



BACKLASH

Capital District Fly Fishers

Conserving – Restoring – Educating
Through Fly Fishing



December 2007

President's Message

Thanksgiving is over and the next holidays are on their way. For Thanksgiving I thought of many things to be thankful for and realized how lucky I am. Examples are: my Wife and how she cares for me, this club and its members as friends, being alive and able to fish and tie flies, good friends and family. These are just a few things I pondered on and knew I was one of the richest people alive. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday.

December is the month to elect the clubs officers and its slate is uncontested as the same as last year. The holiday party is also the meeting night December 15th. We will have the Officer Elections, a brief meeting, a presentation by Jay "Fishy" Fullum, and good food.

We are looking for suggestions for future presentations. The e-board is already working on the fall of 2008, so let's hear from you - it's your club. Come join us at the e-board meeting January 14th. We need floor walkers for the tying class, volunteers for the Great Outdoor Show, the Saratoga County Fair, Casting Clinic and of course the On The Water meetings.

The On The Water meetings have been lightly attended and we don't quite know why. If anyone can help us understand this and have any ideas how to boost the attendance please let us know. This is something we would like to make a success. This is a good way to get to know each other, learn new fishing areas and how to fish them, refine techniques and possibly learn new tricks.

See you at the Meeting/Party.

Paul Sinicki
President

December Meeting

New Location! **VFW Post 8692, Dec 15th, 7:00 p.m.** **New Location!**
140 VFW Drive (off New Karner Road)

2007 Holiday Banquet

Italian-American Buffet dinner, the traditional Chinese Auction, and a guest speaker: Jay "Fishy" Fullum, to discuss one of his favorite topics, "Creative Fly Tying".

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Dues are due - ...It's definitely time... You don't want to forget them. Everyone's memberships are up at the end of the year. Inside this issue, you'll find a handy membership form available for you to print out, or simply write on, for those of you who receive this through the mail.

Attention: Even if you've renewed, please take the time to fill out a new membership form. We've added some new information fields which might help us all out with activities. Thanks for your time.

Fly Tying Classes – January is just around the corner! The class material is set, but the club needs your help! Floor Walkers and Instructors are needed to help out with the class. You don't even have to think you're that good. If you can tie a fly, you can be a Floor Walker (and nothing will help your tying more than trying to tell someone else how to do it).

Attention - Included in this issue of the Backlash is a poster for our class. Please feel free to put it up anywhere you think it will be seen by someone who might want to try it.



Fly Tier's Guild Is Here!!!

Come out and join us for some coffee and good conversation. We will again be meeting at the Colonie Youth Center at 5 First Avenue in Latham (just off Route 2, east of Latham Circle). Guild meetings usually convene at 18:30 and go to (around) 20:30 (maybe even later...) every Tuesday night, through the end of March. Check the club website for more info.

Fly Tying – Cheaper than Therapy...

For more on the Colonie Youth Center: <http://www.coloniyouthcenter.org>

Announcing the 2007 Capital District Fly Fishers

Holiday Banquet

Saturday, December 15th, 7:00 p.m.

VFW Post 8692, 140 VFW Drive (off New Karner Road)

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Reservations to Walt Susko by: Dec. 7th

Our guest speaker will be Jay "Fishy" Fullum. Jay will be discussing various aspects of "Creative Fly Tying". Get ready to think outside the box regarding materials and techniques – actually, you might want to throw the box away entirely.

Dinner will be a buffet: Tossed Salad, Italian-style chicken, Baked Ziti, Sausage and Peppers, Lasagna, etc.

There will also be the traditional Chinese Auction. Bring along a donation for the till (it doesn't have to be fishing-related).

Editor's Notes

Recently, I was asked where one might find fly fishing and fly tying information on that great expanse known as the Internet. There are a great many, with links to and from nearly all of them. Two, however come to mind as noteworthy, both for their own information, and as starting points for more sites:

<http://flytyingforum.com> This is a Bulletin Board-style website, updated daily (even hourly) by contributing members. The site is divided up into categories, like Beginner's Corner, Coldwater, Warmwater, etc. There are even sections devoted to Classic Wet flies and Streamers, and even a section for Salmon flies. New fly tying ideas (or new ways of tying) show up every day. Some may work, some may need "further development" – that's part of the fun, sometimes.

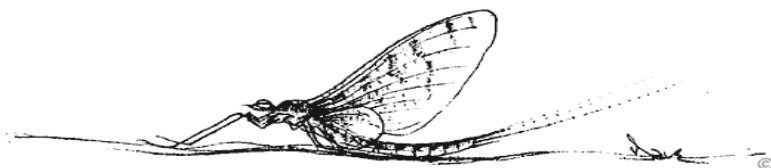
<http://www.flyanqlersonline.com> Maintained primarily by James and Deanna Birkholm, FlyAnglers Online is a weekly web-based magazine. Every week, you'll find a "new" fly pattern for cold, warm, or saltwater, a look back at an older fly (sometimes the origin fo a fly from the recent past, sometimes a very old pattern), and columns on everything from tossing flies to bluegill to western trout streams to bonefish flats. The site maintains an extensive series of "Beginners" topics (fly casting, fly tying) and has a vast archive of all articles and columns.

More Upcoming Stuff...

Northeast Great Outdoors Show (March 21-23), Casting Clinic – These and many other events don't happen without your help. Through these events, we put ourselves out in the public, and you make us all look good.

On the Water Meetings – They always sneak up on us when May comes around. If you have any ideas (they don't have to be great), let us know...

Fly Tying Classes – We can always use more Floor Walkers in the classes, once they get going. We also run, in conjunction with the Tying Guild, a Youth Tying Class on the first Tuesday of every month through March. Contact Paul or Rodney for more information...



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Upcoming Events Calendar...

December 4 Tuesday 6:30	Fly Tier's Guild – Colonie Youth Center, 5 First Avenue, Latham All CDFE members and guests are welcome to share ideas and group therapy.
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December 15th Saturday 7:00 Meeting	CDFE Annual Holiday Party, VFW Post 8692, 140 VFW Drive, Colonie Jay Fullum – Creative Fly Tying Chinese Auction, Buffet Dinner
December 18 Tuesday 6:30	Fly Tier's Guild – Colonie Youth Center, 5 First Avenue, Latham All CDFE members and guests are welcome to share ideas and group therapy.
December 25	Christmas
January 1	New Year's Day
January 9 Wednesday 7:00	Fly Tying Class – Clifton Park & Halfmoon Ambulance Corps Getting Started
January 14 Monday 6:30	Executive Board Meeting, 76 Diner, Latham
January 16 Wednesday 6:30 FTC 7:00 Meeting	VFW Post 8692, 140 VFW Drive, Colonie DEC Conservation Officer – Region 4 drops by for some Q&A... Featured Tier – Paul Sinicki – Anything Cripple
Jan 18-20	Fly Fishing Show – Marlborough, MA www.flyfishingshow.com
January 23 Wednesday 7:00	Fly Tying Class – Clifton Park & Halfmoon Ambulance Corps Streamers
Jan 25-27	Fly Fishing Show – Somerset, NJ www.flyfishingshow.com
January 30 Wednesday 7:00	Fly Tying Class – Clifton Park & Halfmoon Ambulance Corps Nymphs
February 6 Wednesday 7:00	Fly Tying Class – Clifton Park & Halfmoon Ambulance Corps Wet Flies
February 13 Wednesday 7:00	Fly Tying Class – Clifton Park & Halfmoon Ambulance Corps Dry Flies
February 20 Wednesday 6:30 FTC 7:00 Meeting	VFW Post 8692, 140 VFW Drive, Colonie Lou Bruno will examine and discuss styles of casting Featured Tier: Lou Bruno – Wet Flies
March 19 Wednesday 6:30 FTC 7:00 Meeting	VFW Post 8692, 140 VFW Drive, Colonie Robert Streeter – Times Union Outdoor Writer Featured Tier – Walt Susko – Dry Flies
March 21-23	Northeast Great Outdoors Show, Empire State Plaza
April 16 Wednesday 6:30 FTC 7:00 Meeting	VFW Post 8692, 140 VFW Drive, Colonie Fishing Ponds and Lakes – Paul Sinicki Featured Tier – David Boyd – Bass Flies
May 21 Wednesday 6:30 FTC 7:00 Meeting	VFW Post 8692, 140 VFW Drive, Colonie Saltwater Fly Fishing – Bill Corrigan Featured Tier – Bill Corrigan – Saltwater Flies



Fly Tying Classes 2008

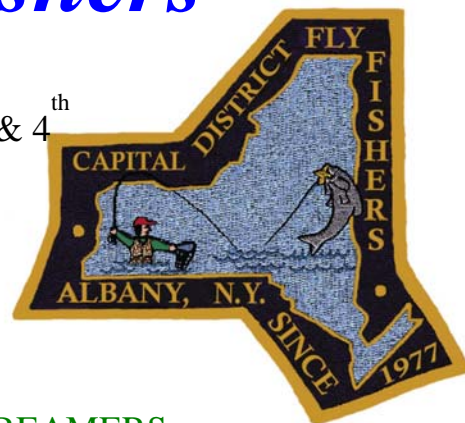
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Classes run for 8 sessions from January 9th, on the 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month, ending on March 26th*.

Jan 9, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 27, Mar 5 & 12

Classes are from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, at the;
Clifton Park & Halfmoon Ambulance Corps,
15 Crossing Boulevard, Clifton Park, NY.



WEEK 1: GETTING STARTED

WEEK 2: STREAMERS

WEEK 3 : NYMPHS

WEEK 4: WET FLIES

WEEK 5: DRY FLIES

WEEK 6: TERRETRIALS

WEEK 7: CADDIS FLIES / LEECHES

WEEK 8: TYING DEER HAIR

* A make-up night will be held if needed, due to a weather related cancellation.

Course Includes;

A Premier Fly Tying Manual

All materials to tie two flies at class each week of tying

Extra materials for tying 8 more at home between sessions

Students must have own fly tying tools, which are covered at the 1st session.

Class size is limited to insure success of those attending.

Gift Certificates are available.

(First come first served)

For additional information and availabilities Contact

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Capital District Fly Fishers

Membership Application/Renewal

Name Last _____ First _____ Phone # _____

Street _____ Email _____@_____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

New Renewal

Individual @ \$15.00 Family @ \$25.00 Junior (under 16) \$0.00

CDFD Merchandise: Cloth Patch \$5.00 Window/Bumper Emblem \$1.00 Pin \$5.00 Hat \$10.00
 (1 free at meeting when you join or renew)

Total \$ _____

(Treasurers use only)

Cash/Check# _____ Received Date ___/___/___

Federation of Fly Fishers "FFF" Membership # _____ (Highly Recommended but not required)

For FFF Membership Info go to www.FedFlyfishes.org or call (406) 585-7592

AREAS OF INTEREST (Circle all that apply)

Casting	Communications/Promotion	Conservation/Environment	Development
Education (general)	Education (youth)	Membership	Fly Tying
Fund-Raising	Board of Directors	Committee Assignment	
Warm Water	Cold Water	Saltwater	

Other _____

Other _____

Other _____

OCCUPATION

Description of your work _____

Degrees & Academic Distinctions

Main Course of Study

EDUCATION

LICENCESES & CERTIFICATIONS

Mail completed application with remittance to: Capital District Fly Fishers
 C/O Walter Susko
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 East Schodack, NY 12063

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Tuesdays – Fly Tying Guild, Colonie Youth Center

March 21-23 – Northeast Great Outdoors Show, Empire State Plaza

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