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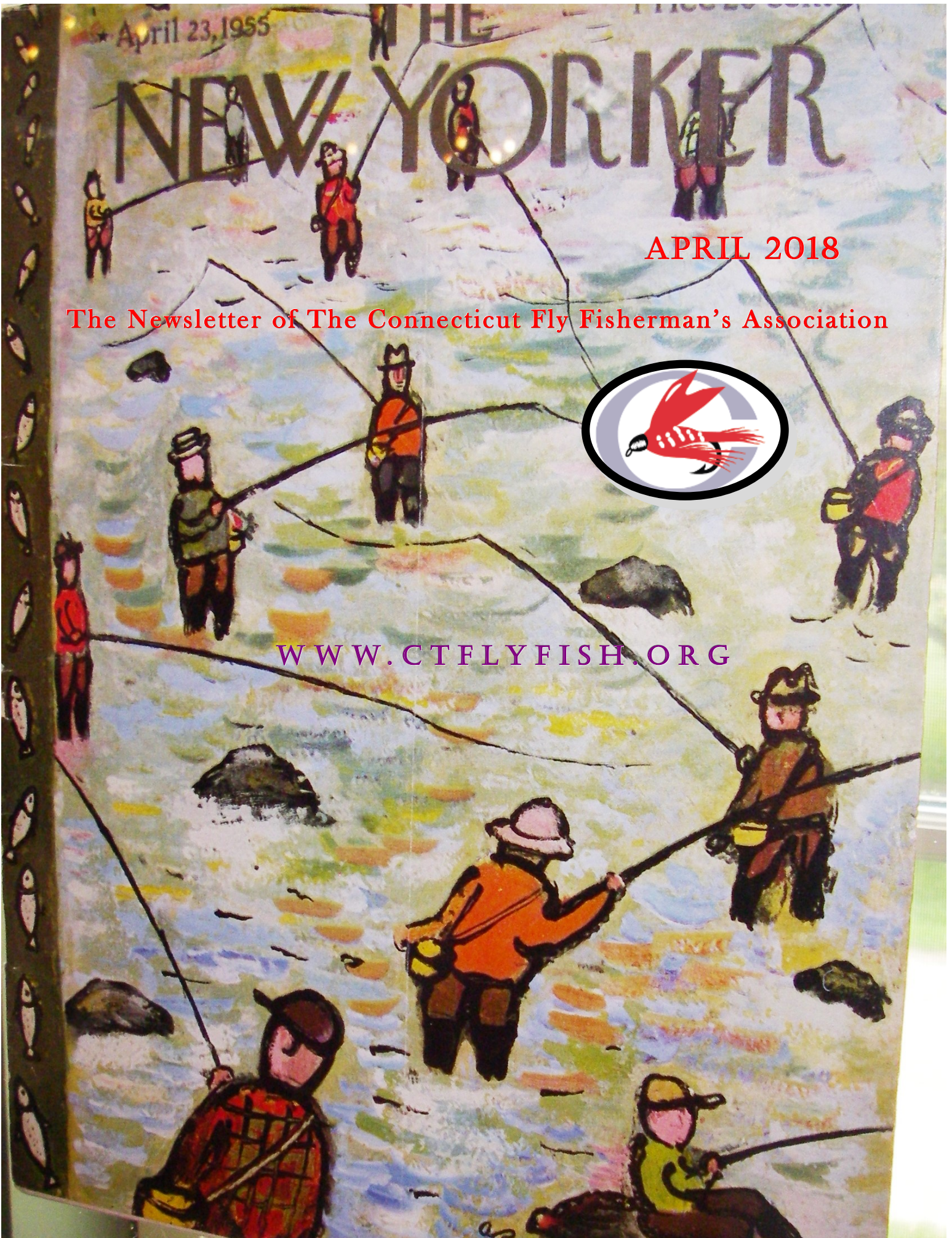
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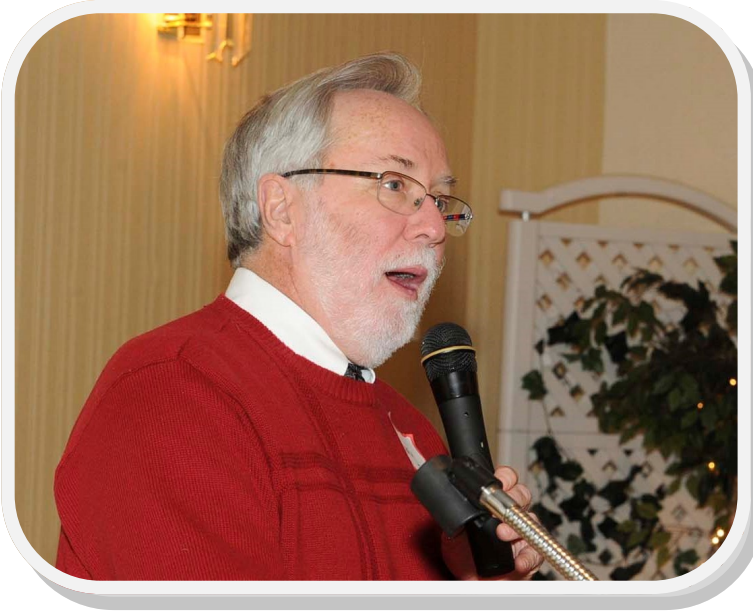
The Newsletter of The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association



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From the vest of the President



Our March meeting featured Neil Hagstrom from our CT DEEP and went very well. Neil is always a gentleman when I speak with him and his answers to my questions are always thoughtful and very informative. It was no different this evening as he received questions from the audience. He is going to be missed when he retires in a few years. Let's hope his replacement has the same traits, especially his dedication to our fisheries programs. He did speak about the "Trout & Salmon Stamp" that is now in effect for the 2018 fishing season.

You can get information at <http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?Q=601282&A=4965>

It was great to have John, Ted, Bob, Brett and Rick demonstrate fly tying prior to the meeting. Rick is a new member that took our beginning fly tying class in January and currently enrolled in our Beginner Fly Fishing School, and Brett is relatively new also. As I have stated before, I believe this is important and something that adds to the overall experience on meeting nights. If you are not comfortable fly-tying in front of strangers that's understandable, perhaps you could share another skill that might aid fellow fly-fishers. Knot tying, making nymph indicators or sighters, building leaders, blending dubbing, are just a few things that come to mind.

I am happy to tell you that we have 20 beginning fly-

fishing students enrolled in our spring fly fishing school. Pete announced to everyone at our meeting that we will need help from our membership during the casting instruction 4/7 at P& F Pond East Hartford and the stream instruction on 4/28 Willimantic River TMA. I believe helping a new student learn is the single most important function we do. They are the future of our CFFA. It is our opportunity to make their initial contact with CFFA a pleasurable experience. Think back to when you began fly-fishing, someone probably helped you establish the passion you have for it today. Take this opportunity to share and pass that passion along. Pete Naples is currently forming a list of helpers and can be reached at 860-620-2317.

Also by the time you receive this we will have completed our Fly Tying instruction at the American School for the Deaf and a cleaning of the trails along the Willimantic TMA. Kevin Fuller has once again done a wonderful job coordinating the ASD Fly tying class. At our last BOD meeting we agreed to purchase 12 new Regal Tying Vices for Kevin to use in next year's class as the vices he currently uses have seen better days, a good example of your annual dues being allocated wisely. Our trail maintenance was coordinated by Bob Winot. Big thanks to both coordinators and all of the volunteers that assisted them and helped them achieve their goals.

I have recently had a conversation with the new Quinebaug Hatchery manager as the previous manager Doug has retired. The new manager Bryan has agreed to keep us in the loop when the Willimantic TMA is scheduled to be stocked so we can use our "Live Cars" to spread the fish out through the entire stretch of the TMA. This will only happen if the conditions are safe and we get enough volunteers to help. It has already been stocked once and is scheduled to be stocked a second time the week before opening day and one more time after that. Ideally we would be able to assist both times if conditions are right. This is a great chance to learn the river if you have never been there. Please contact me if you have an interest in helping with this task.

At our March meeting Denise began collecting donated

flies for Casting for Recovery. She accepted a few but I know we can do better. If you are going to participate in our April Fly Tying Round Table consider donating the flies you tie to this cause. In a few months Casting for Recovery will be having their 2018 retreat June 22-24 at the Wisdom House in Litchfield. Applications are being accepted for women with breast cancer

at: castingforrecovery.org

They will be making earrings at the retreat for the participants to take home as a memento and to use for sale as a fundraiser. Colorful streamers/flyes in matching pairs would be a perfect donation for this cause. CFFA members have been very generous with flies for this event in the past and I encourage all of you that tie to continue your support again this year. If you don't tie ask someone you know that ties flies to tie a few for you, I'm sure they will be happy to help both you and the cause. Or stop in your local fly shop and buy a few for you to fish with and a few for the fundraiser. You can bring your flies to our meetings in April, and May and give them to Denise Dauray or put them in the mail and send them to CFFA, P.O. Box 380268, East Hartford, CT. 06138-0268 .

Our next meeting on April 11 is our annual Fly Tiers Round Table. If you know anyone that has an interest, this is the meeting for them. They will be able to observe all kinds of techniques used by some of the best fly tiers in Connecticut.

Gary



Teddy has very generously offered to bring the materials to tie saltwater patterns, all you need to bring is your own vice and tools



Bret, Ted and Rick tying before a CFFA meeting. Now 2 out of 3 are smiling, so you know Ted was being sorta funny so join him and you know you can learn from his many years at the vice and have a good time and it's a great way to meet other CFFA members and learn even more tricks.

A good place to stay

On my last trip to Bozeman Montana to fish I was by myself and when I checked the internet for a place to stay on my last night the cheapest room was about \$110 for a single, then I found the Treasure State Hostel in old downtown Bozeman. I sent some emails and all my questions were answered by Bill Johnson who is the night manager. He told me the prices they had and it seemed too good to be true. A single person sharing a 5 bed dorm is only \$28. Knowing I snore and many others do I asked about a single room yes Bill said its \$38 I said I'll take it. With tax and also \$7 for parking in a parking garage behind the Hostel my bill was about \$48. And you get breakfast! I asked what it was he said well we have bagels I said real NY bagels? No he said but I'll tell you I had one and they were very good. They have cereal and a toaster as well as coffee and tea. It's a very friendly place I've stayed in hostels before and you meet many people traveling by themselves. Many interesting stories. They have a TV room and a quiet room with a small library,

they have internet also. They even gave me my favorite before bed snack, peanut butter on crackers. Seems people bring food and what they don't eat stays in a cabinet for anyone to have. They also have a washer and dryer for you to use. They have a men's bath as well as a women's with showers and sinks. Everything was clean and well run. If you need it they have a shuttle to the airport for \$15. The web site is www.treasurestatehostel.com phone is 406-624-6244 and email is treasurestatehostel@gmail.com since your downtown Bozeman there are places all around you to eat and drink also. I also should add to this it's a very safe place and there was someone all night in the office.

If any of you reading this have a place like this you have gone to write me privately about it so I can share it with other anglers.



Antisipation by
Norman Holcomb

Envisioning a long cast to a splashy rise, I call up the previous destination on "Navigation" and turn onto Route Six for the three and half hour cruise to Barkhamsted, formerly home, now a frequent destination, to satisfy my long suppressed thirst for sparsely populated green hills, clear rushing streams and cooperative trout. Not



that I can't remember the route, having journeyed so often, but I remain ever hopeful that some miraculous change will make the trip even a half hour shorter. Or that somehow, the harping female voice will misdirect me through my boyhood home in the foothills of the Berkshires, where I can stop and purchase the unrivaled cheddar, lovingly nurtured at the Granville Village Store.

The familiar trip fades in the rearview mirror, punctuated with radio searches for mind occupying conversation, comedy, oldies music. The rest stop on Route 84, adjacent to the Willimantic River, awakens me, stretches my stiff legs, reactivates clear memories of each riffle and pool in the catch and release section, spectacular Hendrickson hatches, frustrating and splashy attacks on fleeing caddis, and warm, buggy evenings. Familiar faces of fishing buddies flash across my mind's eye, punctuated by recollections of huddling under a tall, heavily leafed maple, rain drops sliding down my neck, listening to the thunder claps, while waiting for a break to resume fishing. I'll stop, on some future trip, to rekindle those memories, add a few more, to store away for a long winter while tying new "killer" patterns for the new season.

But arrival at Campground Pool must wait until after the visit to Upcountry Sport fishing in New Hartford, methodical perusal of the latest equipment and fly tying materi-

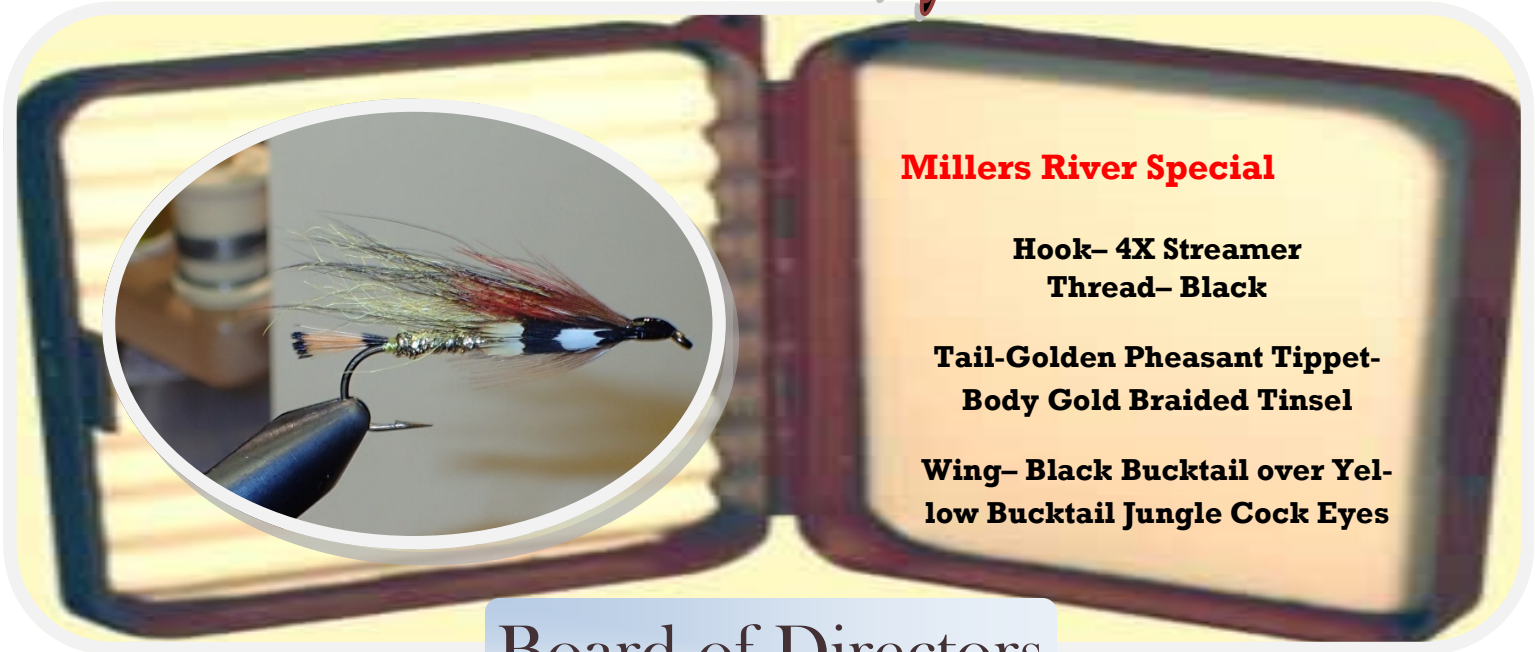
als, quizzing the owners on the conditions and recommended patterns, all part of the customary ritual leading to the first cast. A stop at the Black Bridge, sandwich in hand, helps to organize my thoughts, maybe a weighted woolly bugger, with a pheasant tail trailer and a small green caddis above it.

A familiar face appears from the thicket, I struggle to contain a laugh, spurred by vivid recollection of a dinner with him and his buddy, from Brooklyn, listening intently to stories of his youth and his family's dry cleaning "business" and their sundry activities. Now, his family's fortunes exhausted, he fishes, in the Salt, in fresh water; I search my mind to imagine his life without work of any kind, dismissing judgement to simply enjoy his more recent fishing stories. He willingly shares his most recent successful flies, a weighted leather leech imitation, close enough to the real life versions I've found recently in my wader boots, to fool a handful of hungry trout; a dark caddis imitation, dragged across the surface after a dead drift. We'll catch up later on, banter with Sal, over a glass of Cabernet, at the Legends B & B, maybe fish for a while together in the Greenwoods Pool, a familiar conclusion to wonderful day astream.

A short drive up River Road, absorbing every detail of this wild and scenic part of Connecticut, watching for the black bear that crossed last year near the senior Center. The anticipation is almost over. What a shame.



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On Left advice is given on how to bend your raffle tickets so they get pulled the correct way. On Right is Charlie McCaughtry displaying his art work, Charlie is very generous with his art as he donates to several conservation organizations . When you see him ask about how he gets his socks





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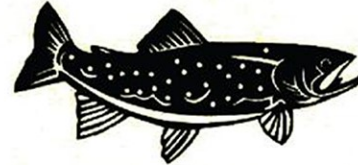


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UPCOMING EVENT

April Meeting is the fly tyer's round table

Hendrickson hatch will be starting about Mid April

Peter Naples is looking for help with his 20 student fly fishing class for casting and fishing

Kevin Fuller is looking for help when the kids from ASD go fishing in May (you get fed well for this)

Club will need some help living carting fish several times in the Willimantic River

Take pictures when you fish for newsletter write something about them for next seasons Lines and Leaders

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