

The Newsletter of The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association

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From the vest of the President



Our October monthly meeting was a good one especially if you have fly fishing Alaska on your bucket list. Bill Keister shared his experience with us about a trip he and his brother made to the Kanektok River. The presentation covered everything you need to know and can expect on a trip to this Alaskan river. We had another nice crowd and more than one person mentioned how nice it is to meet in person again. A handful of people were attending their 1st CFFA meeting and most all of them were lucky enough to win a raffle prize. Our next meeting at the same location is Tuesday November 22, details in this newsletter.

I received the following request from CFFA member Rick Liegl. Rick is the person responsible for our new annual tribute to Gary LaFontaine held on the banks of Salmon River in the month of May. He is certainly doing his share of promoting the pleasures of fly fishing and you can be a part of it by honoring Rick's request. Please consider contributing to this worthy endeavor.

*Calling all C.F.F.A. fly tiers!
Fellow fly fisherman, Bob Strassel and I created the Fly Fishing 101 Class for the C.A.R.E. program, (Connecticut Aquatics Resources Educators), a volunteer based fishing education division of the Connecticut D.E.E.P. We rolled out the classes in the spring of 2022, leading three sessions around our state. Participants of all ages, enjoyed both the class room, (Zoom) and on the water in-*

struction. In 2023 we plan to double the number of classes and we are asking for your help! Would you be willing to tie and donate some fly's for our classes? Our goal is to gather 200 flies by February 1, 2023. We are requesting the following.

- Adams Parachutes
- Elk Hair Caddis
- Stimulators

All in sizes 12/14/16.

C.F.F.A. was represented very well by fellow C.A.R.E. volunteers Dan Price, Kevin Fuller assisting with 1:1 teaching at almost every class! You are welcome to join. You can bring your donated flies to upcoming meetings, our CFFA Expo, or send them by mail to Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association P.O. Box 380268 East Hartford, CT 06138-0268 Thanks for your support, Rick

Gary

We now meet in Wethersfield at the Pitkin Community Center. This location will be used for all of our upcoming meetings until the East Hartford club-house becomes available. This interim facility is a perfect fit and your GPS will easily get you to the location.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



**HOLIDAY
FAIR**

**Handmade Gifts, Delicious Treats,
a Visit with Santa . . . and more!**

Saturday, November 19th

10 am to 4 pm – Porter Memorial Hall

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Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Ass. 2023 Fly Fishing Expo and Banquet -
February 4, 2023 Expo 9-3 - Banquet starts at 6 PM

NEW LOCATION Nomads Entertainment

100 Bidwell Rd. (off Rt.5) So. Windsor, Ct. 06074

Featured Speaker - Rick Little

Expo Features: Multiple Vendors, Fishing Seminars, Casting Demos, Fly Tyers Row, Fly Tying with kids, and local clubs

\$3.00 admission and free parking

Some more members pictures the one below was taken by Kevin Fuller in New Hampshire while Land-lock Salmon fishing the one on the left I took same day 12 hours before while in Montana



Salmon River taken by Carl Ochino the fall, below that same river this past summer taken by Ted Rezepski



Some pictures of members that go fishing always looking for more from you guys :-)



I want to thank people for sending me pictures and stories for everyone to see and read. Keep them coming :-)

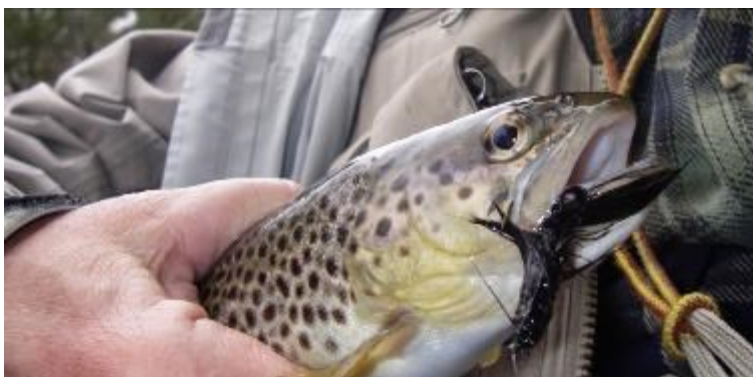


This past spring I took my friend Jake fishing on the Shetucket River. The state had stocked it so fishing should be good. Woolly buggers would be the fly of choice for us this time of year. Jake & Nicki own the State Street Dinner in New London so after feeding me a wonderful breakfast and I gotta tell you there food is old



time home cooked, the best. We headed to the river. We all know the conversations we have when we start out. Politics,

relationships, money, the state of the world. But as we get closer to the river we talk more about fishing and I explain what I think we will find, cold and perhaps a bit high water, extra piece of shot ahead of the fly might be in order. The river was good to us on this day, extra good to me. I have never caught a salmon the spring but the day could not have been better. A great meal severed by friends, fishing with a friend and one cooperative Salmon and some nice trout thrown in for good measure. On the way home we only talked about fishing and our next outing :-)



Captain Mark Dysinger will be doing our program for our November Meeting his program is called Sight Fishing 101

This presentation is a high level overview of sight fishing opportunities, strategies, and three case species (bonefish, striped bass, and redfish). Gear, flies, apparel, locations, and casting are all covered

Captain Mark Dysinger has fished the New England salt most of his life. Although he is skilled in many angling methods, he is most accomplished with the fly rod. He specializes in the northeast slam of striped bass, bluefish, and false albacore. Although he guides in Long Island Sound and its surrounding waters, he is also passionate about freshwater fishing and is a recognized authority on flyfishing for northern pike.

Mark has fished extensively across North America, and his works have appeared in numerous print and online publications. He has been a featured innovative fly tyer for Eastern Flyfishing Magazine, and his Bunny split fly (aka Musky Bunny Twin Tail) is included in the "deadly dozen" musky patterns in Rob Tomes' Musky on the Fly. In 2018, he was recruited as an ambassador to the American Museum of Fly Fishing, whose mission is to provide stewardship of the history, traditions, and practices of the sport while promoting conservation of its waters. Mark is a regular fixture at the northeast winter fly fishing shows, where he demonstrates fly tying techniques and shares angling insights and strategies.

Mark is an experienced teacher both on and off the water, and takes great joy in seeing others succeed. His enthusiasm and attention to detail make him a popular instructor, and his topical presentations are both informative and entertaining. Mark's patience and enthusiasm have positively affected many fellow anglers.

Mark is licensed by the United States Coast Guard and fully insured. He resides on the Connecticut coast with his wife Anne and daughter Lucy.



Paul's FLY OF THE MONTH

Peacock & Partridge

Hook: Hanak Wet fly Hook H230BL Size #12, or hook of choice.

Thread: Fluorescent Green UTC 70 Ultra Thread.

Tag: Fluorescent Green Thread.

Rib: Copper Wire.

Body: 2-3 Strands of Peacock Herl.

Soft Hackle Collar: Hungarian Partridge Feather.

Tying instructions and video on how to tie this fly can also be found at <http://tightlinesflyfishing.blogspot.com/> . If you have any questions about this fly or would like to submit a Fly of The Month I can be reached at pdinice@frontier.com .



Peacock & Partridge
Tied by Paul Dinice
<http://tightlinesflyfishing.blogspot.com/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_KvALYNOA6Q



As you all know the Salmon river is a very beautiful place to fish and I and my friends go several times during the spring. A really great place to eat is Maria's. Her daughter has taken it over and nothing has changed! That's rare. Good food fair price and she can bustem just like her mom does! Can't ask for more than this. My friend Jamie and I ate there after a hard day of fishing with Carl Ochnio.



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