



Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association Inc.

Presents the 48th Annual

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



& 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.

featuring

**Jen
Ripple**

- Publisher



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

What a nice way to end the year 2017. Gary Bogli's December presentation of his trip to Alaska this past summer was excellent. Gary is one of a number of long time members of CFFA and one that I have had the pleasure of sharing a friendship with for a long time. He continues to play a vital role in our CFFA and has since the day I met him in 1984.

Our January 10th 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 all of the non-elected positions. As we all know, this can't go on forever so if any of you think you might want to take an active role in the future contact me or any other BOD members with any questions you might have. A few other events in January that may interest you are the FVTU Annual Tag Sale on Saturday January 6th from 9am-1pm at 321 New Britain Ave. Farmington and the CT River Salmon Association 42nd Annual Dinner on Jan. 13, 5pm at the USS Chowder Pot IV in Hartford. I have been informed that our CFFA will be presented the CRSA's 2018 Presidents Award honoring 50 years of dedicated stewardship to the sport of fly fishing and conservation at this dinner. In my opinion this award is well deserved and is the result of many members volunteering and dedicating their time over the years. I will be there to

accept this award for all of you, past and present. More info on both events can be found on their respective websites.

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 one or both events. This year's featured guest is Jen Ripple. Jen is a national public speaker on the history of women in fly fishing and fly fishing specialties, both fresh and saltwater; and publisher and Editor-in-Chief of Dun Magazine. She will be presenting a program during the day at our Expo and will be available for questions throughout the day as well as a program during the banquet. A list of vendors and presentations will be constantly updated on our Facebook Page and our CFFA Website so you can check either to keep informed. Please contact Roger Plourde if you'd like to help with our Expo in any way.

It appears likely that a "Trout Stamp" will go into effect early in 2018. This is what I know so I am passing it along.
Gary

Simple overview and summary

Cost:

\$5.00 for resident or nonresident who are 18 or older. \$3.00 for CT residents who are age 16 or 17.

Expiration:

December 31 of each year (a stamp is issued for the calendar year).

Required:

For anyone 16 or older who:

- Harvests (keeps) any trout (wild or stocked) from any water, except for places that are stocked with trout at no expense to the state (not paid for by the state).
- Fishes (regardless of harvest or catch and release) in one of these four designated types of waters

1. Trout Parks
2. Trout Management Areas
3. Wild Trout Management Areas (Class 1,2, or 3)
4. Broodstock Atlantic Salmon Areas (on the Naugatuck River and Shetucket River)

Some common questions:

1. I am over 65 and have a free license; do I need to buy this stamp?
 - a. Yes (if you're keeping trout or salmon, or fishing in those four types of areas listed above)
2. Does a person 15 or younger need to buy the stamp?
 - a. No
3. I never keep any trout- do I need to buy this stamp.
 - a. Maybe, if you fish in one of the 4 areas listed above. If you are not, then no.
4. I only fish for fish other than trout (bass, walleye, pike, sunfish, or channel catfish), do I need to buy this stamp?
 - a. No in most places
 - b. Yes if you are fishing in one of the 4 areas listed above
5. I only fish for wild trout that are in waters not stocked by the state, do I need to buy this stamp?
 - a. Yes if for harvest
 - b. No for Catch and Release
 - c. Yes if you are fishing in a Wild Trout Management Area
6. I only keep trout from a privately stocked pond, do I need to buy this stamp?
 - a. No
7. If I fish in a fishing derby that is held in a pond that was not stocked by the state, do I need to buy this stamp?
 - a. No
8. Do I need to display the stamp?
 - a. No
9. Is the money to support trout/salmon fishing in CT?
 - a. Yes, it is to provide additional revenue to the Fisheries Division
10. I fish in a trout park, but do not keep any fish, do I need to buy the stamp?
 - a. Yes – a trout park is one of 4 places where the Trout Stamp is required
11. I am fishing for bass in the Bull's Bridge Bass Management Area on the Housatonic River do I need to buy this stamp?
 - a. Yes – this section of the river is both a Bass Management Area and a Trout Management Area
12. Does this stamp apply to broodstock Atlantic salmon and Kokanee salmon?
 - a. Yes –to both
13. Do I need a stamp to fish in a lake or pond that is stocked with trout by the state?
 - a. No if you are not going to keep any trout
 - b. Yes, but only if you harvest (keep) trout

14. If I do not have a stamp and accidentally catch a trout in a lake and release it unharmed, could I get in trouble with law enforcement?
 - a. No
15. How do I purchase the stamp?
 - a. Through the same way you purchase your fishing license. The stamp will be an optional add-on.
16. Where does the stamp go on my fishing license?
 - a. It will automatically print on your license, no need to do anything special.
17. Will all the revenue from the trout stamp be provided to the Bureau of Natural Resources for Fisheries programs?
 - a. Yes. While all revenue is deposited into the Connecticut General Fund for accounting, 100% of all revenue from fishing licenses, tags, permits, and stamps must be provided to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Bureau of Natural Resources. This is secured through Connecticut General Statutes 26-15, 6-15a, and 26-15b

Connecticut Salmon Association is having their annual dinner, CFFA will be getting an award this year from them. A turnout of our members would be very nice.

Join us for our 42nd annual fundraising dinner on Saturday, January 13th from 5pm-10pm at the Chowder Pot in Hartford.

Download and print this [Dinner Registration 2018](#) form and send a check for \$50 per person to:

CRSA c/o Tom Chrosniak

16 Forest Road
West Hartford CT 06119

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 _____

Address _____

Contact phone _____

Email address _____

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

Number of Chicken Marsala _____ Number of Vegetarian Spinach Ravioli Primavera----- _____

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

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

A Special Place in Montana



By John Springer

About 25 years ago my old friend Terp looked at a map of the Madison River and said we should go to Ennis and check out the channels down in Ennis. We did and had great fishing as the river is braded up and you got to fish much smaller waters and held many fish. A year later I met a rancher who I became friendly with and how allowed my friends and I to climb down a hill in his backyard to fish where nobody was fishing except a few local people. I caught a 27 inch rainbow that day and realized just how lucky I was to have this fishing basically to myself and a few good friends. The following year I met his neighbor Doc who loved trains. We hit it off great and became very good friends. After a few years we would stay in Doc's house and party, hard. Doc would make us breakfast and off we would go then at night we would eat steaks cooked on the bank of the river and drink and tell stories. His wife Olive was wonderful to us she partied right along with us. They knew Doctors from around the world that came to visit and learn how to do several procedures that Doc came up with to fix knees and elbows; my elbow is still going strong 10 years later! Sad to say that in time Olive passed away but we kept going to Doc's house and as he got older and slowed down we took over some of the cooking at night and we took him out to breakfast in town. In time Doc's mind started to go and he spent his final time in the nursing home that was attached to the hospital that was built for him many

years ago when he became the town Doctor. We would stay across the street and take him to breakfast each day and come back at night drink wine and eat with him and tell stories from all of our visits, he remembered those days no problem. We continued to fish at his house but things changed the past few years and homes along the river were sold off and now rented to fishermen. The water being small water was not what it once was and you had to walk further and further to have good fishing, if you ran into these tourist fishermen who thought they owned the river as they had private access to it they did not like it. I had words one time with 2 of them, by the time I got done they ran up the bank and I never saw them again. Doc always believed the river was for everyone and when he was in town and saw fishermen he would invite them to his home to access the river, every one of them. He was spoken to by some people that were making money with this "private" fishing, he told them the river was for everyone and ignored their request that he stop inviting people to fish. Sadly today not many people are like Doc. I've been lucky to know several and still have places to fish that are not heavily fished like many well-known spots. I treasure this privilege knowing that at any time I could lose it, it's happened to several places I go. I'm sure many of you reading this have some places you go that some allows you to use. Treat those people well, chances are they are older folks and in time will not be around and you will know just how fortunate you were to have something really great. You've all heard that saying "there's more to fishing than catching fish" there really is. My friends and I will raise our glass this year and in the future to our great friends Doc and Olive who were a big part of our fishing trips to Montana.



Dick Wemmell's Fly Box



Organza Hornburg

Hook– Saber #7042 Straight Eye

Thread– UTC 140 Yellow

Tail-Golden Pheasant Tippet

**Body & Hackle Yellow Organza
Ribbon**

Wing– Mallard

Our Speaker for Banquet

Jen Ripple is Principal at Fly Squared Media, Publisher and Editor-in Chief of Dun Magazine and Publisher of other outdoor magazines. She is a member of the Board of Directors for Fly Fishers International and member of the Board of Directors for AFFTA. When not on the water, she spends her time empowering women in fly-fishing by teaching fly tying and fly casting clinics, speaking nationwide on issues regarding women in fly fishing and devoting her time to conservation efforts through nonprofits. A sounding board for women in this currently male dominated sport. Jen has created a home base for women worldwide through DUN to connect and engage in the art of fly fishing.

For the Banquet her program will be The History of Women in Fly Fishing:

This is an exhaustive study from Dame Juliana's time to present. It covers the advances in our sport and the role women played. These include, the first book written on fly fishing. The streamer. The fly tying capital of the world. The bait and switch and many others. I also pass around books that correspond to these greats so people can see them.

For the Expo Great Lakes Steelhead:

This presentation is controversial for some in that I show the similarities in Steelhead and that the Great Lakes Steelhead IS a steelie. It talks about where to find them in Lake Michigan and how to fish for them.

Roger has given me **some** of the names so you can see who will be at the Expo:

Carl Barney - Fly tying materials

Charlie McCaughtry - Artist

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Jack Smola – guide service

Nick Masi Enterprise - Tying materials

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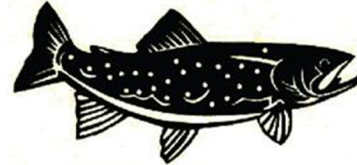


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JANUARY 19-21 MARBOROUGH SHOW

JANUARY 26-28 EDDISON NJ FLY FISHING SHOW.

JANUARY 10 CFFA MEETING

PIZZA AND A MOVIE

FEBRUARY 3RD CFFA SHOW AND BANQUET

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