

# The Newsletter of The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association

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Members I am looking for pictures like this from your trips to fish this past year or else you will see the same members having a great time :-)



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John Kovach will give a two-part talk on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m.

Kovach, managing director of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum, will first give an update on the museum along Willowemoc Creek in Livingston Manor, N.Y., and its place in preserving the history of fly fishing while introducing the next generation of anglers to the sport.

Newly named chairman of the Connecticut Council of Trout Unlimited, Kovach will also give an update on TU's activities and ways that fishing and outdoors organizations can work together to achieve common goals.

A native of New Jersey and resident of Fairfield, Kovach is an editor and editorial director for weekly newspaper for Heart Connecticut Media. When he worked for the HAN Network, which was acquired in fall of 2018 by Hearst, he was host of Yankee Fisherman, a weekly Internet fishing show.

## From the vest of the President



As I sit down to write this article the local news stations are covering “Back to School” stories. It is that time of year and that means it is also time for our monthly CFFA membership meetings to resume. Our upcoming meeting will be held on Sept 11th and the details about this event are contained in this newsletter. I hope to see all of you there to hear your fish stories from this past summer, especially from some of the students that participated in our beginner fly fishing school held last spring.

There were couple of events that occurred after our last meeting in May that I’d like to make you aware of, both were a big success because of CFFA members willingness to volunteer their time and effort. The annual outing with the students from the American School for the Deaf was held at the Willington Fish & Game Club. The students got to fish their flies they created in the March tying classes coordinated by CFFA member Kevin Fuller. Some real nice fish were caught and there were plenty of smiles and warmth to be found despite the cooler than average day in May. The BOD members of the Willington Fish & Game Club are commended for hosting this special event. Photos of the day can be found on our CFFA Facebook page.

A week or so later CFFA members organized by Education Chairman Peter Naples guided students from our Beginning Fly Fishing School on the Cole W Wilde TMA section of the Willimantic River. It was a perfect day to be on a trout river where the students learned a number of essential skills to take forward with their new hobby. By the way, our CFFA is directly responsible for the Fly Fishing Only designation for this section of the river. This is a good example of what organizations like ours can accomplish with a dedicated membership. Information on how this happened can be found on our Facebook page

under the tab “Our Story” or on our Website. Photos from the stream instruction can also be found there.

A number of CFFA members were also seen throughout the summer assisting FVTU with their Project Healing Waters program. An outing for the participating veterans was held in late spring on the Farmington River in River-ton that included guided stream instruction and some good food and laughs. Tying instruction was held at the American Legion Hall in Newington during the summer months and two outings fly fishing Stillwater were also conducted, one for Trout at Limestone, and one for Bass in Litchfield.

If anyone of you has an interest in assisting with any of these programs in the future please contact me and I will answer your questions and point you in the right direction.

Gary



# ASD fishing outing May 14, 2019

About 24 years ago I started a program at the American School for the Deaf to teach kids how to tie flies and then take them fishing for a day with a cookout. When I retired my friend Kevin AKA: Panther took it over and it continues today with volunteers from the Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association. For the past I think 4 years the members of Willington Rod and Gun have not only allowed us to use there club to fish, they have members that come each year to cut the grass, cook for us, take all the kids out in boats something they never get to experience. These guys wait for us to come! One of their members who I was told when we first went could be difficult and might not let it happen again not only does he work with the kids, that's him in the Camo raincoat, he made a big dish of the best beans I have ever eaten and I've eaten a lot :-)

this year he showed me his secret flies he uses for trolling so next year the kids will tie their own and fish with them. One of their members cooked us lunch before the kids got there! And then cooked for all the kids, he even had someone show him how to say "welcome" to the kids when they arrived. Over the years we have had several places to take the kids, never have I had so many people volunteer their time, an entire day to kids. Phil Mc Cormick went shopping for all of the food and loaded up on cookies just like he does each month at our meeting, homemade chocolate chip cookies, brownies, pasta, beans were all provided by the most generous people. The kids caught fish but broke off more than they landed like every year but I don't think anyone got bored or went away hungry.

Note to Phil, please send this to the members of your club Note to Mr. Esq. we did have watermelon this year!! You would have liked that, the 1/3 pound burgers, Kelly Dogs and Hot dogs were wonderful also!!





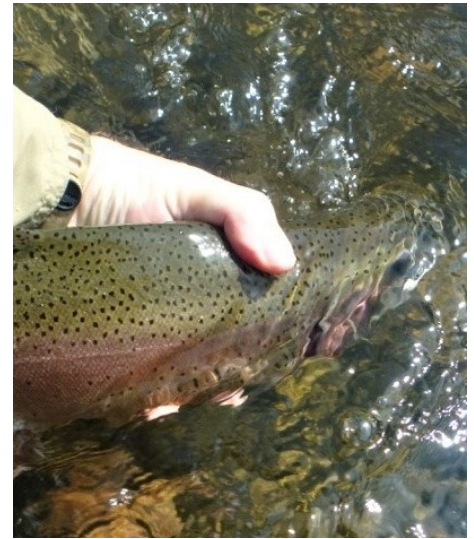
A very big thank you to Willington Rod and Gun for opening there club to us, feeding us, taking the kids out in their boats. And to all the volun-teers for the past 24 years that made this hap-pen



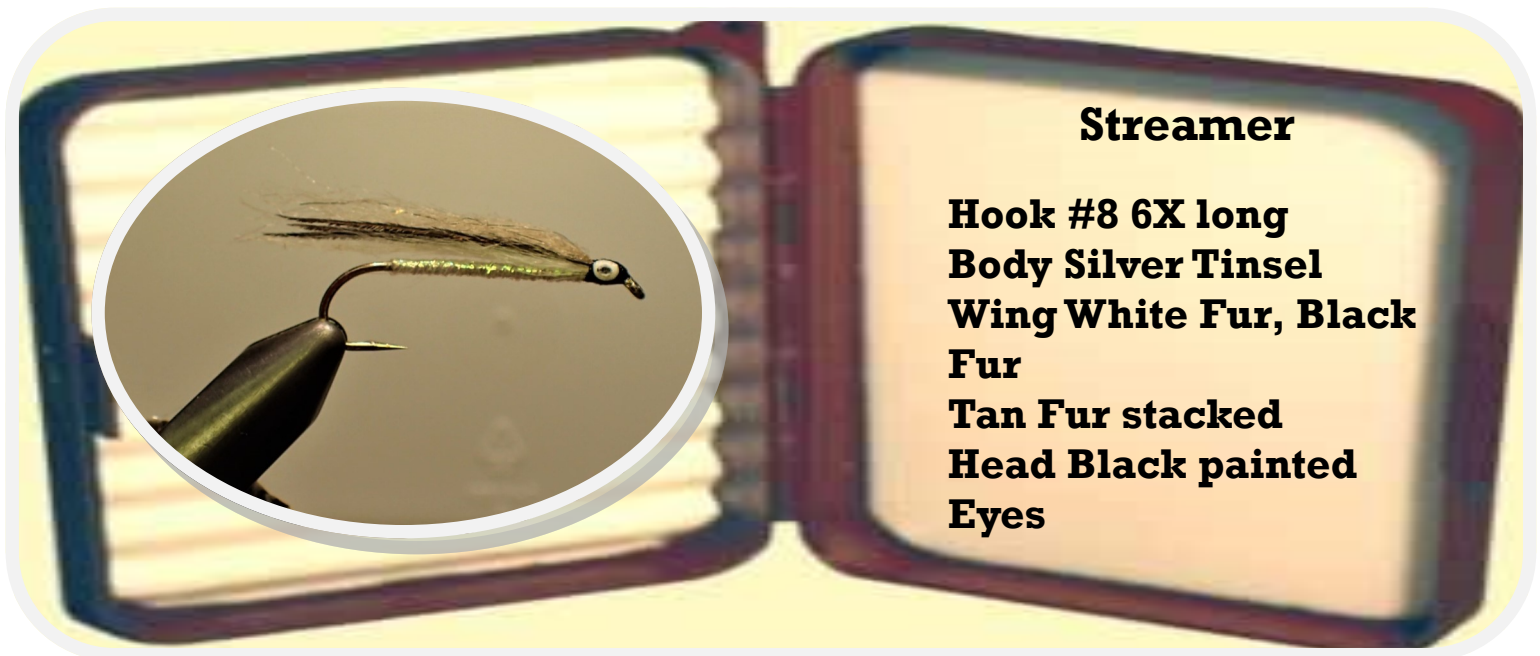
Kevin Fuller's Early summer



on the Missouri River



## Dick Wemmell's Fly Box



### Streamer

**Hook #8 6X long**  
**Body Silver Tinsel**  
**Wing White Fur, Black**  
**Fur**  
**Tan Fur stacked**  
**Head Black painted**  
**Eyes**

### Another Brother of the Angle has passed

I want to thank Gary Bogli for writing about George he was always smiling and I had the pleasure to taking him fishing on the Housatonic one evening many years ago at the Doctor's hole. It was his first time there and he had a wonderful evening.

#### The passing of George Degen

George Degen, 93 was an active 40 year member of CFFA. He served for many years as program chairman starting the tradition of taking speakers to dinner. His favorite speaker was J Edson Leonard. He told me many times how he regretted not taking up Mr. Leonard's invitation to visit him in RI.

George was a talented wood carver and donated many of his works to our raffles. He cared immensely about the welfare of CFFA.

George was also a creative fly tyer. His Degen Darter is listed in "The Fly fisher's Companion".

**We will miss you George!**



This is the receipt for a fly he was known for

Hook- Mustad 9671 size 10

Tail-Red Wool 2 strands

Body-Fine round thin silver tinsel

Wing-Sparse yellow Bucktail over which is laid sparse green Bucktail over which is 2 pin tail feathers tent style ( Like a Hornburg)



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