



# BACKLASH

## Capital District Fly Fishers

Conserving – Restoring – Educating  
Through Fly Fishing



March 2007

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### President's Message

Mother Nature helped Valentine's Day by covering us with snow, causing things to be canceled and keeping people together for the night. I hope everyone survived. Due to the possible storm at the time, the board and officers made a decision to err on the side of safety and cancel the meeting. Marla, who was to give a presentation, is rescheduled for April. The plus side of the snow is that it will help with ground water temperature later in the year and help the fishing streams.

Now for things to think about, participate in or remember. Marla was kind enough to donate a guided fishing trip for 2 to the club as a fundraiser. The fishing trip will be raffled at our April meeting. The raffle is for active members only and is \$5.00 a ticket (a fantastic deal). So buy, buy, buy and buy more. We are doing 2 shows this year: The Great Outdoor Show March 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> and The Adirondack Living Show March 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Things we need for the shows are FLIES for the raffle and HELP. To get admission to the shows you must place your name on the signup sheets so we can give it to the promoters. We will also be doing "Take a Veteran Fishing" day again this year.

We want to start something new for the members from the members in our newsletter. We need your ideas for things you have done to make things easier or better for our sport. Tell us your favorite fly, the recipe, how you tie it, fish it and what type of fish you use it for. If you've read a good, bad or indifferent book on our sport, let's tell the members. So let's prove what we keep saying, it's everyone's club and not just a few. Send the information to Eric Kroth, Rodney Priddle or myself.

There are a lot of things happening so check the calendar of events, mark the dates at home and join us.

See you at the meeting

Paul Sinicki  
President

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### March Meeting

Polish Community Center March 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

**Robert Stockton** - "Successful Nymphing" - Bob will show us his winning ways to successful nymphing.

**Fly Tyer's Corner:** Nymphs    **Tier:** Lou Bruno    **Fly of the Month:** Nymphs

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## ***DUES ARE DUE!!!***

Dues are due by the end of January or the February meeting. Due to the cancellation of the meeting we have extended it to the March meeting. To continue to enjoy the benefits of the club you must be a member in good standing. This is to notify those who have not renewed that this is the **LAST** newsletter and updates that you that you will receive. If you have any questions about your membership please contact Walt Susko at 477-5505.

Please find enclosed in the newsletter a fresh membership application and renewal form. Thank you.

## ***Looking for new ideas? Got some to share? Come out to the Fly Tiers Guild***

Tuesday nights, Colonie Youth Center, 5 First Avenue, Latham  
Share patterns – Chew the fat – Cheaper than therapy

*LAST CALL – Sessions end by Opening Day!!!*

## Upcoming Shows...

**March 16-18<sup>th</sup>:** Northeast Great Outdoors Show - Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY



**March 16:** 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**March 17:** 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**March 18:** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**March 30<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>:** Adirondack Living Show – Adirondack Sports Complex, Queensbury, NY

5th great year! Bigger, better, and coming to a city near you!

**March 30, 31, & April 1, 2007**  
**Adirondack Sports Complex**  
Exit 18, 326 Sherman Ave., Queensbury, NY 12804  
Fri 12pm-8pm; Sat 9am-7pm; Sun 10am-4pm  
\$9.00 general admission; Children 12 and under free

**CLICK TO ENTER THE ADIRONDACK LIVING SHOW WEBSITE**

**CLICK FOR EXHIBITOR INFO**

**DISCOUNT COUPONS INSIDE**

**Attention All Members:** We will need help for both of these shows. We need help with casting demonstration, fly tying demonstration and instruction, and general promotion of the club, i.e. chewing the fat.

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## Bug Dope for your Fly Tying Chest

Fly tiers have used mothballs for years. However, recent studies have indicated that both para-dichlorobenzene and Naphthalene used in mothballs may be linked to illnesses, including **cancer**.

Have you been infested by bugs in your fly tying supplies? Here is a mixture to keep them away and keep you from gagging on moth ball fumes! There is a similar herbal moth repellent sold at Wal-Mart, naturally called Moth-Away which contains some of the same ingredients, but is not effective against all of the critters that a fly tier can encounter.

Fill small cloth bags (sometimes called potpourri or tea bags) with the bug dope and place one in each SEALED container of **natural** fly tying materials. You can also hang them around the house near such areas as cellar windows to eliminate houseflies, spiders, moths, earwigs, etc. The Dope is good for a minimum of 3 years; however, it is suggested to squeeze the bag to reactivate the dope at least every 3 to 6 months.

We have a place that is mixing the formula for us and is making it available by the pound at \$15.00 or by the ounce at \$.95. They also have the bags that come 12 in a pack for \$2.60. Contact them before going to buy to make sure they have some and that they didn't sell out.

### CONTACT:

**Wild Thyme Whole Food & Tea**  
**108Milton Ave., Ballston Spa, NY 12020**  
**(518) 885-7275**

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NYS Fishing License Sales*			
License Year	Quantity Sold	Gross Sales	Notes
2002/2003	1,007,156	\$32,297,508	
2003/2004	1,000,869	\$31,401,824	
2004/2005	991,870	\$31,094,538	
2005/2006	978,848	\$30,459,449	
2006/2007	541,240	\$21,267,407	YTD 1/31/07

*Please note: spring still coming – that's when my father used to get his. – ed.*

## **From the Members...**

*Editor's note: Every now and then, we come upon something that we want to share with our friends. It may be a new book we read (or an old one), maybe it's a fly pattern we found, or modified, or even created, we want to share it. Well, "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way" to your forum. If you've some thing that you would like to share with us, let me, Paul, or Rodney know. We'd be glad to hear from you. To start things off, however...*



I started tying my own flies in October of '05. I had a great time at the Colonie Youth Center on Tuesday nights, learning how to put the bits of fluff onto the hook, and get them to stay where I wanted. Fly Tier's Guild meetings are still something to which I look forward.

My home tying, however has been evolving over the last year and a half. The first leap forward was getting a roll-top desk. A friend at work recommended it as cat-proof with the top closed. Storage containers have been multiplying for materials. The only problem was the vise...

A pedestal vise was always too high for my comfort, and a clamp mount obstructed the desk drawer. Actually, the clamp wouldn't even go on the lip of the desktop with the drawer in place. I removed the drawer, and decided to find a better solution later.

In January, it finally hit me. Down in the basement, I found a couple of unused pieces from 'flat pack' furniture. Two angled supports were cut and glued to the bottom of a longer section. I then drilled two pilot holes in the supports and made matching ones in the face of the drawer. Two screws later, and Presto! My vise is mounted. The height of the vise is pretty much right, adjustable up and down as needed, and the drawer is fully functional as ... a drawer, holding pens, pencils, and other sundries.

p.s. – The first modification I made to the desk was the light blue contact paper. It didn't take long to figure out that 'natural wood color' would make working difficult.

Eric Kroth

## Upcoming Events Calendar...

<b>March 6</b> Tuesday 6:30	<b>Fly Tiers Guild – Colonie Youth Center</b> , 5 First Avenue, Latham - All CDFD members welcome - come tie what you want, chew the fat, share patterns, tying tips and enjoy the small talk!!!
<b>March 7</b>	<b>Fly Tying Classes - Clifton Park &amp; Halfmoon Ambulance Corps</b> , 15 Crossing Blvd, Clifton Park, NY
<b>March 13</b> Tuesday 6:30	<b>Fly Tiers Guild – Colonie Youth Center</b> , 5 First Avenue, Latham - All CDFD members welcome - come tie what you want, chew the fat, share patterns, tying tips and enjoy the small talk!!!
<b>March 14</b> <b>Wednesday</b> 6:30 FTC 7:00 Meeting	<b>R Stockton</b> - "Successful Nymphing" Bob will show us his winning ways to successful nymphing. <b>FTC: Nymphs Tier: Lou Bruno</b> <b>Fly of the Month: Nymphs</b>
<b>March 16-18</b>	<b>Great Northeast Outdoor Show</b> – Empire State Plaza -- Help demonstrate fly tying, casting, etc.
<b>March 16-18</b>	<b>Saltwater Fishing Expo</b> - Somerset, NJ
<b>March 20</b> Tuesday 6:30	<b>Fly Tiers Guild – Colonie Youth Center</b> , 5 First Avenue, Latham - All CDFD members welcome - come tie what you want, chew the fat, share patterns, tying tips and enjoy the small talk!!!
<b>March 27</b> Tuesday 6:30	<b>Fly Tiers Guild – Colonie Youth Center</b> , 5 First Avenue, Latham – <i>Last Call for the '06-'07 season!</i>
<b>March 30-April 1</b>	<b>Adirondack Living Show</b> – Adirondack Sports Complex, Queensbury, NY -- Help demonstrate fly tying, casting, etc.
<b>April 11</b> Wednesday 7:00 FTC 6:30	<b>Marla Blair</b> –a.k.a. “Bette Muddler”, will join us for tips and tales while guiding on western Massachusetts and Connecticut rivers. Bonus Raffle: a two-person guided trip on a river discussed that night <b>FTC: the Jailbird Featured Tier: Marla Blair</b>
<b>May 9</b> Wednesday 7:00 <b>No FTC</b>	<b>Fishing the Spey Rod</b> – John Prokorym will be demonstrating the Spey rod and the many casting techniques available. <b>Special Meeting Location – 6 Mile Water Works. This event Rain or Shine... except for lightning – see May 16th</b>
<b>May 13</b>	<b>Mother’s Day</b>
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Lightning date for Spey casting demo</b>
<b>May 19</b>	<b>CDFD Casting Clinic – Clifton Park Commons</b> – Rain date: Sunday, May 20th
	<b>Connecticut – NO FREE FISHING DAYS</b>
<b>May 26</b>	<b>Pennsylvania – Free Fishing Days</b>
<b>June 2-3</b>	<b>Massachusetts – Free Fishing Days</b>
<b>June 3</b>	<b>Pennsylvania – Free Fishing Days</b>
<b>June 9</b>	<b>Vermont – Free Fishing Day</b>
<b>June 13</b>	<b>On the Water Meeting – 6 Mile Water Works</b>
<b>June 23-24</b>	<b>New York – Free Fishing Days</b>
<b>July 11</b>	<b>OWM – Round Lake</b>
<b>August 8</b>	<b>OWM – Cohoes Falls</b>
<b>September 12</b> Wednesday 7:00 FTC 6:30	<b>Welcome Back!</b> – Time for the start of meeting season, again. Share your stories, tell tall tales – you’ll laugh, you’ll cry...

# Capital District Fly Fishers Membership Application & Renewal

Last Name:  First Name:  Phone

Address:  email

City:  State  Zip:

**Membership**  New  Individual @ \$ 15.00  Junior - Age 15 & younger Free  Renewal  Family @ \$ 25.00  Membership Fee

**Merchandise**  CDFF Cloth Patch @ \$5.00 ea  CDFF Window Decal - Free  CDFF Lapel Pin @ \$5.00 ea  CDFF Hat @ \$10.00  Merchandise Cost

Enter your Federation of Fly Fishers Membership number  **Total**   
Don't have an FFF Membership? Go to [fedflyfishers.org](http://fedflyfishers.org) or call FFF at (406) 585-7592 a FFF membership is Highly recommended.

**As a member, I am interested in and would be willing to help on the following: (check all that apply)**

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|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casting     | <input type="checkbox"/> Communication / Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer / Web Page            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Development / Promotions   | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Refreshments / Banquet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership  | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs                   | <input type="checkbox"/> On Stream Outings              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising / Raffle      | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment / Conservation     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                      | <input type="text"/>                                    |

**Fishing Interest and availability (check all that apply)**

Trout  Warm Water  Salt Water

**Availability**

Days  Mon  Tue  Wed  Thr  Fri  Sat  Sun

Evenings  Mon  Tue  Wed  Thr  Fri  Sat  Sun

**Transportation**

Can Drive  Need Ride Miles willing to travel:

**Fill out the form on your computer - print it out - attach your check and send it to:** OR **bring it to our next meeting.**

Walter Susko - CDFF Treasurer  
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