



Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association Inc.

January 2019

Presents the 49th Annual

FLY FISHING EXPO & BANQUET **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019**

featuring **Rich Strolis**

- Connecticut native, popular speaker on fly fishing and fly tying across the Northeast and Eastern seaboard
- Signature fly designer for the Montana Fly Company
- Passionate in chasing trophy trout and various other apex predators on streamers
- Visit: www.catchingshadows.com



**For online reservations &
more info: CTFlyFish.org**

Maneeley's Banquet & Catering, 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

5:30 p.m. Cocktails & Raffle viewing

6:30 p.m. Dinner, Presentation, & Drawings

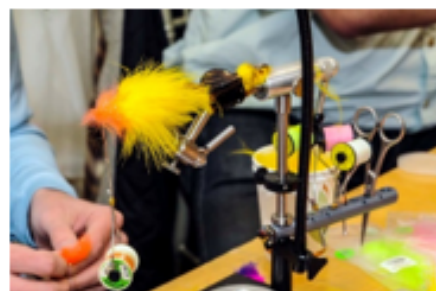
Fishing Alaska on a Budget

Reservations: CTFlyFish.org or

Phil Apruzzese: (860) 489-4319 - pjapruz@aol.com

RSVP by January 26

Open seating or reserved tables of 10



From the vest of the President



What a nice way to end the year 2018. John Springer's December presentation of trout fishing in Vermont was excellent. John is one of a number of long time members of CFFA and one that I have had the pleasure of sharing time with pursuing and promoting our passion of fly fishing. John gets it that it is more than the fishing that makes a successful trip to a destination. He continues to play a vital role in our CFFA as our newsletter editor and to make his job easier all you need to do is send him something in writing about one of your experiences. I know he will appreciate it.

Our January 9th 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 except our banquet chairman Kurt. As we all know, our banquet is extremely important 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 5th from 9am-1pm at 321 New Britain Ave. Farmington and the CT River Salmon Association Annual Dinner on Jan. 12, 5pm at the USS Chowder Pot IV in Hartford. I have been informed that our CFFA's legislative chairman Dr. Vincent

Ringrose will be presented the CRSA's 2018 Presidents Award honoring his many years of dedication to fisheries and water issues here in Connecticut. It would be great to have a group of CFFA members there supporting Dr. Ringrose for his tremendous dedication and worthwhile efforts. 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 (Feb. 2, 2019). 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 Rich Stolis. Rich is a Connecticut native and a popular speaker on fly fishing and fly-tying across the northeast and eastern seaboard and a signature Fly designer for the Montana Fly Company. He 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.

Our BOD is constantly striving to make our CFFA meetings enjoyable and judging by the recent attendance we are accomplishing our goal. If you have anything you would like us to consider for future meetings or events just go to our CFFA website www.ctflyfish.org and click on "Contact Us" write in your thoughts or ideas and your suggestions will be received. Gary



CFFA 2019 Banquet Dinner Reservation

Saturday February 2, 2019

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 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 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 1/26/2019
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----- _____

Gluten Free _____

Number of Reservations@ \$45.00 each ----- _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

There are no refunds due to inclement weather

CFFA Announces Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Class Signup for 2019

Brief Overview of Courses

We demystify the sport of fly fishing. The fly tying class covers the myriad species of flies, how to tie specific patterns and the materials available to craft a fly by hand. Fly Fishing classes introduce students to casting, safety and the life cycle of insects, as well as selecting appropriate fly fishing gear. Classroom instruction as well as two days on water. All classes are taught one on one by experienced instructors.

Beginner Fly Tying Curriculum Details:

Class 1: Jan 10: Introduction to Fly Tying - Tools and materials, Tie a Streamer Fly.

Class 2: Jan. 17: Nymphs

Class 3: Jan. 24: Emergers

Class 4: Jan. 31: Dry Flies

Class 5: Feb. 07: More Dry Flies and Spinners

Class 6: Feb. 14: Streamer Flies and Terrestrial Flies

Instructors: Mike Stewart, Leslie Wrixon, Bob Winot, Pete Naples, Gary Steinmiller. Note: Mike Stewart and Leslie Wrixon are professional fly tyers.

Beginner Fly Fishing Curriculum Details:

Class 1, March 21: Fly Rods, Line and Reels, Safety on the Water

Class 2, March 28: Characteristics of Trout and Diet

Class 3, April 4: Stream Tactics - Reading Water Conditions

Class 4, April 11: Leaders and Knots

Class 5, April 27: Outdoor Casting Instruction - Police and Firemen's Association Pond, East Hartford.

Class 6, May 4: Willimantic River On Water Day - Fly Fish with CFFA Members.

All Class Details - Applies to Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Classes

Time: Thursday Evenings, 6:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Location: Cabela's, 475 East Hartford Blvd., 2nd Floor Conference Room

Fees: Applies to Fly Tying Class and Fly Fishing Class. Covers all materials, vises and tools. Each class requires separate fee.

Adult non-member - \$50.00; **Adult CFFA member** - \$40.00;

Youths 16 and under -\$30.00; **Adults who attend with paid youth may take course at no cost.**

All non-members receive a free one year membership to CFFA. \$25.00 Value

Contact: Pete Naples at flyon054@outlook.com or 860-620-2317; or Richard Gilligan at fishingretired_1@att.net or 860-839-2070



Rich Strolis started as a guide on the ever popular Farmington and Housatonic Rivers in Connecticut. He later transitioned his work to commercial tying, speaking engagements and teaching many facets of both fly fishing and fly tying across the Northeast and Eastern seaboard. His fly patterns although based out of the Northeast, have a strong following and relevancy across the globe and have been tied and fished by many as a result of his library of online videos. He is a signature fly designer for the Montana Fly Company, which currently produces twenty two of his patterns. His patterns have appeared in several national magazines and books, including Flyfisherman, Eastern Fly Fishing and many more. Rich is a very well rounded trout fisherman, but his passion lies in chasing trophy trout and various other apex predators on streamers. He lives in Simsbury, Connecticut, with his wife, Megan, and two daughters, Tessa and Nora.

2019

60 Ticket Raffle

Winston BIIIX 8'6" 4pc. 4wt. Rod

Orvis CFO III Reel w/Spare Spool

Rio 4 wt. line

Teeny T-130 Line

Tickets are \$20.00

Tickets can be purchased at the December and January monthly meetings or by mailing
a check to:

CFFA

c/o Kurt Jagielow

14 Earl Ave.

Hamden, CT 06514

Only 60 tickets will be sold!

Dick Wemmell's Fly Box



Olive Bugger

Hook- #8 2X long
Thread-UTC Olive
Tail- Olive Marabou
Body and Head- EP Brush
.50 Olive





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Saturday, January 5, 2019
 9 am - 1 pm
 Farmington Community Center
 321 New Britain Avenue
 Unionville, CT
ADMISSION: \$2 - UNDER 16 FREE
*Snow Date Saturday, January 12**

ANGLING GEAR TAG SALE






*At this event, Trout Unlimited will collect donations of rods and reels for inner-city kids!
 Questions? - Call Bill Case at 860-878-7245 In the event of dangerous weather conditions, visit www.fvtu.org for updates on this event.

ANGLING GEAR TAG SALE



Farmington Community Center
 321 New Britain Avenue
 Unionville, CT

From I-84 West Exit 38 (Rt. 6):
 At the 6th traffic light, (3.9 mi.) take a right on New Britain Avenue. Follow through 2 stop signs and then another 1.8 miles to the Community Center on your right.

From Unionville:
 Take Plainville Avenue (Rt. 177) south over the bridge to the first traffic light. Turn left on New Britain Avenue. Go 0.7 mi. The Center is on your left.

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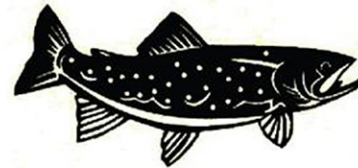


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