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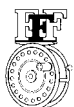
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***Annual Elections for Club Officers
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**See Al Battistelli at the meeting
Or mail in the form on page 9**



President's message

If fishing is a religion, fly fishing is high church. – Tom Brokaw

It is February which means only two more months until the start of Trout Season. I hope you have found ways to occupy your time. Paul attended the Long Island Fishing Show in Farmingdale and The Fly Fishing Show in Somerset. He saw some of you there, and enjoyed chatting about fishing. Many thanks to Mike Frieland and Mike Gelber for setting up and taking down The Long Island Flyrodder booths at the show. Thank you also to those of you who worked the shows for the club. We picked up many new members. Thank you also for all of you who tied for the fly raffle. We made over \$500 for the club!

A fishing rod is a stick with a hook at one end and a fool at the other. – Samuel Johnson

Do you know any fellow fools who are interested in being nominated for the Board? The elections will be held during the February meeting.

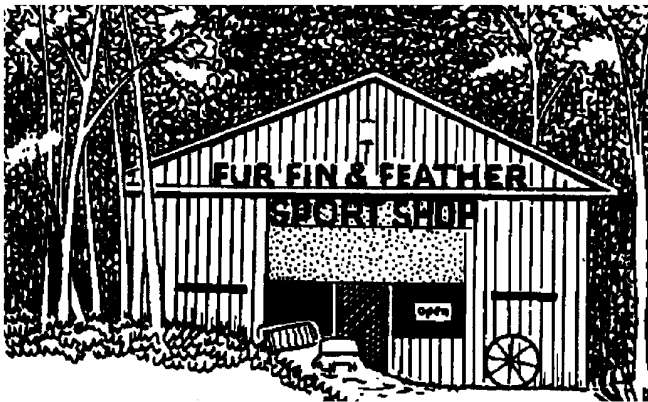
Shall I go to heaven or a-fishing? -Henry David Thoreau

If you are interested in going on some great fishing excursions, then you will enjoy hearing about all the trips that have been planned so far. At the February meeting presentations will be made on the Allenberry Inn, the Farmington Camping trips, the Housatonic River Cleanup, the Peconic River Bass trip as well as many others.

Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in. – Henry David Thoreau

Don't ponder and romanticize this quote. Remember, Thoreau lived in a run-down shack. As a woman who has been waiting two and a half years to have the tiles finally put around the base of her upstairs bathtub in order to prevent the further spread of a leak on the ceiling below that bathtub, I find this quote incredibly annoying. Just remember, the more work that is done before April 1st, the more time you will have to go a-fishing.

Tight lines and a Tiled Bathroom! Julie



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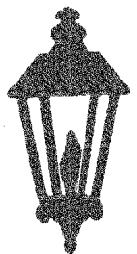
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For Your Nymphomation

by Lee Weil



Back To Basics

I love to be sitting at my vise when the cold wind is blowing, and it's even better if there's sleet hitting the windowpane. It gives me a sense of thankfulness that I'm not out there sitting on a horse, shivering in an ice glazed raincoat, and I don't have to feel guilty about not running errands that I didn't want to. Tying flies on a "bonus" day off is a treat, and even more so when I don't have to tie for an order. I can browse through my pattern books and pick out flies I haven't tied in awhile, just to brush up on different skills.

So, when I ran out of inspirations recently, I decided to grab one of my favorite books and tie one of each fly (even the beginner patterns) as instructed by the author. I came to a revelation that I had developed my own style and methods; and while one may not necessarily be better than another, it is good to know a couple of ways to skin a cat.

After the first half dozen, I found that I was actually having fun. In fact, I was tying wings and tails in ways I hadn't done in years. Why? I guess I fell into the "quicker is better" mode. Not always. I prefer to tie a durable fly as opposed to a quick tie. I once heard a blacksmith brag that he could shoe a horse in 20 minutes. After a pause of reflection, I turned to him and asked, "Why would you want to?" I suppose it's all about the money, something that tends to diminish the quality of the job.

Sure, there are times when you have to bang out 2 dozen in a day, but for the most part, there's no need to rush. It takes the pleasure out of tying and your finished flies will show it. The time taken to add a drop of cement to a set of wings may give you 4 or 5 more fish

on that fly. The time taken to measure and sort your hackle correctly will give you a pattern you can be proud of. It's good to review what you have learned, and what better time than now? Let's face it – you don't REALLY want to go out fishing in 20-degree weather, and if you did the right thing and stored your gear properly, what else is there to do, after deer season is over? If you really do want to improve your tying skills and advance, now is the time of year to do it. Invest in a lesson, a DVD, or a good, well-illustrated book. There's no better way to relax and get away from the rat race. If you are an accomplished tyer, try going back to basics, you may be surprised at how much you "forgot". If you are still learning the ropes, you can gain a lot of ground. Either way, you'll improve your skills and find yourself spending time in a positive way. Let's face it – once football season is over, who wants to watch TV?

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We're Having a Fly Swap

The first 20 people to sign up by the February 6 meeting will be included.

If you cannot attend the meeting on February 6, but would like to participate, you can contact Susan Solomon by phone (516 997-9451) or by e-mail (mrssolomon@aol.com).

Here's what you need to know:

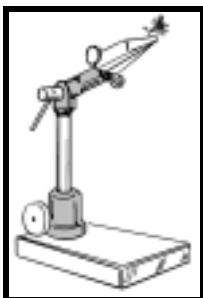
1. Fly pattern must be a NYMPH, of your choosing
2. You will tie 21 identical nymphs, the one extra fly to be donated to the Club.
3. All 21 flies must be submitted to Susan by the March 6 meeting (if you can't make the meeting, please make arrangements to have your flies collected).
4. Include the recipe and tying instructions for your fly pattern.
5. At the March 6 meeting you will receive 20 flies, one from each participant



“Lord of the Flies”

Tom Inglese, winner of the “Thank You Prize”. Tom actually tied 20 dozen flies, all donated to the fly raffle for the shows. Many thanks, Tom!!

Fly Tying Nights



*Hi, to all members.
We are starting our winter fly
tying nights
Each Second Tuesday of the
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at:*

Pancho's Border Grill

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It is not a class, but if you're a beginner, you will learn a lot from watching others.

So, come and enjoy a fun night of tying. The cost is \$12, *including dinner*.

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There is parking across the street in Walgreens.....
If you need more info please call me at 516-536-1418.
Hope to see you there

PresPaul

Fly Donations
By Susan Solomon

We'd like to thank the following members for their contribution to the 2006 fly donation collection.

With their efforts we were able to amass well over our goal of 1,000 flies. The flies will be used for various raffles throughout the year and will aid in funding Club activities.

Tom Inglese had the winning ticket for the thank you prize, which was drawn at the January meeting. He is now the proud owner of a new Thompson vise, Whiting hackle and an assortment of hooks.

Herman Abrams

Al Battistelli

Joe Bryant

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Mike Gelber

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Tom Inglese

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Anticipation at Woodland Campground

By John Manz

April has arrived and along with its showers comes a new sense of awareness that May 20th is not far away. As always, our excitement of another adventure on the river is tempered with the knowledge that our successful departure depends on many variables, which we have little control over.

And so our adventure begins with Joe learning that he has been appointed a lieutenant in the New York Fire Department. After our initial panic—Joe manages to arrange a mutual—and our trip is back on schedule.

Joe's new responsibility forces him to work later, which delays his and Al's departure. Al contacts me and relays to me the responsibility of securing site #49.

Knowledge that I must secure site #49 at all costs is quickly forgotten when I cross over the turbulent waters of the Esopus River. Even the flash of lightning can't make me divert my attention from the river and the trout that reside in it. I park my car next to the bridge and sip a beer as I wait for the rain to subside. As I sip my beer I check my watch—knowing that I should be securing campsite #49. When the rain finally abates—I try a few casts with my spinning rod. WHAM!—a nine inch Brown trout twirls in the foaming rapids! The drag zings and I am caught by the fever-time is a blur—only after capturing two more trout do I reluctantly check my watch—6:30PM!

Picturing the wrath of Brother's Al and Joe I quickly decide to make tracks to the campgrounds! I wisely work on my excuse if our site is taken—first I will have to bury my fish!—fortunately our site is not taken—in fact none of them are!

I begin the task of securing our firewood as I await the arrival of Joe and Al. As darkness starts to set in, I remember a previous Chinese dinner arrangement in which I held a table and nobody showed! I work on my options—lounge chair—plastic tablecloth—frozen beef stew—no mess kit! An owl hoots in a near by tree and I quickly throw a log on the fire. I find myself alone in an empty campground as darkness sets in! Time ticks by slowly. I whistle a happy tune to keep the night creatures at bay. Fear is replaced by hunger—which is when I remember that I forgot to pack my mess kit. With my homemade stew in a frozen state—I attack the rye bread I brought as I

await my fate!

A call from Al's bugle at 10:30PM announces my rescue from the darkness. Joe quickly takes charge (After all he is now a lieutenant!) He reminds Al and me that he and his youngest daughter Susan— set up the tent in less than 15 Minutes. An hour and 6 beers later we finally manage to erect our home in the river.

Joe and I take over the stew and salad preparation while I ice the beer! After our late dinner, we relax by the fire with a B&B Cordial, dozing off dreaming about tight lines.



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Trip List**

Date	Location	Trip Leader	Telephone
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April 28	Willowemoc River Cleanup	Dan Van Buskirk	516-561-8939
May 12	Brewster Fishing Trip	Herman Abrams	516-593-6024
May 21	Connetquot Handicapped Fishing	Wolfgang Porté	516-741-2342
June 1 – 3	Farmington River Camping Trip	Tony Agnese	516-822-3353
June 19	Peconic River Bass Trip	Lee Weil	516-997-6743
July 1	Sunken Meadow Saltwater	Howard Solomon	516-997-9451
August 3 - 5	Housatonic Camping Trip	Mike Gelber	516-221-9508
August 17 – 19	Allenberry Resort , PA	Joe Otterstedt	631-361-8145
September 7 – 10	Farmington Camping Trip II	Allan Manz	516-681-1418
September 17	Connetquot Handicapped Fishing	Wolfgang Porté	516-741-2342
September 18 – 19	Eldred Preserve Cast & Blast	Joe Caroleo	718-845-4225
September 29	Moriches Saltwater Trip	Gordon Mueller	516-850-3689
Oct. 30 – Nov. 2	Oak Orchard Steelhead	Al Battistelli	516-826-1640

**COMMON CASTING PROBLEMS AND HOW TO CURE THEM
by Herman Abrams**

CAN'T GET LINE OUT.

When your line won't go out, even 25 or 30 feet, one or two basic problems is the usual cause.

- 1) Letting line slip through the guides while you're applying power on either the front or back cast.
- 2) Waving the rod through a wide arc, instead of moving it through a narrow arc.

CURE:

When false casting or working out line, do not release line until you have finished applying power. Make sure you are applying force through a narrow arc.

HITTING THE WATER ON THE BACK CAST.

Caused by applying power past the 10 o' clock position and driving the line down, or applying too little power so the line will not turn over and straighten out.

CURE:

Make the back cast, keeping your wrist stiff, with a smooth backward movement. Stop the power application at the 1 O'clock position.

SLAPPING THE FLY ON THE WATER.

Caused by making the forward cast too low.

CURE:

Aim the forward cast higher so the line straightens out about 3 feet above the water then let it settle to the surface of the water.



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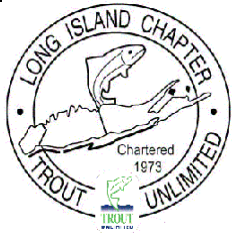
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For further information please call Lee Weil at 516-997-6743



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 Visitors are always welcome.

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 Mike Gelber: (516) 221-9508

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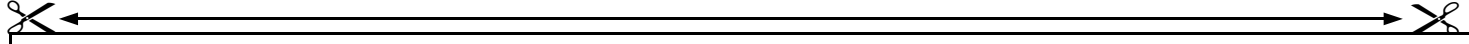
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No advance reservations will be accepted.

Hours: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

For Details call Lee Weil - 516-997-6743.

CONNETQUOT DATES - 2006

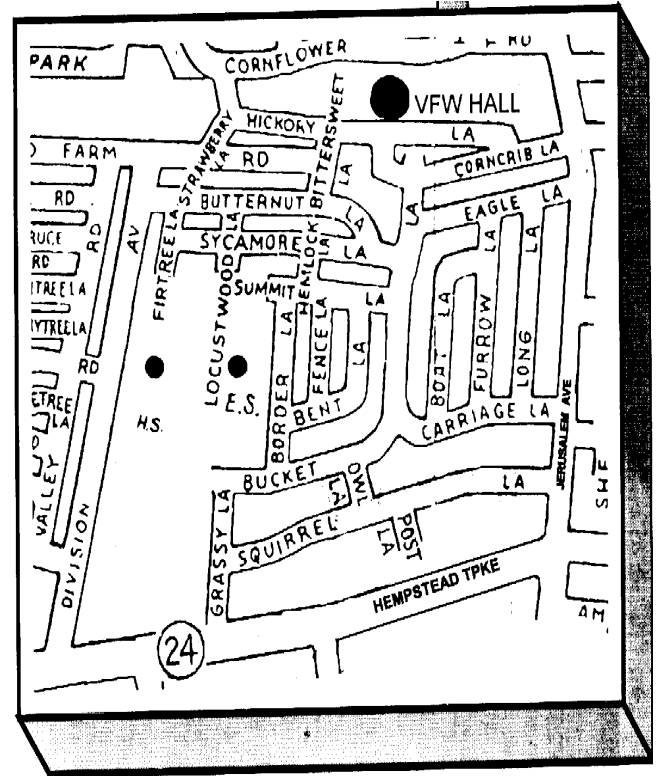
February 26	March 19	April 16	* May 21
June 18	July 16	August 20	* September 17

You must have a creel in your possession to fish in the park and on the stream

Only members with 4 weight rods or larger will be allowed to fish on the Monday Sessions

LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS
February - 2007

- February 6 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
 Annual Elections for Officers & Board
 Trip Captains Presentations
- February 13 **Fly Tying at Pancho's Border Grill**
 Contact: Paul McCain - (516) 536-1418
 Details & Info on Page 4
- February 27 **Board Meeting**
 7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall



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