

The Newsletter of The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association

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There will be no meetings until September Everyone stay safe and when you go fishing take some pictures for our newsletter. I went fishing with friends the state as you know opened fishing early and there are lots of fish to be caught. My friends and I practiced social distancing and trout don't have a virus .







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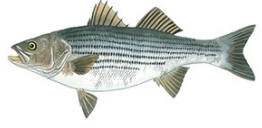
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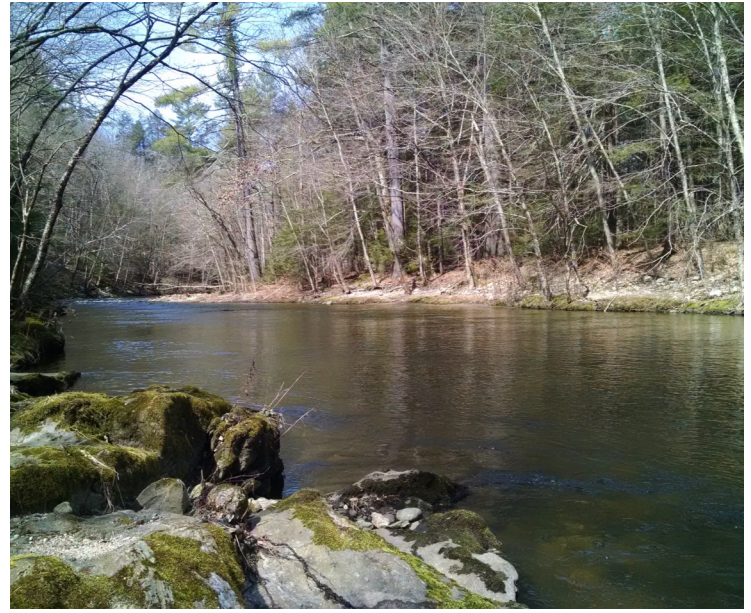
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April 1st fish are in the river thank a hatchery worker



From the vest of the President



Wow what a difference a month makes. The uncertainty of this virus is unnerving and life as we know it has changed for all of us. Please proceed with caution and play it safe.

We are lucky to have an outdoor passion where we can escape from it all in a safe environment. When I'm on the river this season I will take in some extra deep breaths of fresh air and appreciate every one of them.

Our last meeting in March was when the virus was just getting started. I think there were 4 cases in the state. We had a good crowd and Steve Babbit gave an excellent

presentation on aquatic life on Eastern CT streams and rivers.

As we move forward we have decided to cancel our final two meetings of the year. The clubhouse where we meet is controlled by the East Hartford Park and Recreation and they have shut down all of their facilities anyway. As our late former president Charlie Place used to say, "It's only a Fly Fishing Club."

Another upcoming planned event that has been pushed back a year is the Women on the Water Day. It will now be held in 2021.

We did hold our trail clean up day on the 21st of March coordinated by Bob Winot. It was a good effort by all that attended and everyone kept to the social distance recommended by the CDC. Take out lunch was ordered and eaten outside by those that wanted lunch. I thank all that helped with this event.

Keep an eye on our Facebook Page for updates.

Stay Safe & Be Well

Gary

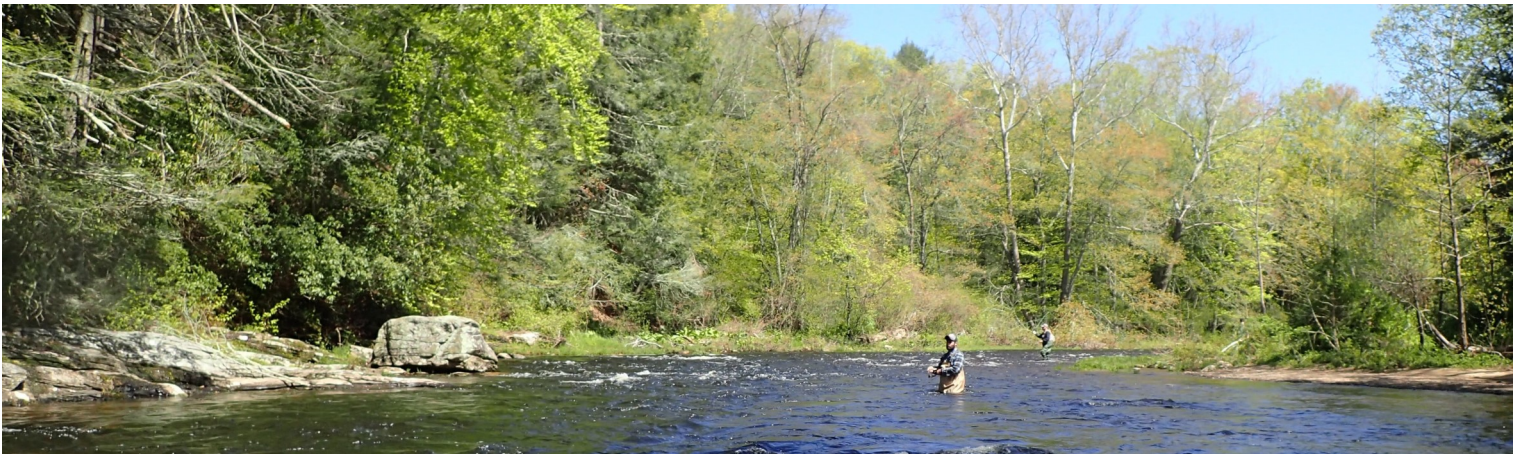


Board Member Phil Mc Cormick will be ready next season to take dues for those of you that pay this way and I am sure there will be plenty of cookies and fresh coffee for us also. Phil is just one of the people in our club that wears several hats and does so much for all of us to enjoy ourselves. He is right there at the banquet and when we take the kids from ASD fishing at his club. Let him know when we break for coffee you appreciate what he does.

About Barbless hooks

Got to fish with my friend Joey on the Salmon river, because he works so much we don't have as much time as we would like to get together so I was hoping for a great day, the water level was good, weather was perfect, water temp was very good also. There was a road race going on near Salmon river park and the runners were going to be fed at the Firemen's pavilion we were fishing right behind it and for several hours all we could smell was hot dogs on the grill as the smoke from them carried over the river to my friend Mr. Esq. even you would have let down your guard for this. I had a plan that instead of eating my banana and Cliff bar it was going to be a hot dog lunch I could not BS them and say we were in the race from the way we were dressed although if I had hung a number on our chest we might have gotten away with it :-) instead I was just going to give them a donation. Oh and they had a guitar player with an amp and he was playing very well and we could hear him from the river. I used mops and a Mr. Eddie O's black leach and did very well and because I crimp the barb down I lost several fish but landed some also. Joey was casting lures and got fish also it was the perfect day. Joey was above me and I knew there were more fish in the spot I was in and a good place to cast a lure so I called him down right after that guitarist finished playing by Harry Chapin Taxi and I was singing along suddenly I hear Joey yell SHIT. I looked up and he had lost his footing and fell in, not a big deal as I have a fall in bag in my car with dry clothing.

But when I went over to help him he held up his hand. One of the hooks on his lure went into his finger, very deep. Our hot dog lunch went out the window. There were medic's on duty in case a runner had a problem and one of them was going to take the hook out had her gloves on and all then she popped the question to Joey, and it was not are you married. She asked him when he had his last tetanus shot? Since it was a while ago she said you need to get a booster and since we had to go to the hospital anyway they could take the hook out and so we drove to the emergency hospital and Joe was taken care of. The needle to numb his finger was shoved in the length of the digit and by the look on Joeys face, the words coming out of his mouth and the warning from the doctor before he did it, well pinching the barbs down is the way to go even if you lose fish. Several years ago I missed a bard and got a hook in my hand and my friend Linda had to take me to a doctor to have this done so my advice? Lose a few fish, pinch the barb down. This all took 2 1/2 hours from our day, the music was over when we got back and the fire was out no more smell of hot dogs in the air or music. My banana and cliff bar and tea were just not the same.



My friends at out dinner table, Kevin Fuller won the first prize as well as the last prize! I think next year I will have him buy my raffle tickets as its been a few years since I won :-)





Iso Iso Baby (Isonychia dry fly)

Hook: Dai-Riki Size #10, #12, #14 1X long Dry Fly Hook (or hook of preference).

Tying thread: Black, Brown, or Rust 70 Denier Ultra-Thread.

Tail: Deer Hair tips from the center of the hide.

Body: Isonychia dry fly dubbing.

Post: Deer Hair butt ends from the previously tied tail.

Legs: Rubber legs tied in Madam X style.

Hackle: Dunn dry fly hackle sized to the hook.

A message from Kurt and Debbie about our annual day and banquet.

A big Thank You To everyone who attended and helped with the Expo and banquet. Every year these events keep growing and getting better.

See you next year!

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