

The Newsletter of The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association

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October 21 2024 is meeting



From the vest of the President



our next meeting where you can pay for it and put it on. We are ordering two colors (White & Gray) and two sizes (Large & X Large) to get us started. If you are not one of these two sizes and you want a shirt you will be able to pick up an order form at any membership meeting and make a payment at the same time. You will receive your shirt at the following meeting. They will also be available along with our other CFFA merchandise at our annual Expo in February.

I hope to see you at our October 21st meeting, bring a friend.

Gary

Hello everyone I hope all is well and if you were at our September meeting featuring John Field I hope you enjoyed yourselves and I thank you for attending. At the meeting I introduced myself to longtime lifetime member Robert Martinchek and his grandson Sam. Robert served on our CFFA BOD as Vice President-Environment when I joined CFFA in 1985. I love the fact that he introduced Sam to our association and I hope Sam enrolls in our education programs and remains a member for many years to come. At the meeting I also mentioned " The Mayfly Project" that I wrote about in our last newsletter. We had two newer members in attendance, Kate and Steve, that are volunteering in that national project. Recruiting is still happening for the upcoming 2025 season so don't hesitate to contact Mark Alpert at mark.alpert@snet.net if you want to be included.

Our CFFA BOD has made the decision to sell UPF or Ultraviolet Protection Factor long sleeve shirts (above) with our CFFA logo and some artwork displayed on them for \$30 per shirt. A nice gift for anyone that spends a good amount of time out in the sun. These shirts should be at



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For anglers in and around Connecticut, broodstock Atlantic salmon fishing is one most reliable ways to catch a large fish in freshwater. For anglers who fish for wild Atlantic salmon in Canada or Europe, the broodstock fishery is a good way to practice strategies and presentations close to home and for a minimal investment. For newcomers to Atlantic salmon, this fishery is a great way to learn the techniques used to catch Atlantic salmon around the world. Topics include: • Locations of the fishery (Shetucket and Naugatuck Rivers) • Regulations • Equipment: fishing with one and two handed rods • Identifying salmon lies and typical holding water • Salmon behavior • Fishing strategies: wet fly, dry fly, tube flies and the riffling hitch • Fishing in a rotation • Fly selection • Fighting, landing and the safe release of salmon *This presentation is recommended summer-fall for maximum benefit*

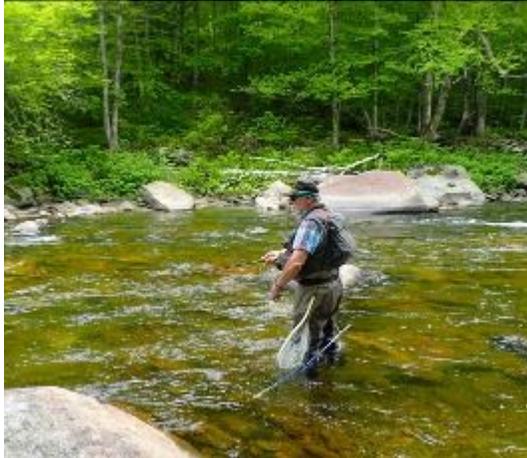
Ben Bilello will be our speaker at the meeting on Oct. 21. I have known Ben a number of years and he is a great angler, you will learn from his program. He has also written a E book about this and it covers everything.

As I said at the September meeting I am always looking for your pictures to put in here, no secret spots to give up just some fishing pictures and a bit about them is fine.



Some of us are using a Tenkara rod sometimes. I was fishing a small Vt. Stream a few weeks ago and caught a 3 inch brook trout :-) my nephew was my guide this day. Kevin Fuller and I used them while in Vermont this past spring and had a ball as you can see. This year we had Al the fish man with us the guy loves to eat and fish and ties great flies, perfect guy to take on a trip.





Vermont has a great trophy program you can look it up on line. We ate at Kevins bar, we stayed at a place called Serenity on 7A over 100 years old. Great place.



Project Healing Waters Outing

Doc's Pond Outing with the Newington chapter of Project Healing Waters held 9/21 was a huge success. FVTU and CFFA members teamed up with the Veterans enrolled in the program to do some warm water fly fishing. Sharon was a gracious host to our group and has asked us to return next year as well. Patty Johnson the Executive Chef and Caterer extraordinaire provided lunch which included her famous chili (No, she won't share the recipe), cornbread muffins and fresh baked desserts. There was plenty for everyone including those that wanted seconds, and in a couple of cases, thirds. The weather cooperated and many/most brought fish to the net.

If any veterans or perspective volunteers might have an interest in getting involved with this program we'd love to have you. Photos of the day included.



Always remember some
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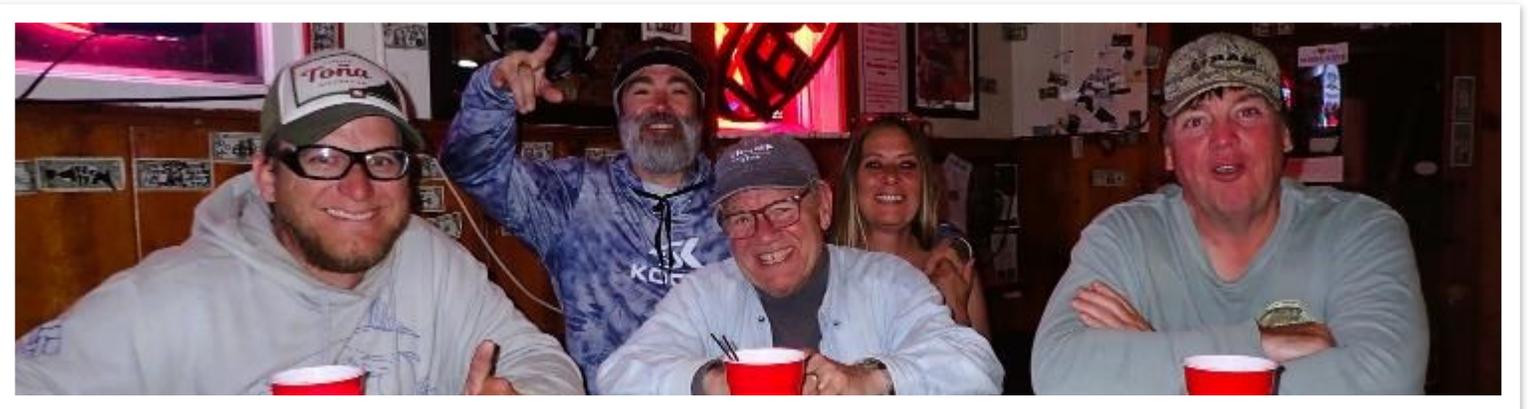
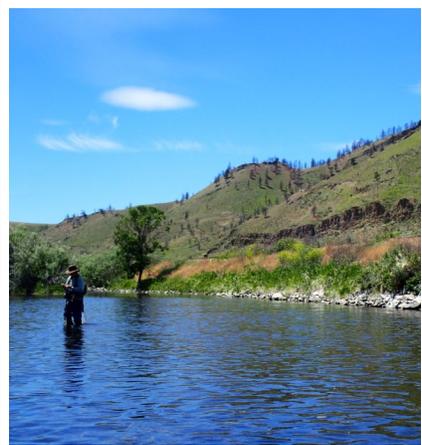
Some pictures from Kevin Fuller's trip with me to Montana this summer. When you go on fishing trips its great to meet local people they can really make your trip special



FLY OF THE MONTH Bitch Creek Nymph

- Hook:** Size #6 4X long steamer hook.
Tying thread: Brown, 6/0.
Bead: Optional, color of choice.
Weight: .025 Lead or lead free wire.
Tail: [Round White, Brown, Black or Orange Rubber Hackle.](#)
Antenna: Round White, Brown, Black or Orange Rubber Hackle.
Abdomen: Woven Black & Yellow Chenille.
Thorax: Black Chenille.
Hackle: Grizzly, Brown or Black saddle hackle.

Tying instructions and a 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



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