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From the vest of the President



As you receive this newsletter we are moving into another season of promoting fly-fishing through our CFFA programs, educational classes and appearances. We have a BOD that everyone in our organization should be proud of and with their assistance I am looking forward to our upcoming activities.

Our September 12 meeting will feature Captain Mark Dysinger. Mark has been a loyal member of CFFA for many years and contributes his knowledge and time at our February Expo every year. His presentation "Pike on the Fly": a Worthwhile Pursuit should be very informative and I hope to see all of you there.

On Saturday September 22nd from 10am-4pm the **Connecticut Hunting & Fishing Day** is going to be happening at the Franklin Wildlife Management Area. This event was held at Cabela's last fall where we participated in the daylong event. Our CFFA plans to be there again this year participating with Fly Casting and Fly Tying and answering general questions about the sport. Bob Winot our Activities V.P. is coordinating our participation so contact Bob at our next meeting if you would like to help out or just stop by our tent to say hello.

As last year's spring season came to a close I lost my dad on May 11. He was 94 and most likely the reason I became interested in fishing. He took me to Salmon Riv-

er on Opening Day in 1963. I was 8 years old so he hung close to me the entire time we were there. We stayed close and fished and golfed together for many years after. Well Salmon River keeps on flowing and that is the 1st place I visit in my mind and in person when I need to talk to my dad. A few months later on July 11th I experienced the circle of life as my son Mark and daughter-in-law Emily blessed me and Linda with a grandson, Max Charles Steinmiller. They live in Colchester, a short ride to Salmon River. I can't wait to show Max where his grandfather and great grandfather spent some cherished time together and fill him in as we sit and watch the river, ever flowing.

Many of you offered your support and condolences during this difficult time in my life and I want you to know that I am forever grateful. Gary

Editor's note.

I ran into Gary and his dad on the Salmon river and took these shots of a Father and Son enjoying their day together, just like I did many times with my dad. Take lots of pictures with family and friends so you have as my friend Martha says, Making Memoirs.



I want to thank Ron Dunleavy for taking the time to take pictures of his winter fishing this past year for us to enjoy.

Fishing the Ausable

By John Springer

For many years I wanted to fish the Ausable but never made it there. This year while at the New Jersey fishing show I met Tom the owner of The Ausable River two fly shop in Wilmington NY, right next to the river. AuSableRiverTwoFlyShop.com or [in-fo@2flyshop.com](mailto:info@2flyshop.com) 518-946-3474 Tom and one of his guides sat and had breakfast with my friends and I and I made my decision to go, he told me when the best time to come should be and I followed his advice.

I took a ride to his shop to chat before my day to be guided came and was disappointed when he told me he would not be my guide, but he told me Todd would take good care of me and I'd be happy. Todd called me soon after to see what I was looking for so I told him I wanted to catch about 18 browns about 18 to 20 inches long, but no pressure. Oh and I wanted them on dries of course. He said it might be possible depending on my fishing abilities, I told him I suck at casting. Only thing he asked after I stopped laughing was if I had any peanut allergy's said I was 66 and when I went to school if you ever said that you'd get your ass kicked, and no I did not and can eat anything. He told me he'd have snacks for us and said to meet him at the shop at 11 AM as I wanted to fish till dark. Few days later we met up and I guess because of my age he took me to a beautiful pool very easy to fish and get around. He started me with an olive streamer and on my second cast I missed a fish. He changed my flies moved around the pool but it was not happening so we went back to town and fished some rough and tumbling water, this was the water I had expected to fish. You get about 10 inches of a good drift if you're lucky I got lucky and caught a fish. After a bit Todd and I spoke and I said I wanted to go back to the first spot as March brown spinners should be coming down, we did. Sure enough we looked up and a spinner fall looked like it would happen, then it got a bit breezy. You know how the story ends. We went back to the car I paid Todd and gave him his tip I thanked him for showing me several places I never would have found, Todd

said I owe you one. I told him no I've been fishing over 30 years and know how what seems to be the perfect day for catching does not always turn out that way. No he insisted he wanted to fish with me again no charge we would just fish so I said I'd be back Thursday and he was a man of his word, something you don't see much of today and he met me after h got out of work we chatted sky filled up with March Brown spinners Todd came over tied on one of his flies (just a note, he did not count how many flies I used and charge me for them) and every time I caught a fish he stopped fishing came over even though told him not to and netted my fish and took pictures. At the end of the perfect evening we shook hands and spoke of other fishing opportunities up that way. I'll share something with you about fishing new water, I'm 66 and don't have enough time to find the best spots to fish when I only have a few days on new water. Todd made my 2 days enjoyable.





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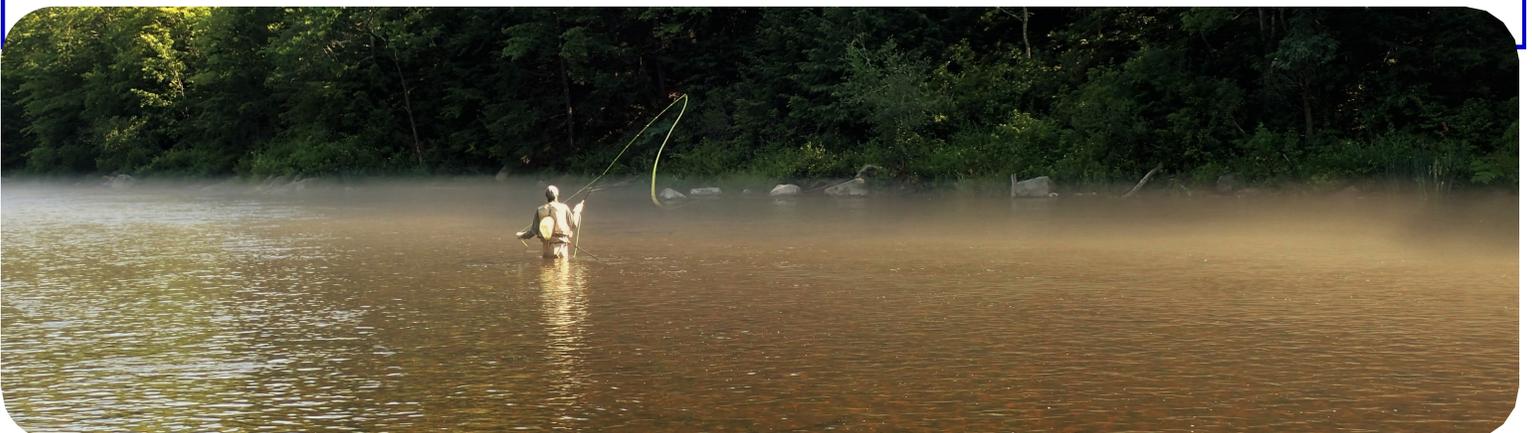
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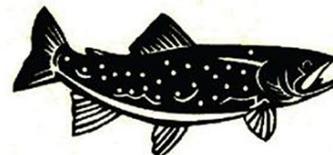


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UPCOMING EVENT



Captain Mark Dysinger has fished the New England salt most of his life. Although he is skilled in many angling methods, he is most accomplished with the fly rod. He specializes in the northeast slam of striped bass, bluefish, and false albacore. Although he guides in Long Island Sound and its surrounding waters, he is also passionate about freshwater fishing and is a recognized authority on fly-fishing for northern pike.

CFFA will be at REI check this out.

The Connecticut Fly Fishing Association, has developed a program, A Fly Fishing Primer, designed to inform people about the basics of fly fishing. We present information on the ways fly fishing is different from the usual styles, equipment required, how to learn skills and where to fish in Connecticut. Come down to REI West Hartford to begin learning the basics of fly fishing and what you need to get outdoors and enjoy more of CT's beautiful water spaces.



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