

 **Connecticut
Fly Fisherman's Association Inc.**

Presents 47TH ANNUAL

FLY FISHING EXPO & BANQUET

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of CFFA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017

featuring

Greg Hoover

Veteran fly tyer & fly fisherman

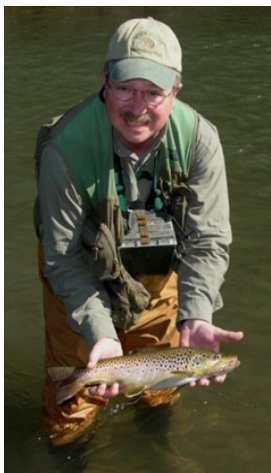
Entomology Professor, Penn State University

Co-Author, "Great River, Great Hatches"

For more info: CTFlyFish.org

Maneely's Banquets

65 Rye Street, South Windsor, CT



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

Some Personalities of Great

Rivers of the United States

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

RSVP by January 28

Open seating or reserve tables of 10.

January Meeting

Pizza, Fly Tying Movie and Election of Officers

From the vest of the President



I don't know how Roger does it. Month after month each meeting is excellent. Our December meeting was a presentation by Paul Dinice on fishing the lower Housatonic and full of worthwhile information. He definitely breaks the mold of secretive, snobby fly fishermen. He answered all questions and even offered to answer questions throughout the year through e-mail or phone calls. One thing Paul emphasized was taking a camera on your trips because there is much more to fishing than fish and the friends you fish with won't be around forever. Memories are what are left when your wading days are over and the photos you took along the way will bring them to life.

Our January 11th meeting will be our annual Pizza & Fly Fishing Movie night and our election of officers will be conducted as well. I am happy to inform you that all of our board members that currently hold elected positions have agreed to serve our CFFA for the upcoming year as well as most all of the appointed positions. I can also tell you that Ed Mitchell our current Conservation Chairman who resides in Florida most of the year thought we might be better served with a member who lives locally year round. So if conservation is important to any of you reading this and you might be interested in the position please contact me.

February is the winter month without a Wednesday meeting and without a newsletter but as you all know it is the month we hold our annual Fly Fishing Expo and

Banquet. These events are extremely important to our CFFA as they are our biggest fund raisers each year. We'd love to see all of our members attend. I have mentioned previously that in 2017 we celebrate our 50 year anniversary. I believe our founding members should be happy that we continue to achieve the goals they set 50 years ago. We do have a commemorative 50 year CFFA patch in production and every member will receive one with their 2017 membership renewal including life members. Wear it proudly.

I wish all of you a very healthy and happy new year.
Gary



Fireworks on top Happily Married on bottom Created and tied by Paul Beaudreau

CFFA 2017 Annual 75 Ticket Raffle
8' 6 Wt 2/2 Bamboo Rod 1 Dry Fly Tip
1 Wet Fly Tip

Based on the Paul Young Para 15 Taper

By New York Maker Andrew Leary

Orvis BBS 3 Reel, Spare Spool and Line

Ticket Price \$20.00

Ticket to be drawn at the CFFA Banquet.

Winner need not be present to win.

Ctflyfish.org

Tickets can be purchased at the December and January Monthly Meetings

To purchase a ticket by mail

Please make your check out to

CFFA

And mail to Kurt Jagielow

14 Earl Ave

Hamden CT 06514



CFFA 2017 Banquet Dinner Reservation
Saturday February 4, 2017.
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 1/28/2017
TO: Mr. Phil Apruzzese 1369 Mountain Rd. Torrington Ct. 06790
Please Make Your Check out to CFFA

Name _____

Address _____

Contact phone _____

Email address _____

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

Number of Chicken Marsala _____ Number of Vegetarian Pasta Primavera----- _____

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

Total amount enclosed \$ _____



And so another year is over and it ended on a great note. I was able to fish with my friend the Chef one more time on the Shetucket. The water was up more than double what it was to start but with natural flow it was clear. As we only got about 285 salmon this year and were into a month of the fish killers being able to kill fish and the water was up what fish are left have more places to hide from us. As always Chef put me in the best spots but only on the third pool did I catch a fish, but it was the last fish of the year on a warm winter day. I almost went in over my waders several times yesterday Ron thought he would have to come and pull my fat ass out :-). We had our best lunch on the river, fresh turkey, Italian Salimi, Blue cheese and Olive spread on a hard roll. Desert was cheese cake and a half bottle of wine. After lunch and the wine I was having trouble casting but did get the fish you see. Chef showed up a few mins after I let it go. He wanted me to keep going and finish the pool but I reeled up for the year and was hoping he would get one from the pool but it did not happen for him. This does not bother him nor me as fishing much more important than catching fish. Yesterday he told me it was out 10th time out for salmon, he was proud of me for catching and or missing more fish than our other years of doing this. From a guy who has been doing this since the program started that meant a lot.



During the year each time I go fishing I send out an email to my friends who like to hear about my fishing and see pictures. This was my last one for 2016. I'm sharing it with you as I think it goes along with Gary repeating what Paul Denice had to say about going fishing and taking pictures. Some of you have sent me things and I do hope more of you do this coming year. Ron got the fish you see a week before our last time out together. Our lunches are epic, I learned about good lunches with my dad years ago and continue our tradition.

Dick Wemmell's Fly Box



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Ron Dunlevy fishing the Shetucket River
for Atlantic Salmon on a fall day





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SAVE THE DATES

The Connecticut River Salmon Association is holding their 41st Annual Dinner on January 14th, 2017 at the USS Chowder Pot IV 165 Brainard Road Hartford CT,

Help CELEBRATE THE CAREER OF AL SONSKI who recently retired as DEEP Kensington Hatchery Supervisor, and who dedicated 31 years to rearing Salmonids.

Social hour, live music, auction preview: 5 - 6:00 p.m.

Live Auction: 6:00 p.m. Followed by dinner \$50 per person

Reservation form at: ctriversalsalmon.org or contact Tom Chrosniak (860) 519-7451 tchrosniak@comcast.net

**Monthly Meeting January 10
7 PM Pizza, Movie, Fly Tying**

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