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God Bless America



## President's message

At the February meeting, elections will be held for the new LIFR club Officers and Board members. Consequently, this will be my last Presidents letter to you.

We had a very good trip planning meeting in January, and all trip captains will be presenting an overview of each trip at the February meeting. So if you have an interest in attending one or more of our club trips, make sure you attend the February meeting and sign up as subscription to some of the trips fill up fast. These trips are a great way to further your fly fishing skills and knowledge thru the interaction with more experienced anglers, and provides an environment where new friendships are made. See the club website for a complete listing of all the trips scheduled for 2010.

Dues are due, so if you have not paid up, please see Jim Foley, our Treasurer, at the meet-

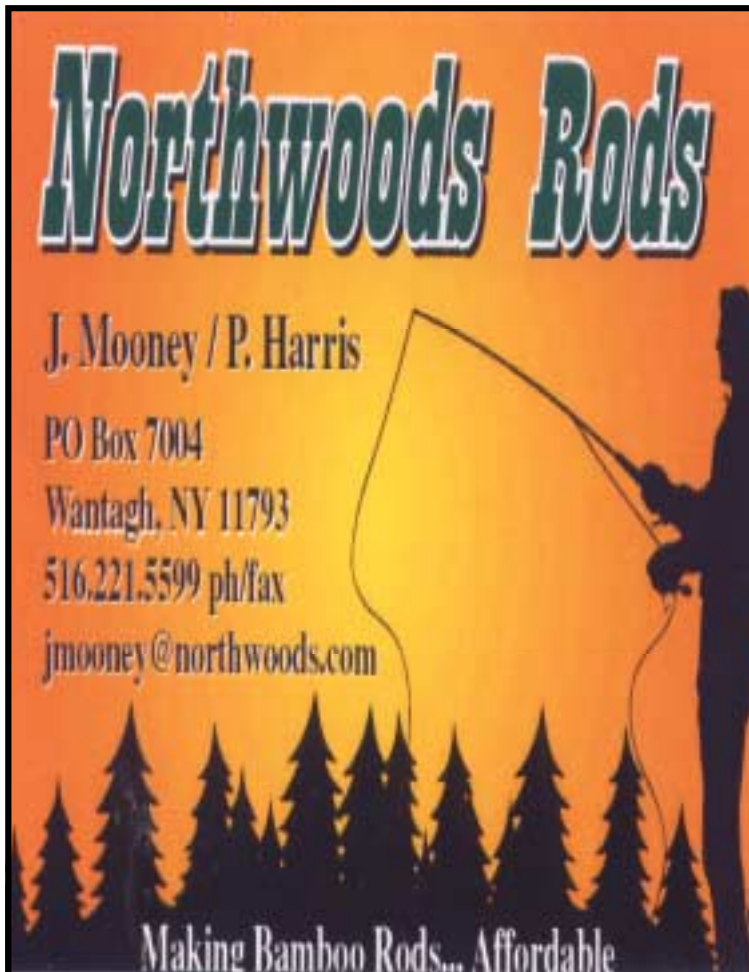
ing or do so by mail as soon a possible. Remember, you must be a member in good standing to attend any of the club trips.

With many of the Board members remaining in place for another year or two, and the talented people running for the Officer positions, I know the club leadership will be transferred into very capable hands.

It has been my pleasure to serve you for the last two years, and I want to thank the officers and board members for all their support and hard work in continuing to make LIFR an organization we can all be proud of.

***Tight Lines, and I'll see you on the water.***

*Joe Otterstedt*



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# FoFYour Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



## Recipes For Raccoon



Before you go running for your crockpot let me clarify myself; this is an article about fly tying, not cooking. If you need a recipe for raccoon stew I would refer you to A.D. Livingston's Game Cookbook, which has several good ones.

While doing inventory for my Intermediate Tyers class I came upon a full raccoon skin, and since it was taking up a lot of room it was decided that Rocky was to be put up for adoption at the next meeting. In order to make it more attractive I decided to create some patterns using raccoon. I was pleasantly surprised at how versatile it was, and easy to work with. Here are a few of the patterns I came up with :

### Casual Coon Nymph:

Hook - Nymph # 8 -12  
Thread - Black 3/0  
Tail - Coon Guard Hairs

Body - Dubbed Coon Underfur  
Collar - Coon Fur & Guard Hairs  
Head - Black Thread

Tie in the same manner as the Casual Dress nymph, using a dubbing loop to create the collar.

### Crazy Coon Bonefish Fly:

Hook - Saltwater # 2 - 6  
Thread - Brown 3/0  
Eyes - Gold Bead Chain  
Tail - Coon Guard Hairs

Underbody - Gold Braid / Tinsel  
Overbody - Clear V-Rib  
Wing - Coon Hair with some underfur

Tie in the same manner as the Crazy Charlie. Leave some underfur at the base of the wing to anchor it better.

### Coon Clouser:

Hook - Bronze Sproat # 1 - 4  
Thread - Brown 3/0  
Eyes - Red dumbbell

Underwing - White Bucktail  
Flash - Gold Flashabou  
Wing - Coon Guard Hair

I'm sure you can figure out a hundred more ways to use raccoon, in fact maybe we can ask Susan to run a Raccoon Fly Swap (hint). It's great stuff, and if anyone wants some I still have a few patches left over.

*Tight Lines & God bless, Lee*

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**Fly Tying Relay Contest**



**In January, we held our first Fly Tying Relay Contest**

**Team #1 (Top Left):** Dan Van Buskirk, Mike Gelber, Lee Weil and John Fischer.  
**Team #2 (Top Right):** Bob Lindquist, Peter Dubno, Wolfgang Porté and (front) Steve Ryder.  
**Team #3 (Bottom Left):** Tom Inglese, Tom Coleen, Bob Picciano and Lerry LeBoyer.  
**Bottom Right:** The judges were: Peter Harris, Al Battistelli and Dave Minassian  
**And the winners were ..... Team #2**

**Natchaug River Camping Trip**

The Natchaug River Camping Trip will take place this year April 30 – May 2. The cost for 2 people to a campsite will be \$70. This includes dinner Friday and Saturday nights, breakfast Saturday and Sunday and pack-your-own lunches on Saturday and Sunday. We are limiting the group to 15 campsites. In order to save your spot, we must have your money. The March meeting will be the last time to sign up. If you have any questions, just ask us.

**Susan and Howie Solomon**

**Willowemoc River Trip  
May 7 – 9, 2010 (Mother’s Day Weekend)**

Come stay at Creekside Cabins, Roscoe, NY, situated directly on the Willowemoc River.  
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Questions? **Call Bill or Sue Gordon 631 495-5144**

Dear Flyrodders;

**Ed and Stella Conte** are on their way to South Carolina. They will be living near their son, at the following address :

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I'm sure they would love to get a call, card or letter from us wishing them well in their new venture, so pass this around. God bless & tight lines, Lee

### **Flytying moves to TGI Friday's (on Tuesdays)**

January brought changes in our monthly fly tying venue, as we were forced to find a new location after a long time association with Pancho's in Bethpage.

We are now at Friday's in Levittown. Fifteen members showed up for the inaugural meeting and had no trouble adjusting their palates from quesadillas to potato skins. The space isn't ideal, but we have decided to stay there for the remainder of the season and look into new possibilities over the summer.

If you come, remember to bring a light and an extension cord along with your fly tying equipment. We have 2 meetings remaining which will be February 9 and March 9, beginning at 7pm. The cost remains at \$12. per person. The address for the new location is:

**TGI Friday's  
3535 Hempstead Tpke.,  
Levittown, NY  
516 796-1549**

From the west, it's on the North side of Hempstead Tpke, not too far past Wantagh Avenue. You'll see a marquee for the Nassau Mall which has a BJ's and a Kohls and Old Navy. You can turn into that driveway, or go to the next one if you miss it. If you get to Jerusalem Avenue, you went too far.

From the east: It's on your left not too far past Jerusalem Avenue. You can pull into the DSW/ToysRUs driveway or into the main entrance to the Nassau Mall.

### **Long Island Flyrodders Club Trips for 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE NO.</b>
<b>April 24</b>	<b>Willowemoc Cleanup , Roscoe NY</b>	<b>Dan VanBuskirk</b>	<b>(516) 561-8939</b>
<b>April 30 - May 3</b>	<b>Natchaug River, CT, Camping</b>	<b>Sue/Howie Solomon</b>	<b>(516) 997-9451</b>
<b>May 6-9</b>	<b>Willowemoc River Trip, Roscoe, NY</b>	<b>Bill/Sue Gordon</b>	<b>(631) 495-5144</b>
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Housatonic River Cleanup, CT</b>	<b>Paul McCain</b>	<b>(516) 536-1418</b>
<b>May 22</b>	<b>Croton Watershed</b>	<b>Herman Abrams</b>	<b>(516) 593-6024</b>
<b>June 11-14</b>	<b>Farmington River, CT</b>	<b>Lee Weil</b>	<b>(516) 997-6743</b>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>Peconic River (Bass)</b>	<b>Linda Macy Joe Ottstedt</b>	<b>(631) 232-5318 (631) 361-8145</b>
<b>Aug 2-4</b>	<b>Mongaup Pond Camp Trip, NY</b>	<b>Tom Cooleen</b>	<b>(516) 270-4000</b>
<b>Aug 13-15</b>	<b>Allenberry Inn, PA Yellow Breeches</b>	<b>Linda Macy Joe Ottstedt</b>	<b>631) 232-5318 (631) 361-8145</b>
<b>Sept 24-27</b>	<b>Housatonic River Camping, CT</b>	<b>Mike/Coreen Gelber</b>	<b>(516) 221-9508</b>
<b>October 16</b>	<b>Jones Beach (Saltwater)</b>	<b>Herman Abrams</b>	<b>(516) 593-6024</b>
<b>Oct TBA</b>	<b>Cattaraugus Creek, NY</b>	<b>Bob Picciano</b>	<b>(516) 747-3158</b>

## *Fishing Reports*

Dear Fellow Flyrodders,

Happy (Post) Holidays to all! My “Gift,” sanctioned and approved by my spouse, was a trip to the San Juan River. My buddy Chris and I flew to Albuquerque November 2<sup>nd</sup>, picked up our rental vehicle and departed for Navajo Dam. (Yes, we made the appropriate stops for provisions at a “Package Store,” then had lunch at an authentic Mexican restaurant.) The trip to Soaring Eagle Lodge, right on the San Juan River, took us three hours. The ambiance was immediately experienced when we entered our “cabin.” Our host, lodge owner Larry Johnson had the satellite TV ready, with the Yankee game tuned in. (What a kind gesture from a transplanted BoSox fan, despite his many years away from Massachusetts.) The added bonus was being two hours earlier than the Big Apple, we were able to view the game at a reasonable hour and arise for breakfast and fishing.

While dinner featured a plentiful three-course meal, breakfast was a bountiful buffet. Eggs, sausage, bacon, buns, fruit and cold cereal satisfied our hunger. Nevertheless, I doubt that anyone was hungry from dinners that featured entrees of chicken one night, steak the next, then breast of duck and finally halibut. Now that I’ve detailed the culinary delights, the “cabin,” quotes because that title does not justify the ambiance, was well-appointed. We had adequate heat in the morning frost, and available A/C if needed, to counter the mid-day 66-degree temperature. We had a full kitchen, microwave and refrigerator, if we had chosen to cook our own. Beds were comfortable, and the bathroom and living areas extremely clean. In addition, the lodge provides all equipment for rent and has a well-appointed fly shop attached to the facility. (Are you wondering when I’ll get to the quality of fishing?)

You won’t be disappointed. From the time we met our guide Jeremiah after breakfast, until our return to the lodge, our rods were bent and our bellies sore from laughter. We trailed his drift boat maybe 20 minutes up-river and covered about 4 ½ miles each day. The challenge was the need to use 6 X tippet and size 20 to 24 flies. The best fish was boated by Chris, who managed to land a beautiful rainbow, 22 inches, 6 lbs., in the “Texas Hole.” The second day, I managed an honorable mention. (Photos are attached in the email.) Of course we broke off some good fish and missed too many strikes, but the multitude of fish we saw and the river’s prolific bug life, (mostly BWO’s), kept us casting and mending with expectation on every cast. Meanwhile, we were so focused on fishing that we hardly noticed Jeremiah’s skill in maneuvering the boat to prolong our drift or promote a drag-free drift. And since there is not a significant gradient, he was able to row back up and repeat a good drift in choice holes and runs.

On our third day, we did some sight-seeing and visited Navajo Dam, Aztec Ruins National Park and Durango CO. The icing on the cake was celebrating a Yankee World Series victory that evening.

Probably the best reference for a lodge would be the repeat clients, and there were plenty. Even the anti-Yankee fans encouraged us to return same time next year, as they do. We met an old gent from Alabama on the river. He’d been coming here to fish in early November for years, although he and his son were now residing in San Diego. By the way, he *was* a Yankee fan. During dinner at the lodge, we met another gent who was 91 years *young*. So to answer your question, yes, I’ll try to return, as long as the budget and the wife are agreeable.

Tight lines,

***Joe Mikulas***



**Long Island Flyrodders Club Events for 2010**

DATE	EVENT	COORDINATOR	PHONE NO.
Feb 5-7	LIFR Booth at the SUNY Farmingdale Sports Show	Jim Foley	(516) 766-4531
Feb 9	Fly Tying at TGI Friday 3535 Hempstead Tpke, Levittown	Howie Solomon	(516) 997-9451
March 9	Fly Tying at TGI Friday 3535 Hempstead Tpke, Levittown	Howie Solomon	(516) 997-9451
March 12	Art Flick TU Dinner	Joe Otterstedt	(631) 361-8145
April 6	Used Tackle Sale at General Meeting		
April 16	LITU Dinner		
April 23	CFR Dinner	Lee Weil	(516) 997-6743
April 24	Willowemoc Cleanup , Roscoe NY	Dan Van Buskirk	(516) 561-8939
May 15	Housatonic River Cleanup, CT	Paul McCain	(516) 536-1418
Nov 6	Annual Awards Dinner	Mike Gelber	(516)221-9508
Nov 20-21	Somerset Fly Tying Symposium		
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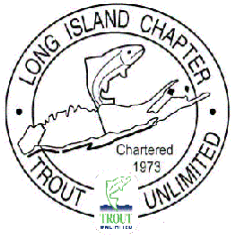
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Hey, Flyrodders. How's the fishing been lately?

Let's let our members know.

Send reports and/or pics to

[LIFRnews@aol.com](mailto:LIFRnews@aol.com) for publication in *the Flyrodder*, or see me at the meeting.

Thanks, Morty



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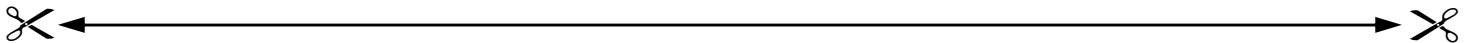
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Attention All LIFR Members:

I am saddened and disappointed to report that February Connetquot Fishing Day has been cancelled, since the park is not open for fishing. The Fishing Day for March remains tentative at this time.

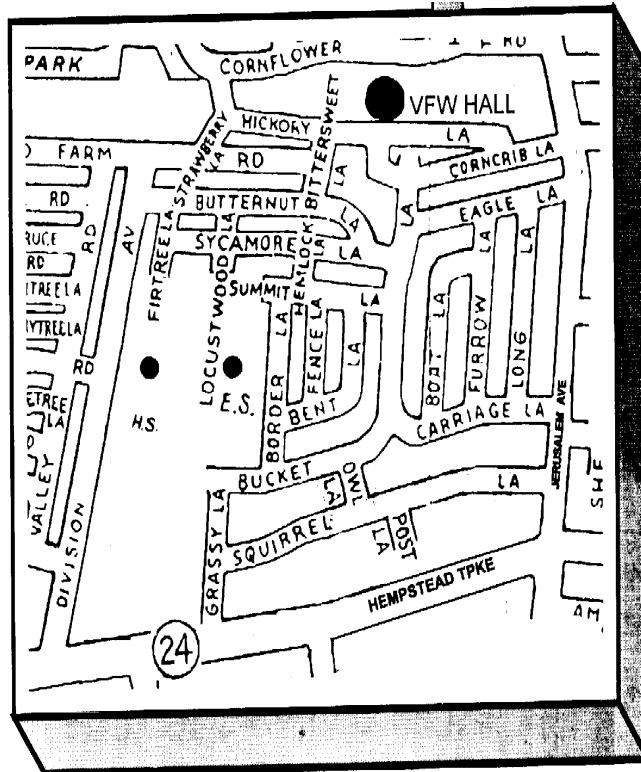
I will keep the membership apprised of the situation with further information as it becomes available to me.

God bless & Tight Lines,
Lee

**LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS**

**February - 2010**

- February 2     **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**  
Annual Elections for Officers & Board Members  
Trip Captains' 2010 Trip Presentations
- February 5-7   **LIFR Booth - SUNY Farmingdale Sports**  
Contact: Jim Foley (516) 766-4531
- February 9     **Fly Tying at TGI Friday's (New Location)**  
3535 Hempstead Tpke., Levittown  
Contact: Howie Solomon (516) 510-3521  
See details, Info & directions on page 5
- February 23    **Board Meeting**  
7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall



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