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Trip Captains'
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**See Al Battistelli at the meeting
Or mail in the form on page 9**



President's message

I have been a member of this club for over 20 years and in that time, I was a trip captain, I was a board member for 3 years, a vice President for 1 year and a President for a total of 6 years. It has been very tiring and a lot of hard work, but mostly it has been very rewarding. But now is the time for me to step down and let someone else have the fun and I know whoever becomes then next President, the club will be in good hands.

I received more from this club then I gave and it was through the LIFR that I met some of my best friends. I started to make a list of everyone that helped me through the years but the list was so long that it would take up the whole newsletter, so I had to condense it. Thanks to my Vice Presidents. Thanks to all the Presidents, past and future. Thanks to all the board members who give up 3 years for the club. Thanks to anyone who ran a trip. Thanks to everyone that helped out with our cookouts in the summer. Thanks to Gil for a great web site. Thanks to all of the editors of the newsletter, especially Morty for putting up with me always being late. Thanks to all that mailed the newslet-

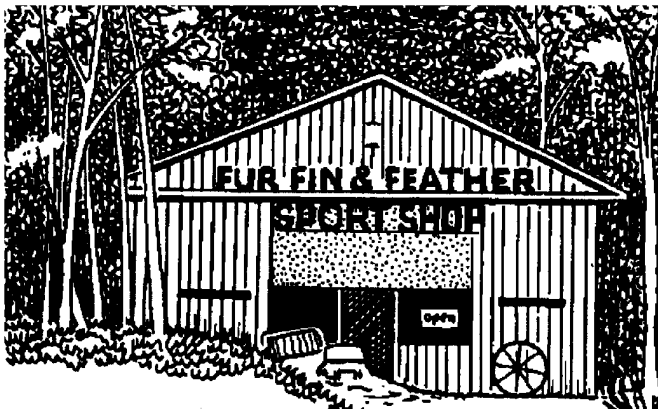
ter. Thanks to the members that ran our raffles, especially **Anna**. Thanks to all of the teachers of our classes. Thanks to all that gave up their time to help out at the shows. Thanks to all that tied flies for the shows. Thanks to the CFR River helpers. Thanks to all that helped out with our river cleanups. Thanks to all my fellow club members that I really enjoy fishing with. Thanks to all our friends who are no longer with us. And thanks to all the members for without you there wouldn't be an LIFR. But mostly, thanks to my wife, Julie who always supported me and put up with me being away so much on club trips. (Maybe that was the point.)

Don't forget the elections are this month. If you like how the club is going or you want to see change, **come and vote.**

All the Trip Captains will be making presentations on their trip this month.

I will always be involved with the club and help out the next administration

As always, tight lines, PresPaul



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FoF Your Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



Crazy Like a Fox

A good fly tyer is always thinking, especially about how to improve on patterns. Necessity is the mother of invention, and often the predecessor of the better mousetrap. When I received an order for Spawning Shrimp recently, I realized I had no tan rabbit to suit the bill. As I was rummaging about in my fur drawer, I came upon a huge zip-lock baggie of red fox fur. As I studied the soft undercoat and the fawn color the wheels began to turn; it would be a fitting substitute for the rabbit, and perhaps a better material for other patterns. Not only did the fox serve beautifully for the shrimp, but shortly afterward *Lee's Foxy Gotcha* was born. Just remember not to comb ALL of the under fur out, and leave yourself enough to provide a good anchor for the wing.

Hook: Mustad # 34007

Thread: Tan 3/0

Eyes: Gold Dumbbells or Bead Chain

Tail: Gold Flashabou

Body: Gold Bill's Body Braid

Wing: Gold Krystal Flash topped with Red Fox Body Fur



1. Tie in dumbbell eyes (or bead chain.) Tie in clump pf Flashabou for tail.
2. Tie body braid behind eyes, wrap to tail and bach to tie in point.
3. Reverse hook in vise. Tie folded Krystal Flash before eyes, then make a few wraps of thread for wingbase. Cut clump of fox fur close to skin. Remove dark undercoat, but leave some for body to hold wing together. Pluck long guard hairs to even tips. Tie in fox in front of Krystal Flash and whip finish.

Tight Lines & God bless, Lee

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Congratulations to **Cliff Dies**, winner of this year's fly donation raffle. Cliff was presented with a Renzetti vise, hooks and fly tying materials.

Thanks to all who donated flies and/or cash for the fly raffle. Your efforts produced an exciting display of quality flies that will be raffled off at the Somerset Show. Please stop by the LIFR booth on January 25-27 to see the display and possibly spend some time manning the booth. It's a fun time and a good way to promote our Club.



2008 SOMERSET FLY FISHING SHOW

Above, L to R: Gil Padovani, Dan Van Buskirk, V. Pres. Allan Manz, Morty Schneiderman, Joe Bryant, Pres. Paul McCain, John Gerbitz, & Peter Van Buskirk

Below, L to R: Linda Macy & Joe Otterstedt



Basic Fly Tying Class Graduates

L to R: Linda DeSantis, Bob Picciano, Dave Minassian, Rich Koabel

Seated: Instructor, Wolfgang Porté & Dan Saporito

To Tie or Not to Tie By John Manz

Mid January 2008 and winter has finally arrived with a vengeance. After a month of up and down temperature fluctuations the thermometer is registering in the single digits and any thought of fly fishing is buried somewhere in my cellar along with my fly rods and reels.

As I sit and ponder in front of the fly tying bench my brother Al graciously gave me along with a crash course on how to whip the thread on a tied bunch of tinsel and feathers; ever since it's the bench that's been doing the whipping.

As reluctant as I was to enter the world of fly fishing—it is nothing compared to my resistance to sitting down and attempting to turn a hook into something that somewhat resembles an insect that a trout would be tempted to eat.

My reluctance is fanned by the many dropped bead heads, missed tie-ins of tinsel or feather, the elusive spinning out of place of forked tail feathers and especially the breaking or unplanned cutting of thread in the middle of the fly production.

So as I sit and ponder for the umpteenth time whether I really want to put myself through what fellow Flyrodders Lee and Paul promote as a joyful experience, I take a sip of bottled courage and find comfort in putting lines on paper in-

stead of thread on hook, while “El Divo” weaves in the background theme music—no quite “Rocky” which is what I really need!

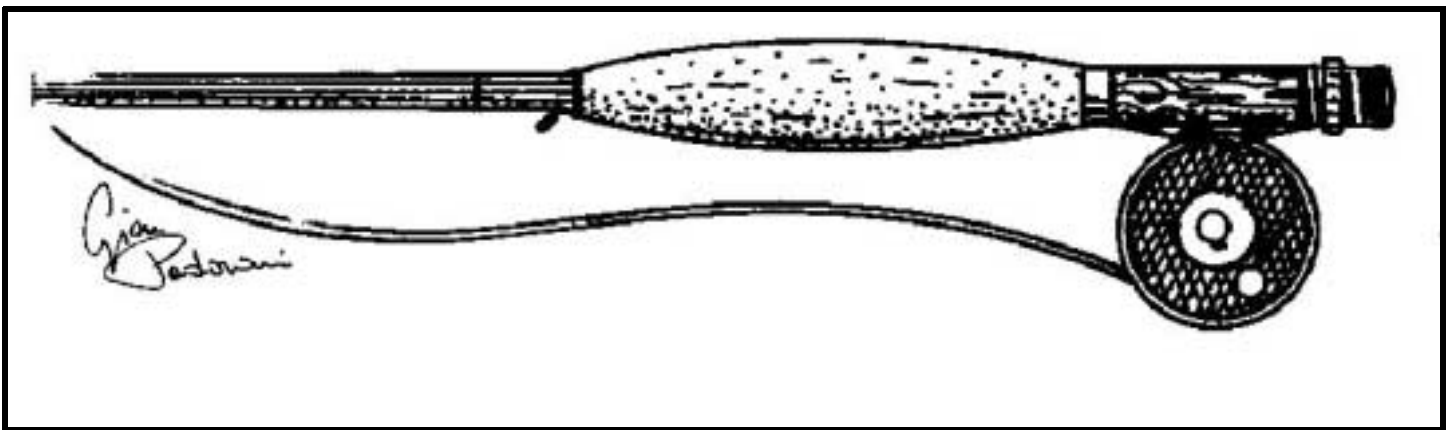
Another sip of courage and I put my pencil down and slide my fly tying bench to my chest. I place my magnifier into its working position and turn on its fluorescent light to help guide my shaky hands in placing a 5/64” bead head on a size 16 hook.

The boisterous voices of the three tenors drowns out the tikety tack of the 5/64” bead pin balling across the cellar floor and my unprintable rants as the point of the hook burrows into my finger.

I will eventually prevail and successfully tie that DA__ fly—but it will have to wait till after the New England Patriots hopefully vent my frustration on the San Diego Chargers!

The three tenors close out the day singing “I did it my way”—which is appropriate for I will eventually tie a fly my way and if successful, others will follow.

The only thing left to do is to convince the trout in April that my fly is a steak and not Cod liver. My earnest endeavor to create the perfect steak for trout that love liver pellets would certainly bring a smile to Shakespeare's face.



Join Our Fly Swap

You are invited to join any or all of this season's fly swaps. They are open to the **first 19 people** who sign up. The rules are as follows:

1. Let me know which swap(s) you will participate in.
 2. Tie the correct number of identical flies for the month's theme. I will let you know how many flies you will tie based on the number of people who sign up. Everyone will tie one extra fly, which will be donated to the club.
 3. Hand in your flies in a box with your name on it along with the recipe for tying the fly. All flies must be turned in by the due date.
 4. Receive a collection of themed flies and their recipe.
- 2nd Swap – Smallmouth bass Flies. The second fly swap is now forming. If you are interested in tying a smallmouth bass fly of your choice, please join in. Sign up by January meeting, due at February meeting.
- 3rd Swap – Clouser or Deciever Flies. Sign up by February meeting, due at March meeting.
- 4th Swap – Tier's Choice (Saltwater). Sign up by March meeting, due at April meeting.

Please contact me at 516 997-9451 or mrssolomon@aol.com if you'd like to join or have any questions. Thanks, *Susan Solomon*

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February's Meeting Only

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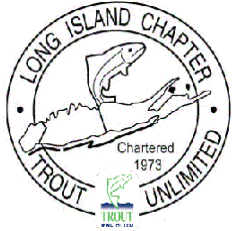
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In response to the demand for the limited spaces available for our Monday Connetquot River State Park trips, the following guidelines are in effect:
Members attending the meetings have **first priority**, followed by those members, chronologically received, who call in the day after the meeting for the remaining spaces available. Reservations are available for 32 anglers for each session; 64 for both sessions. The cost of each session is **\$20.00**. No checks will be accepted; **EXACT CHANGE, CASH ONLY, NO SINGLES**, to be paid at the general meeting or at the park for call-in reservations. Anglers fishing the morning sessions must be at the park by **7:30 a.m.** Cancemust be made by 7:00 p.m. the Saturday before the session. **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 - 2007

February 25	March 17	April 14
May 19	June 16	July 14
August 18	September 15	October 20

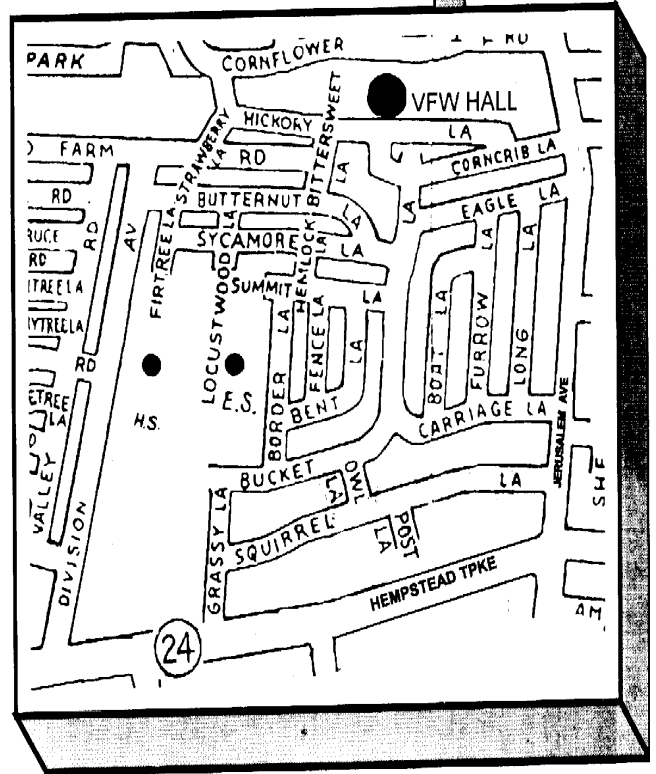
Rubber-soled Hip Boots Only

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 - 2008

- February 5 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
Annual Elections for Club Officers & Board
Come Out and Vote
Trip Captains' 2008 Club Trip Presentations
- February 12 **Fly Tying at Pancho's Border Grill, Bethpage**
Contact: Pres. Paul McCain (516) 536-1418
- February 25 **Connetquot State Park Monday Fishing Trip**
Contact: Lee Weil (516) 997-6743
See Page 9 for details & info
- February 26 **Board Meeting**
7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall



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