

The Newsletter of The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association

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This month's newsletter is all pictures from our annual day and banquet. We had a great turnout this year for both thank you everyone that came to support CFFA.

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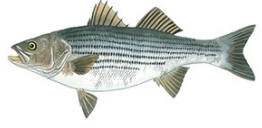


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From the vest of the President

ing for vendors to replace the ones that would not be returning to our 2020 Expo. Well in the end we replaced the ones that left and almost needed to turn some away as the number reached 30. It is the most vendors we have had and with the number of paid visitors also reaching a new high we were very happy at the end of the day. Attendees were able to browse around visiting each vendor, fly tier or each of the two seminars. Bob Lindquist and Steve Culton each presented their programs to a full room of enthusiastic fly fishers. Bob was our featured guest and was available the entire day to answer any questions he received. Once again this year many of our beginning fly tying students attended and were assisted by various CFFA members when purchasing fly tying necessities for their 1st time. This is how long lasting bonds are created leading to long time CFFA members. This event requires a bunch of help to pull it off and I am happy to say we got it. Roger Plourde is the man at the helm and did a fantastic job coordinating every aspect. I will not name names in fear of missing someone so to the early morning helpers and the afternoon helpers I thank each and everyone of you for helping set up and break down the event. Also most all of our BOD members assisted in one way or another and your contributions were very much appreciated.

Our annual banquet followed the Expo and I am happy to say we had 147 people attend this event. This number is also slightly higher than previous years so we were thrilled with that. Your memberships and attendance at this days events raise the funds needed to promote fly fishing throughout the year. They also contribute to the printing and delivery of our CFFA newsletter. Your continued support is admired and appreciated.

What began with some concerns at our September BOD meeting ended up being a great success in February. Roger enlightened our BOD in September that we better start look-



This year's banquet was coordinated by "retired banquet chairman" Kurt Jagielow with important assistance from his wife Debby. The use of social media by Debby to promote the events of the day were instrumental to the success as were the notifications submitted to local newspapers by Dan Price. They each did a great job. Our featured guest speaker Bob Lindquist did a presentation titled "Why We Fly Fish" that reminded us that it is not fish we are after. He touched on friendships we develop through fly fishing and for me and many others this point hit home. Our raffle offered a nice variety of items and ran as smooth possible.

Annual Awards

This year's recipient of the Ted Barbieri award was Mark Lucas, an easy choice for our BOD. For many years including last year, he was frequently found assisting our students at our casting instruction in East Hartford and at

our stream instruction on the Willimantic River. He helped repair our Kiosk at Cole W Wilde TMA and with our trail maintenance and trout stocking at the same TMA. He had also been observed lending a hand at our past Expos and Banquets and a few years back we welcomed his assistance with our involvement with local Boy Scouts. Last spring he was observed climbing trees with a chain saw trimming branches at the casting pond to make it better for our beginning students, and if that's not enough, more importantly, he is an outstanding uncle to his nephew Corbin who he regularly drove to our classes and monthly meetings.

Our annual Scarlet Ibis award goes to a current BOD member and is picked solely by the president of CFFA. I did select this years recipient but I also conferred with our entire BOD before moving forward because it required bending the rules a little. The result of this conference was unanimous support. I had asked this person to become a board member at the beginning of my presidency and the answer I received went something like this, "I prefer to work behind the scenes in any way I can to help the association". Well since that day this year's recipient has never missed a board meeting while I have been your president. In fact the recipient has constantly assisted in any way possible to make our CFFA better without questions. Casting Instruction, On Stream Instruction, Trail Clean Up, Fly Tying Classes, Fly Fishing Classes, School for the Deaf outing, Selling Raffle Tickets, Reserving the P&F Pond for Casting Instruction and Picking up our mail at our P.O. Box. All of this was done with a smile asking for nothing in return. Everyone on our BOD considers the recipient a member of our board without an official title.



This years Scarlet Ibis award was given to Ron Dunleavy.

Upcoming events include our Beginning Freshwater Fly Fishing School, Fly Tying at the American School for the Deaf, Trail Clean Up on the Willimantic River Cole W Wilde TMA (March 21) and our Monthly Meeting. Please consider lending a hand with these important activities.

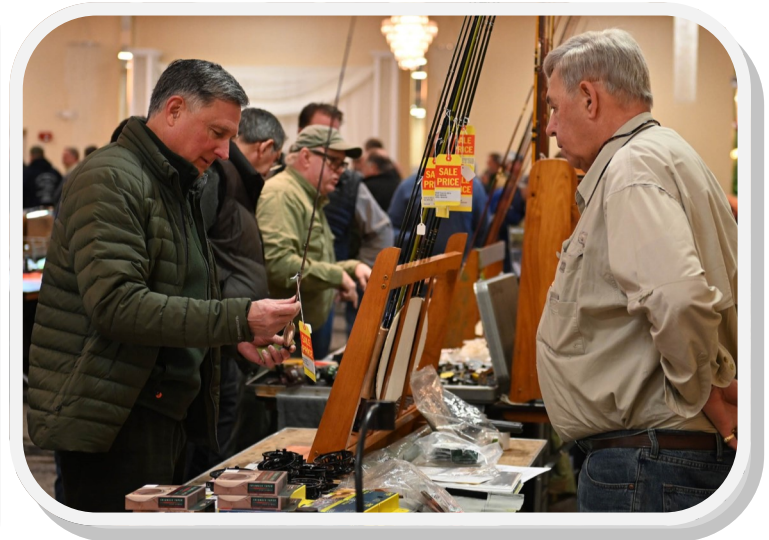
Gary

This months meeting we will have Steve Babbit as our speaker.

Steve has been fly fishing since 1976 and began tying about 1980 out of frustration with quality of flies I could buy. He started guiding 1998 and has guided part time since from 98 until 2008 as an independent company Connecticut Highlands Fly Fishing guiding out of both Crystal lake outdoors and Yankee outdoors. in 2008 Jim opened the fly shop and has been guiding for them since then. He does all the custom fly and shop supply tying since about 2000. He concentrates on the eastern part of Connecticut and it's varied waters.

Guides Guide to Hatches

This presentation is a focused look at the important hatches in Connecticut. I will cover the major hatches of mayflies, caddis flies and stoneflies that are of the most importance to anglers. I will cover life history of the flies, best times to fish it, a few techniques to better fish the hatches, flies to imitate them and best places to find them.







Dear CFFA Members:

At the September meeting, I was deeply touch by your support of my 13th Boston Marathon Jimmy Walk and your generous contributions to my fundraising efforts to help conquer cancer. I am appreciative of the overwhelming support of so many CFFA members that donated in addition to the funds raised at the meeting to support this cause that is near and dear to my heart. I am so grateful for your generosity and kindness. With your support I was able to exceed my fundraising goal...Thank you! I wanted to let you know that on Sunday, September 22, I successfully walked the 26.2 mile Boston Marathon route. It was a beautiful day, the weather was perfect, and I met so many wonderful people along the walk and we shared stories about our journeys that inspired us to walk and share the same goal to conquer cancer. Looking forward to my 14th walk next year and your continued support. With Gratitude, Denise Denise is at our monthly meetings selling our CFFA clothing and hats a very dedicated board member Editor

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