

# The Newsletter of The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association

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This couple working tirelessly during the year make our banquet what it was for the 125 people who came out to enjoy themselves. Tell them thank you when you see them.



## From the vest of the President

Pictures By Debby Jagielow



Once again Mother Nature was kind to our CFFA on our biggest day & evening of the year. Sure it was cold outside but once you walked into the lobby to our Expo you greeted with a warm welcome by Denise, Christine, and Phil and that warm welcome feeling continued as you browsed through the vendors and fly tyers set up in the banquet room. There was something here for everyone, youngsters tying their 1st fly with Kyle Dauray, 3 educational seminars, new fly patterns displayed on Fly Tyers Row, deals on equipment & fly tying materials, or just running into old friends that you have not seen in a while. Our featured guest Jen Ripple presented an excellent seminar on the Great Lakes Steelhead Trout Fishery and was available to chat with the entire day. It put a smile on my face when I looked over and saw her interacting with Kurt and Debby's daughter Jane. You never know what might become of such an encounter. Later Jane did walk up to me with confidence and handed me a beautiful fly she created in her vice. It now sits front and center in my Steelhead Fly Box. Can't wait to take a photo of a big Steelhead with Jane's fly in its jaw and share it with her. This event has continued to evolve from its inception many years ago and the number of vendors and the number of people attending has grown to a new high based on what we saw this day.

Appetizers, dinner, awards, a presentation by Jen Ripple and our raffle were the order of the evening. The awards went to 2 very deserving recipients. The Ted Barbieri award named after CFFA's first president was given to Bud Russell, a non BOD member who is frequently found at our stream instruction for new students and our trail maintenance on the Willimantic River with his chainsaw, and just recently helped our CFFA with our Mentor Program and our involvement with local boy scouts. The Scarlet Ibis award, given to a current BOD member selected by me as your current president, was presented to Peter Naples. Pete not only did his job of Education Chairman with excellence, he represented our CFFA assisting with the national program Project Healing Waters. It was an honor to present these awards to these dedicated recipients. Staying on the topic of awards, the 2018 Connecticut River Salmon Association's Presidents Award given to our CFFA honoring 50 years of dedicated stewardship to the sport of fly fishing and conservation was on display at both the Expo and the Banquet. This award, well deserved, will be displayed at our monthly meetings and wherever CFFA makes an appearance promoting fly fishing. Following the awards and a recap of our year gone by our featured guest Jen Ripple presented a wonderful program comprising of numerous historical contributions

and accomplishments women are responsible for in the sport of Fly Fishing. I have received numerous compli-



ments about her presentation and observed a number of people waiting patiently to talk to her at the end of the evening. She was very approachable throughout the entire day and gladly shared her passion with us. This year's fundraising raffle contained a great variety of prizes and as always it went smooth and quick despite Kurt losing his voice. Thankfully John & Mark stepped in and did not miss a beat. Prior to the raffle I made an announcement about the man that I consider to be my mentor when it comes to fly tying and who is most responsible for my long membership with CFFA. I met him in 1984 and he always took the time to share his knowledge with me. His name is Ernie "Boots" Boutiette and he celebrates his birthday yearly around the time of our Expo & Banquet. On Feb. 2nd he celebrated his 99<sup>th</sup> and for all of you that know Ernie, I talked him on this day

and he was doing well. Happy birthday Ernie from all of us CFFA members. The evening concluded when the complete outfit grand prize was won by Michael Hiza.

The day long Expo and Banquet is our only real fund raising event of the year and its success helps with everything we do to conserve gamefish waters and promote the pleasure of fly fishing. It requires a tremendous amount of planning and coordination. I thank every vendor and all of our members for their assistance throughout the day. Every one of you should be proud of the final result. Roger Plourde our program chairman and Kurt Jagielow our banquet chairman lead this effort. They are professional, courteous and sincere in their effort to give us this wonderful day and deserve our gratitude. And I personally thank Debby Jagielow for all of her work behind the event and at the event along with Chuck Koteen for documenting the event with his camera. It is very much appreciated.

March is now here and it is a busy month. We will be conducting our Beginner Fly Fishing School on the evenings (March 8,15,22,29) at Cabela's, with casting instruction on (April 7) at the P&F pond in East Hartford and stream instruction on the Willimantic River (April 28). We'll also be teaching fly tying to students at the Ameri-



can School for the Deaf, cleaning up the trails on the Willimantic River (March 24) and promoting Fly Tying at Cabela's (March 11, 11am-12pm). I am also exploring a possible live car stocking of the Willimantic River TMA. If you'd like to become involved with any of these events Pete Naples (860-620-2317) is your contact for our Beginning Fly Fishing School, Kevin Fuller (860-632-2171) for the American School for the Deaf classes and Bob Winot (860-571-1914) for the trail maintenance on the Willimantic TMA and the Fly Tying promotion at Cabela's. At our next monthly meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> Neil Hagstrom Ct DEEP will be our speaker.

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](http://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 flyes 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 flyes 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 flyes to our meetings in March, 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.

Gary

There are always so many people to thank for making the Expo and Banquet a success. A BIG Thank You to all of the Vendors, Tyers, Donors and Attendees for helping CFFA have another successful Expo and Banquet.

Thanks to Jen Ripple for her endless enthusiasm, sharing of information and two great presentations, she helped make the day. Congratulations to Mike Hize on winning the Grand Prize Orvis Outfit. We hope you land many large fish. When you do please write an article for the newsletter and send it to John Springer the club newsletter editor. Pete Naples and Bud Russell thank you for all you do.

I really need to thank John Chapin, Mark Lucas, Bob Winot and Kyle Dauray for helping out with the raffle. You made it all come together.



Ernie "Boots" Boutiette

Here's to next year. Let's make it another great event.

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## Fall Colors Cuda

A club member reports catching this nice 'cuda at Cranberry Pond, a small lake northwest of Hartford just over the Massachusetts state line. The club member says, "Native 'cudas are now very rare in Massachusetts lakes. A few years ago, I persuaded the stocking committee at Cranberry pond that introducing 'cudas would help control the pickerel population. I recommend fishing with a guide. 'Cuda aren't hard to spot, but they can be difficult to handle."



I want to thank Chuck Koteen for spending the time taking the pictures at our show. Chuck carries his camera all day taking pictures and I will have some more next month. As you can see it was a great day and who knows how many fish stories were told, a great time was had by all I'm sure.



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On the left, Christine Rich and Denise Dauray who stayed at the table all day greeting everyone, like they have done for several years. On the Right is Roger Plourde who brings in the vendors, tyers and our monthly speakers for many years





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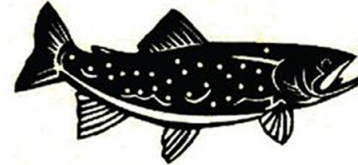


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## UPCOMING EVENT

Neal Hagstrom is a DEEP Senior Fisheries Biologist for the Connecticut DEEP Inland Fisheries Division

He will be speaking on Connecticut Trout fishing in 2018.

What we are planning and how it affects you. New ideas and dealing with a changing state.

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