

October in Montana



Notice to all members

I forgot to put Publicity Chairmen Dan Price on the board of Directors page, my mistake



## From the vest of the President



ence for all of us. I am very happy to say we had a good number of CFFA & FVTU members donate their time and skills that made this endeavor a success. We needed each and every one of them. I witnessed one of our members perform a flawless double haul cast and another perform a “Bow & Arrow Cast” that rolled out perfectly. They will both need a note from home to miss our next set of casting instructions. And on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> we held our annual mentoring day on the Farmington River. Mentor Co-Chairpersons, Phil Apruzzese and Dan Price were supported by help from veteran club members, Bob Winot and Bud Russell. Wading safety, reading the water, where to stand in the river and casting techniques were all covered. Most of the participants caught nice sized Rainbows and Brook Trout, with Luke Alfano hauling in 3. Response from the six was very positive and everyone thought the day was a great opportunity to get some on-water experience. Both events speak loud and clear to what our CFFA is about.

Gary

If you missed our October meeting you missed a good one. Ed Mitchell’s presentation on the trophy section of the upper Connecticut River told us everything we needed to know about the fishery available to all of us. It is not that long a drive and there are things to do for the entire family if you so choose. I had more than one person compliment us for providing such a polished speaker and a topic close to home. Our November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will bring us far from Connecticut when Tom Baranowski presents “Fly-Fishing the Yellowstone Backcountry”. If you know anyone considering such a trip bring them along to learn firsthand what is required.

Also happening last month on Saturday October 7 our CFFA teamed up with FVTU to educate some Boy Scouts about Fly Fishing when we attended the Boy Scout Expo at the Lions Fairgrounds in Hebron. This Expo is held once every 4 years. There were about 3,000 scouts and 1,000 adults attending. After a very nice opening ceremony we manned our stations and taught Fly Tying (wooly buggers) and Fly Casting to any scout that wanted to give it a go and there were many. It was a very rewarding experi-



## Ron and Timmy

Several years ago Ron Dunlevy made friends with a Painted Turtle while fishing for carp. Each time he went fishing and chummed the water with corn, little Timmy would come over to visit him and get a bit closer to Ron and his float tube. Timmy got was so unafraid of Ron that he would let Ron feed him by hand, pretty amazing when you think about this. Fall came the water cooled and so Carp fishing slowed down and Ron gave up carp fishing for the year. The following



year  
when the  
water got  
to the  
right tem-  
perature  
Ron  
headed

back to the area he enjoyed so much and chummed the water with the corn, after a second trip little Timmy came back out to see he old friend Ron and get his corn fed to him by hand sometimes with a spoon. It was the most amazing thing he would tell me how that turtle would appear when he paddled out and chummed up the water. Another season went by he stopped carp fishing and packed it in wondering if little Timmy would make it through the winter and visit again. This year it warmed up conditions were right and Ron headed back, low and behold his buddy would appear when he



chummed up the water. But this year something was different little Timmy had a friend and soon Ron realized little Timmy was little Tammy :-)



So next year Ron will bring some extra corn and see if little Tammy brings the family to visit the gentle fishermen who brings food floats around and is able to kick just like a turtle and make himself go around the water waving a big stick around catching those big brown fish that all the turtles get to see when they go by eating off the bottom just like them.

Rich showing one of the boy scouts how to  
make the perfect cast

THREE THOUSAND KIDS, FIFTEEN HUNDRED ADULTS.

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HAND OVER THEIR HEART OR SALUTED.

NO ONE TOOK A KNEE.

I attended an expo at the Hebron Fair Grounds Saturday, October 7, for the Connecticut River Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association and Trout Unlimited participated in the event teaching fly casting and fly tying to willing young people.

For that day, I lived in an America of shared values and universal respect for the nation and the symbol of its unity. An America of the imagination, but wouldn't it be nice...

I'd like to thank Chuck Koteen for submitting all of this for us. Editor





The above picture was taken on my rod at the moment the mayfly shed its nymph case. You can see why a zelon shuck case works so well on a fly. I'd like to thank Kevin Fuller for sharing his pictures with us on his trip to the Rapid River in Maine last year. Ron Dunlevy shares one of his secret spots with us in Springtime in Ct.

I must say that this club has several hundred members and It would be very nice if more of you sent me some pictures and a write up on a fishing trip. I once read the average fly fishermen fished 12 times a year this would mean over 3,000 trips are made by club members each year. Something for you to think about. Editor

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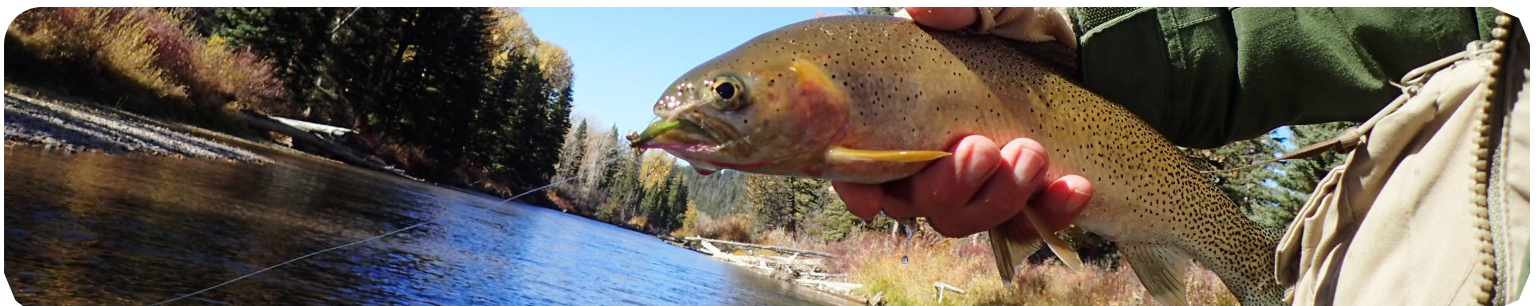
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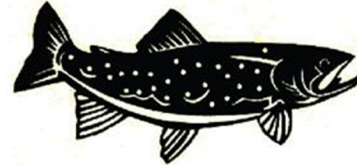


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## UPCOMING EVENT

Tom Baranowski from east Granby CT, an avid fisherman, outdoorsman and fly fishing guide on the Farmington river with CT fishguides. Overview of my program

Yellowstone backcountry is a presentation about planning prepping and making happen a do it yourself Yellowstone hike in camping and fishing trip. ill be going over what the process is to choose a site and secure it, going over gear and general preparedness, files and techniques to catch Yellowstone cutthroat trout, and what to expect in the backcountry of Yellowstone national park.

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