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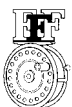
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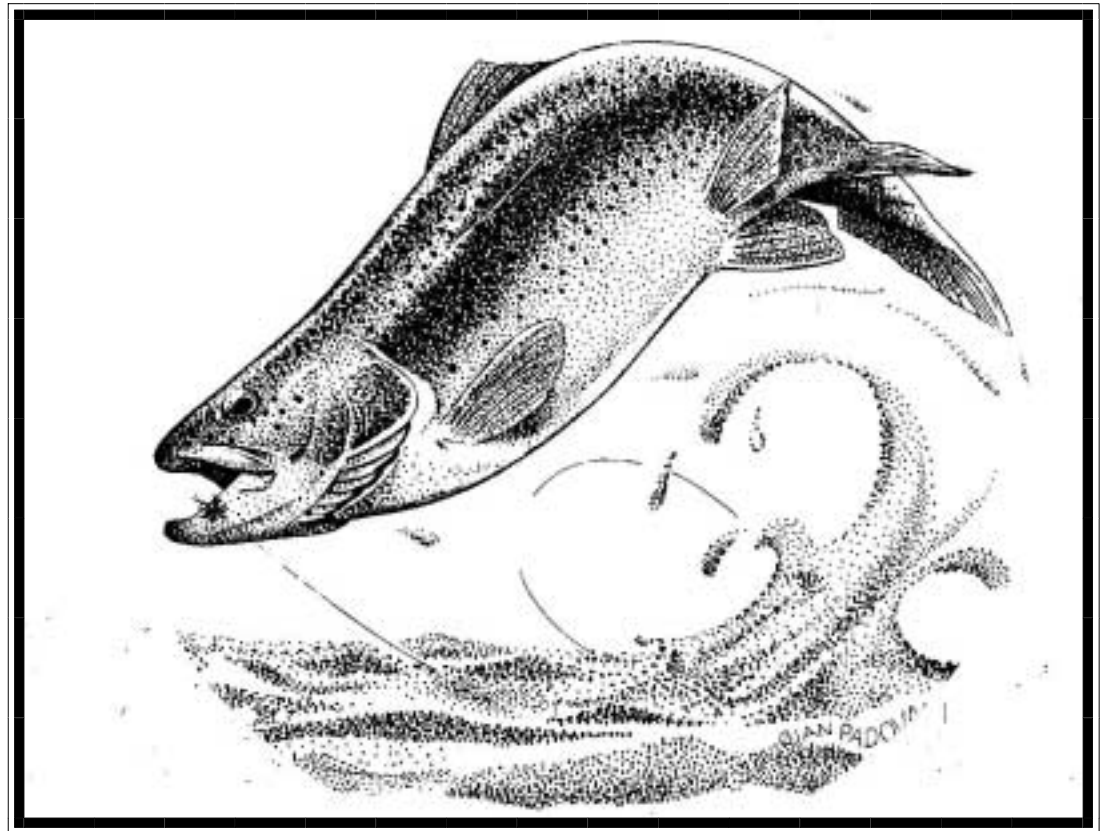
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*Guest Speaker:*

**Gary Mauz**

**“Fishing the Lower Delaware and the  
Delaware Water Gap”**



You want to know what makes fly fishing so appealing to me? It's the challenge! The challenge of finding new places to fish; the challenge of fishing my old spots differently or the challenge fishing for that one fish that always eludes me. And that is the attitude that I bring when I am tying flies. When I signed up for the fly swap, I didn't want to just tie any old nymph pattern; I wanted the challenge of tying something I never tied before. To start, I pulled out my pattern books and looked up stoneflies. After tying about 2 dozen different flies, using what I learned from others and adding a little of myself, I came up with one that I am satisfied with. I just hope the fish and the other tiers are.

I would like to welcome all of the new board members that have agreed to give up their time to make this a better club. Thanks to **Joe Caroleo, Richard Ugolini and Howard Solomon**. As always if you have any ideas you can contact me at [prespaul@optonline.net](mailto:prespaul@optonline.net)

Our next meeting will feature Gary Mauz from the Delaware River Fly Fishing Guide Service. When you mention fishing the Delaware River, most people think about fishing up by Hancock. The Delaware is a big river and there is great fishing closer to home in the

Delaware Water Gap. This should be a very interesting presentation, so don't miss it.

For the next two months we have a lot of things happening. In March we will be having our junior fly tying class. This is open to all juniors, members and nonmembers, between the ages of 10-16. See **Lee Weil** for more info.

April will be a very busy month for our club. It will start with our used tackle sale and open house at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. April 13<sup>th</sup> is the TU banquet and many of our members will be there. It is a fine organization that can use our support. If you would like to come, call **Peter Dubno** (516-764-0412) for more info. April 14<sup>th</sup> is our Woman's only casting class. Call **Lee Weil** (516-997-6743) for more info. Also on April 14<sup>th</sup> Orvis of Greenvale is having the **LIFR club day**. So bring a friend and you both will receive big discounts on what you buy. See **Wolfgang Porté** at the meeting for info. Also in April there are two trips. April 21<sup>st</sup> is the day trip to the Housatonic . See me or call (516-536-1418) for more info. April 28<sup>th</sup> is our Beaverkill trip. Call **Dan Van Buskirk** (516-561-8939) for more info. All this information can be found on our web site , LIFR.org, thanks to **Gil Padovani**.

**Susan Solomon and Wolfgang Porté** are having a fly sale to help raise funds for C.F.R. It is \$15 for 15 flies and it includes a box. This is a fine organization that needs our help. See Wolfgang or Susan at the meeting.

If you know of a past member who has been missing from our club or a member that is sick, please call Susan Solomon ( 516-997-9451) so that she can send them a card.

The challenge for me this year will be the best President I can be and a better fisherman. Boy, do I like a challenge!

*Tight Lines, Paul*



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# FoF Your Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



It's hard to believe, as I write this, that the first day of spring is only a month away.

Even as I gaze upon the frozen boulders lining the driveway, I try to envision the trees on the Willowemoc beginning to bud, the Yellow Breeches with it's décor of bright green foliage and lavender blossoms, and the irises blooming along the Farmington and Housatonic. Like kids writing letters to Santa we sit in front the fire and mark the calendar, trying to fit just one more trip into a limited amount of vacation time.

If you're like me, there are never enough days off to cover all the destinations we aspire to fish. It's hard enough to plan where to go, but trying to plan exactly when to go is even worse. Hatches never seem to come off when predicted and weather often becomes the enemy (just ask anyone who has ever participated in a Flyrodder trip!) But a little research and thinking ahead can help you get the most out of your time spent on new water.

Once you've made your decision where you're heading, get yourself a list of flyshops in the area. The time spent on the phone or computer getting information before your trip will be well spent. Don't just rely on books – there is no substitute for current

information, and hatch times can vary according to water temperature. Ask about alternate waters to fish in case of low or high water conditions. A small feeder stream may save your day when the big waters turn to muddy torrents. Have a "plan B" in case your first choice gets blown out and you may be pleasantly surprised.

One of the best investments you can make for future trips is the price of a guide, at least for a half day. It always pays to book a reputable guide on your first trip to a new area. After all, he or she is out there on that water every day, and they know what's going on. It certainly saves a lot of scouting time (a luxury that you don't have) and can be the difference between a great day or a bust.

If you are a tyer you will want to find out which patterns and sizes to tie. Sure, we all buy a few flies to show our appreciation at the local fly shop, but I derive more pleasure learning the local patterns for each new place we fish. Don't forget, though, according to Murphy's law whatever you tie will NOT be hatching when you expect it to, so be sure to include bugs that should be hatching BEFORE and AFTER your stay.

Finally, take advantage of your fellow Long Island Flyrodders as a resource for information. Chances are that someone in the club has fished the place you want to go, and if you ask around at the meetings you'll soon find out who knows what. That way, you'll get an honest opinion of guides, accommodations, restaurants and maybe, if you're lucky, directions to some productive spots. So get out your atlas and start planning. Spring is right around the corner!

*Tight Lines & God bless, Lee*

## We're Having a Fly Swap

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

If you cannot attend the meeting on March 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 TERRESTIAL, 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 April 3 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.
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# THE LAST CASTS OF FALL

John P. Manz

Every year, at the end of our annual camping and fishing trip, my brother Al always plans to get together with me to try our luck in the Fall. Unfortunately, for one reason or another he never follows through. This year, be it the Millennium or our advancing age, we finally teamed up and along with Paul McCain, his brother-in-law, Steve, Bruce Kraebel and John Hildenbrand to try our luck on the Farmington River as the last leaves of Fall made their way down river.

As I made my way up north to the river, I was treated to the unusual sight of a full moon setting in front of me, as the sun tried to work its way through the clouds behind me. When I arrived at the bridge that crosses the Farmington River, in the town of Riverton, I found the river to be in good shape in spite of the heavy rains we had recently. For November, I felt quite comfortable as I waded into the rather cool waters of the Upper Farmington (the fact that I was dressed for an Arctic expedition probably helped). After working my "Bar" fly upstream to no avail, I switched over to a black Woollybugger and

was rewarded with tight lines on two nice size, hard fighting Brown Trout. Fully content with having fulfilled my quest, I proceeded to join my brother and fellow flyrodders at Austin Hawes campground around 9:30 AM. We exchanged greetings and headed upstream with the greatest of expectations. The river was quite a bit higher where we waded in, thanks to the contribution of Sandy Brook. Despite the high water and strong currents, most of us managed to secure at least one tight line or tap by time we pulled out at noon. John Hildenbrand caught up with us as were about to leave for the Trout Management Area for lunch. He happily shared stories of the tight lines he had on the Housatonic prior to joining up with us. This was to be our destination, also, until the heavy rains and high water level persuaded us to switch to the Farmington River (sound familiar?).

When we arrived at the Trout Management Area, we enjoyed a delicious grilled chicken lunch prepared by Paul on a picnic table, set up on an island, not much bigger than the table in the middle of the river. The sun came out as if on cue and Bro. Al completed the ambiance with a bottle of white wine and clear plastic cocktail glasses. With our appetites satisfied, we once again set out in our individual pursuit of that ever-elusive tight line. Lost in our own thoughts, we enjoyed becoming one with the river and worked our way downstream till dark.

If effort counted for anything, Steve would surely have topped the list with the unbridled exuberance he displayed as he crisscrossed the strong currents in pursuit of the ever-elusive tight line. Instead, it was the steady hand of the seasoned Flyrodder—Bro. Al that brought a beautiful 14 1/2" Brown Trout to the net with his multi nymph rig (the trout must have been into one stop shopping!)

Returning to our cars in the dark field, lit up only by the interior light of Paul's SUV, we enjoyed sharing the day's adventure and a cold brew under a star filled sky. After finishing our beverage of choice, we headed back home to relive in memory—"our last casts of Fall".



## Fly Tying Nights

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

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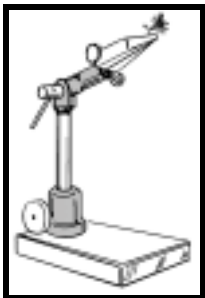
It is not a class, but if you're a beginner, you will learn a lot from watching others.

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

**PEASE DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE RESTAURANT!!!**

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



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★ **"March is the last month for those of you who have not renewed your LIFR membership to still be considered members. Re-member, you must be a member to participate in club activities and continue receiving 'the FLYRODDER'** ★  
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## Bonefish Sam

By Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer

Bonefish Sam picked me up at 7am in the lobby of the Westin on Grand Bahama Island. It was a few weeks ago, and my wife and I were in the Bahamas for vacation. I saw that the hotel offered a guided fly fishing excursion with Bonefish Sam. I signed up, paid the \$250 guiding fee (nobody ever said fly fishing was cheap!) and was told to be in the lobby early the next day. This was going to be my first bonefish experience.

After we left the hotel, Bonefish Sam and I stopped at his house to pick up the gear, a few large sinking flies and a fly rod that he loaned to me, and headed to the beach. As we drove, he told me that the bonefish gets its name from the large number of bones in its body, making it not very good for eating. But it is a well-known sport fish.

Sam said that the reason why the bonefish is so popular is because it is so difficult to catch. That got me thinking. When I spend hours on the stream without a bite, I sometimes wonder why I am chasing these picky trout with an impossibly small hook wrapped in thread and feathers. Why not do something easier with my time? And then I remembered that is it the challenge that I love. If the trout rose to every fly, I know that I would be bored. I would rather be challenged and frustrated than succeed too easily. Perhaps, fly fishermen are gluttons for punishment.

Soon we were on a road running parallel to the beach, maybe 150 feet from the water. All of a sudden, Sam says: "There are the Bones!" I said to him: "You can see them from here?" "Yep," was his reply. I have good eye-sight, but from 150 feet I could not see any fish, only beautiful blue waves. We drove a little further: "More Bones," he said. Now I was beginning to feel a bit dumb, but I thought to myself: "We are still on the road, maybe when we get down to the beach, I'll be able to see them."

No such luck. Sam keeps seeing schools of bonefish, 60 or 80 feet away, and I can't see a single one. He tells me: "Cast, 1 o'clock, quick," using the fail-safe clock method to guide me. I take one cast to lengthen the line, and send the fly out there. But it's too late. "Not fast enough," he says. After about 15 minutes of this, I realize why bone fishing is so hard. I can't even see the fish, much less get my fly out there fast enough. Bonefish Sam is very kind to me and is extremely patient. But I am clearly out of my league. Finally, Sam takes the fly rod, casts to the bones, and in what felt like two seconds, hooks a nice one. He lets me reel it in. And even though I did not catch it, it sure

feels good to hold that 3 pound fish and release it back into its ocean home.

After a few hours on the beach, Sam took me back to the hotel. I was exhausted, humbled but also strangely content. And so what did I learn from my first bone fishing excursion? I remembered what it was like to be a student, and to feel humbled before a wise teacher and a hard task. As a Rabbi, I often fill the role of teacher, preacher and spiritual leader. I am usually the one who offers guidance and tries to help others. But on the Bahamian beach, I was the lost student who could not even see the fish, much less catch it. I am grateful to Bonefish Sam for the reminder that in life, we are all students sometimes, and that a good dose of humility never hurt!



### About the Author:

**Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer** is the author of the blog, The Fly Fishing Rabbi, [www.theflyfishingrabbi.blogspot.com](http://www.theflyfishingrabbi.blogspot.com). It contains musings about trout, God and religion, updated weekly. When not on the cold water streams searching for trout, Rabbi Eisenkramer is the associate Rabbi at North Shore Synagogue in Syosset, New York. He lives with his wife in Queens, NY.

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MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>**

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- Membership in the club is not required.
- All tools and materials will be supplied.
- Lunch will be provided.

There is no cost for the junior but there is a charge of \$15 for each adult.

- It will be held at Pancho's Border Grill in Bethpage on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 12noon to 3:00

*RESERVATIONS a MUST.* Space is limited.

Contact **Lee Weil** at 516-997-6743 for reservation and more information.

**Beaverkill-Willowemoc Clean-up.**

Meet at the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum, Old Rt 17 Livingston Manor, at 8:00 AM on Saturday April 28.

River clean-up will last for four hours, then there will be a club picnic. A \$5 dollar deposit is required for the picnic.

After that we will be able to fish the local rivers and ponds.

Those wishing to eat supper together on Saturday night, we will eat at the Rockland house. The cost is \$28 (meal, tax, tip). Cash Bar.

Those wishing to stay over night at the Rockland House Motel, rooms are \$55 for one double bed, \$60 for a King size bed and \$66 for a room with two double beds. Sign up at the March or April meetings or contact

**Dan Van Buskirk** 516-561-8939.

Recently, Susan Solomon corresponded with Somerset Fly raffle winner, Mike Gould. Mike replied with a wonderful letter of appreciation. Here are their letters:

Mike,  
I heard you already got the list from Gil. If not, or if you need anything else, let me know. We all hope you really enjoy the flies and catch lots of fish with them.

Susan

Susan,

I did indeed, thank you. Most importantly, your raffle capped off a rare moment between father and son. I'm about to be 52 and took up fly fishing a year and a half ago. I live on the water and have a business partner who is passionate about the sport, so I've gotten a heavy dose in the last 18 months. My father is 79. He used to love to surf cast. Hasn't fished in years. I bought him a 5 wt in '05 for Christmas and a few lessons last year to boot. I gambled and asked him to come out to the Somerset show for the weekend. My Dad lives in Indiana, not exactly fly fishing heaven. After some resistance, he decided to come out for the weekend. That's more than I've seen of him in the last three years. He had a wonderful time, as did I. Winning the raffle was icing on the cake. So you see your raffle is more than about fishing, it brought a father and son closer together. Tell your members what they are really doing by holding that raffle. They are making life happen for people, however it occurs, what ever their story is. The fishing is just the icing on the cake. Thank every one again for us, won't you?

Best,

Mike Gould

Our apologies to club member  
**Len Gorbarty,**  
who was erroneously left off the list of  
fly raffle donators in the last issue.  
Sorry Len.





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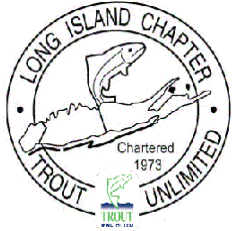
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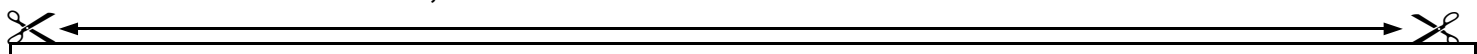
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to be paid at the general meeting or at the park for call-in reservations. Anglers fishing the morning sessions must be at the park by **7:30 a.m.** Cancellations must be made by 7:00 p.m. the Saturday before the session.

**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 - 2006

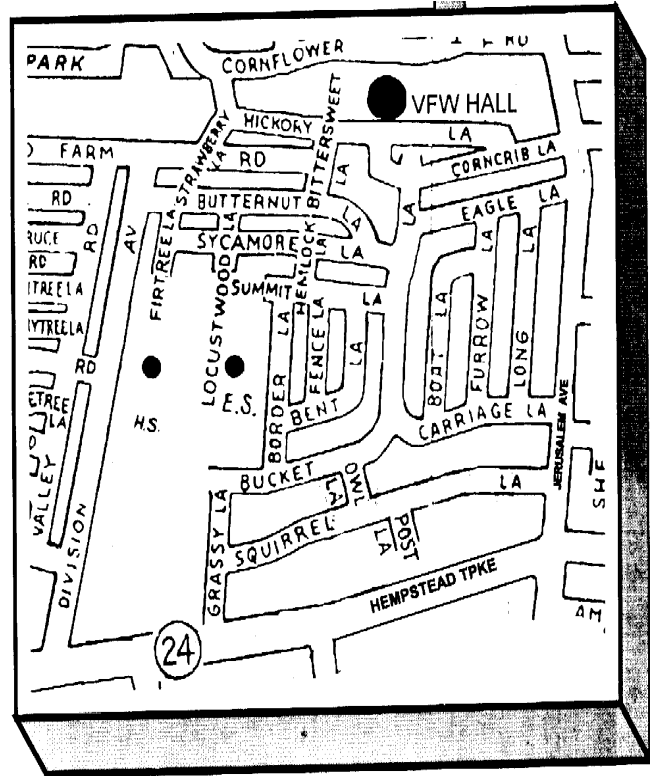
March 19	April 16	* May 21	June 18
July 16	August 20	* September 17	

***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**

- March 6      **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**  
                  Guest Speaker: Gary Mauz  
                  "Fishing the Lower Delaware &  
                  The Delaware Water Gap"
- March 10     **Junior Fly Tying Class**  
                  Contact: Lee Weil (516) 997-6743  
                  Details & Info on Page 6
- March 13     **Fly Tying at Pancho's Border Grill**  
                  Contact: Paul McCain - (516) 536-1418
- March 19     **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**  
                  Contact: Lee Weil (516) 997-6743  
                  See Page 9 for details & info
- March 27     **Board Meeting**  
                  7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
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