaraderie of so many fly fisher's is wonderful. The Jersey show is great also and I always run into people I know but this event has so many people you know and can share stories with, make plans with, show pictures from your iPhone, have a drink and a meal with I find it "Amazing" and that's a word I see used to much, I'm sure you know what I'm talking about. We look forward to seeing you on February 3rd.

Early November several CFFA members went to Pulaski NY to steelhead fish, the water was very high but the guys found channels that held fish. Ron Dunlevy who had not been there for about 20 years managed to get into some nice fish. Also the guys had some incredible meals as you can see also.



This is the second half of John Manfred's story from September

I have been referring to "the lodge." Actually our portion of the facility was a tiny cabin affair which barely contained the three fishermen and their gear. The two-burner gas stove, refrigerator, and sink could all easily have fit on the front seat of your average Volkswagen bug. There were no cabinets so the food-stuff had to be stored on the narrow bench like tabletop and under the bunk beds. A third bed was located precariously above in a loft gained by a narrow ladder. Richard graciously offered to sleep there, as he was the most agile of the triumvirate. A substantial deck connected our little cabin to another larger cabin and the rest room facilities, which were quite adequate: two chemical toilets, two lavatory sinks and a shower with on demand hot water. The sauna is the extra touch that really helped to unkink the weary bones after a long day of shaking a stick at feisty salmon. As tight as it was we lived like kings for the next several days. More accurately we ate like kings! We were able to squeeze three chairs behind the bench table so that we overlooked the stunning view of the Naknek from our cabin table. Richard prepared the most delightful cuisine based on a major salmon theme. We had Thai salmon, we had teriyaki salmon, and we had pod Thai salmon, Mexican salmon, curried salmon, plain old grilled salmon, and several other salmon dishes that have slipped my fragile memory. Leftovers were rustled up as salmon sandwiches for lunch as well as a notable salmon omelet one morning. The variety kept the palate happy, but I honestly think that if I had one more piece of salmon this trip I'd have dived into the Naknek and started swimming upstream looking for an appropriate place to spawn!

We must have caught a hundred salmon apiece ranging between six and ten pounds. These we caught until we tired of pulling them in. Most were returned to the Naknek to finish the cycle of spawning and dying, but some were kept for the table and others to be frozen and sent back to North Carolina with Glenn and Richard. I choose not to take any back home. We can usually purchase fresh salmon in Maine for 2.99 a pound in the summer. Paying for the extra preparation of the fish did not make sense to me. If salmon were still selling for 9.00 a pound, I might have thought differently. At any rate, G and R managed to take home a 70-pound box of salmon fillets.

Every day after tiring of the salmon fishing we

usually then tried to catch the more elusive rainbow trout in one or more of the places previously pointed out by Patrick, or we had a couple of spots where we could catch grayling on a dryfly. One of the most exciting days for me was the day I caught this 6 pound humongous rainbow trout on my home tied smolt pattern. He was right where Patrick had said he'd be in the drop-off beside a large rock. I was fishing my 5-weight rod, which is a bit light for this size fish. It seemed to take forever to land the fish while my two fishing companions handsomely cheered me on. Finally, I reached down to extract the fly from this incredible fish, when the foolish thing exploded from my grasp and darted right between my legs heading down stream at a remarkable rate of speed. Without time to even think about it, I passed the tip of the rod through my legs in a rather athletic maneuver like I knew just what I was doing. Most important of all was the fact that I still had control of the fish! As I proudly held my trophy up for Glenn to record this banner event with my digital camera, Richard remarked that the fish seemed to lack the distinctive spots of the species. My elation and feeling of accomplishment at having caught and released this trophy rainbow was imperious to all doubt. I patiently explained to Richard that the spots on the older, larger rainbows were faint.

The trip was a great success and even after a long rather grueling return to Maine I was a happy camper, indeed. It was not until after a day of decompression that I decided to review the photos taken of the trip. I plugged the camera into the computer and savored the many memorable catches. When the image of me holding the trophy rainbow came up in vivid color on the screen, I was horrified. Had the shot been altered? No the evidence was there before my eyes. All the other rainbows photographed had spots; this one did not. It was unquestionably a sockeye salmon and a smallish one to boot. That damn fish never had the decency to tell me it was a cross-dresser!



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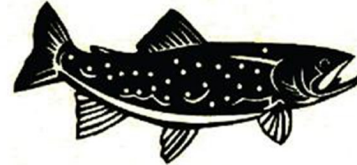


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