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## *This Month's Meeting* *March 7, 2006*

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*Changing of the Guard 2006. President Paul McCain congratulating  
Past President Mike Gelber for a job well done.*

*Fly Tying Night:*  
Featuring  
**Rob Lewis**  
From Rob's Realistic Flies

I guess you can call me a repeat offender. This will be my third time as president of this fine club. Some people may say that I am a glutton for punishment or that I don't have much of a life but the truth be told, I really enjoy it. When one or two new members really stick through all of the learning and hard work to be come a good fly fisherman and an active club member, then I know I and the club did a good job. When I first became a member in 1987, I was looking for a special hobby to help to help me through some tough times. If it wasn't for this club, I wouldn't have this passion or I should say, way of life for fishing. There isn't a day go by that I don't think about fly fishing. I also made some of my best friends thought the club. I thank all of you for that.

I have to thank a few people for giving us, the members, a great club. First, I'd like to thank **Mike Gelber** for all of his hard work for the past two years. Thanks Mike for keeping the seat warm for me. Next, to all of the board members for their time and hard work. They are the engine that makes this club run. To all the club members who show up to the meetings, trips and by buying raffle tickets so that we can do more. But mostly, I would like to thank my wife, Julie, for her support and encouraging me.

We will be starting my new term with some of the best speakers in the fly fishing world. The March meeting will be our fly tying night, featuring **Rob Lewis** from Robs Realistic Flies. If you ever been to one of the tying



shows you would recognize his fine work. His flies look like they would crawl away. You will be able to purchase some of these fish catching flies at the meeting.

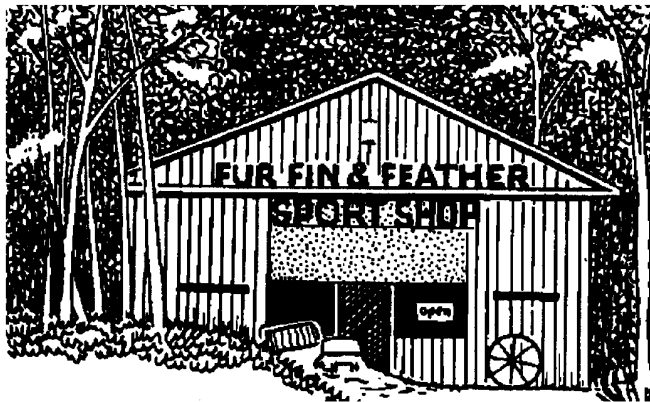
On March 11<sup>th</sup> our club expert caster, **Herman Abrams**, will be giving a introduction class to fly fishing. If you are a beginner or you just want to learn a little more, see him at the meeting or give him a call at 516-593-6024. The cost is free to all club members.

March 25<sup>th</sup> will be Long Island Fly Rodders day at the Ovis store in Greenvale. See **Wolfgang Porté** at the meeting for more information.

I work for you, the members, so if you want more information or need some advise, I can be reached at 516-536-1418 or email me at troutpaul@email.lifr.org. Don't forget this club is about its members. The more we have, the better we will be. So, if you know someone who is interested in fly fishing, encourage them to join us for a meeting. They might thank you later for it.

Our club is soon to be without our long-time member, **Dennis Aron**, who is moving to Texas. Dennis is a former Board Member and Circulation Manager of the "Flyrodder." We're all going to miss him and we wish him good luck.

If you have not paid your 2006 dues, this will be your **last Issue** of the *Flyrodder*. **Please renew and keep your membership in the best club there is.** See you at the meeting. Tight Lines, Paul



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# FoF Your Nymphomation

by Lee Weil



## To Skin a Cat

Before you curl your lip at a misinterpretation of the title, let me assure you, this is NOT an article on how to de-fur your household pet. (That will be covered in one of my future columns.)

I recently had a discussion with one of my tying students about the various methods of constructing hackle tip wings. He referred to a book he purchased which described a technique that differed from the one I used. This gave me food for thought; i.e., when had I learned my preferred procedure and why did I keep using it? I couldn't remember where I picked it up, but I do know that it is the easiest, most effective way I know to set the wings securely, and it works for me.

In any acquired skill, there is more than one way to skin the proverbial cat, especially when the majority of one's skills are self-taught. I can only attribute my choice of techniques to trial and error experience. Although in the twenty plus years I have been tying flies, I have changed my preferences for certain methods, tools and materials, for the most part my motto is "if it ain't broke, don't fix it"!

Perhaps, I am a dinosaur. The latest "miracle working" gizmo at the fly fishing show normally only gets a passing glance from me. I like what I like, and I'm more comfortable using my fingers when possible as opposed to hackle pliers and hair packers. But I

have to admit, there are times when someone really does come up with a better mousetrap.

For example, about a year ago I got a new book on "Tying Better Flies". The first chapter covered the pattern for a woolly bugger. I skimmed through it briefly, after all – a woolly bugger is a woolly bugger and I had only tied thousands of them. But then I went back and looked at the photos and saw the hackle as being tied in at the head. This caught my attention. After tying one using the method described in the book, I was hooked" (pardon the pun) and have tied them that way ever since. It not only made for a more durable fly, but also gave me two new ways to add more flash and weight to my old patterns. This revelation prompted me to try some new tricks of my own. I substituted some artificial dubbings and finishes for my usual choices on my Copper Johns and Pheasant tail nymphs and was quite impressed with the results. Less work and more sink, plus a quicker tie and better fishability. Where's the bad news?

So beware of falling into the trap of thinking "I always did it THIS way". I'll be the first one to say, "You CAN teach an old dog new tricks," (you just have to get her attention first!)

*God bless and Tight Lines, Lee*



### Dear Flyrodders:

Just a reminder- if you have not renewed your membership for 2006, your **membership terminates this month and this will be your last issue.** In order to participate in club activities, fishing trips, and enjoy the many benefits we could not possibly have on our own, you must be a paid-up member.

Please renew at the next meeting (March 7), or mail us a check, using the form on page 9, to continue your membership in the best fly-fishing club there is.

**Hope to see you again!**



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### Happy Birthday Ed & Many, Many More

**Ed Conte**, 90 years young, celebrating his Birthday with friends and family at Wickers Restaurant.

Amongst the many guests were some *Flyrodder* members to help Ed celebrate.

**Standing, l to r:** Lee Weil, Jeff Farrell, Dan Van Buskirk, Mort Schneiderman, Diane Schneiderman & Mike Gelber.  
**Seated, l to r:** *The Birthday Boy*, **Ed Conte**, Coreen Gelber & Judy Van Buskirk

## Community Outreach Programs

- ~ Casting for Recovery
- ~ Boy Scouts
- ~ Project Access
- ~ Handicapped Fishing
- ~ Women's Casting Clinics

Under the motto "***There is more to life than fishing***", the *Long Island Flyrodders* are involved with several projects that benefit the communities they live in.

**Casting for Recovery** provides fly fishing retreats at locations around the United States. The retreats are specially designed for women who have or had breast cancer.

To enhance the lives of breast cancer survivors, CFR offers no-cost retreats tailored to promote and support mental and physical healing, shared experiences, and the hope that comes from learning new skills.

Through various fund raising activities, and as river guides to the participants, *the Long Island Flyrodders* actively participate in several retreats on Long Island each year.

### Boy Scouts

We work with Boy Scout troops to help them become familiar with the sport of fly fishing. We teach them the necessary skills, including fly tying, to be able to complete the requirements to earn the newly established badge for fly fishing.

### Project Access

Each spring, the *Long Island Flyrodder*, along with other clubs, travel to the Catskill area to help restore paths and platforms to streams which allows handicapped individuals to fish. Winter damage and high water erode these access points each year, and to allow everybody the opportunity to enjoy our sport, we put our backs and shovels to work, giving everyone a chance to appreciate the fly fishing experience.

### Handicapped Fishing

During the summer fishing season, we invite our young friends from the United Cerebral Palsy and AHRC to spend a few hours with us at Connetquot State Park. We help them to catch and land some trout and to enjoy a few hours in the sunshine.

### Women's Casting Clinic

For the past several years, we have held a casting clinic, open to all women at Eisenhower Park. The topics cover such basics as rod and reel set up, leaders and tippets, basic knots, and of course casting. At the end of the session, and as an added bonus, we serve a gourmet lunch to all participants. We hope to teach women how to use a flyrod and encourage them to participate in fly fishing.

In the spring, we hold a **Jr. Fly Tyer's** session. For 3-4 hours, young people from the ages of 10 to 16, learn the basic skills of fly tying.

Our club, together with Trout Unlimited, also participate in several **River Clean-Ups**.

Wantagh Lakes, the Housatonic River and the Carrls River had some of their habitat and beauty restored from the clean-up activities.

These are important projects for the *Long Island Flyrodders* and we take our responsibility as stewards of our sport and the environment very seriously. We invite anyone to participate actively or financially with us to promote this healthy and rewarding sport.

**PROJECT ACCESS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2006**

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**Either two or three to a room \$89**

**DREAM MILE FISHING:**

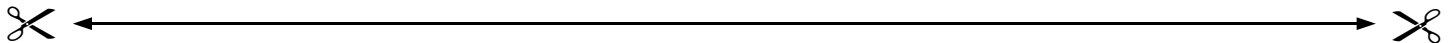
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Deposits will be forfeited on cancellations made after May 1. (Unless a substitute is found)



**YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**SHARE ROOM WITH: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Check In Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Out Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**POND FISHING:**

**Dates desired: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Partner with: \_\_\_\_\_**

**DREAM MILE FISHING: (Dates Dependent on availability)**

**Dates Desired \_\_\_\_\_**



### FLY FISHING SHOWS

*Top Left:* Anna Paul, our youngest member, with Granpa Cliff Dies at the Nassau Coliseum Show, January, 2006.

*Top Right:* Susan Solomon tying with Anna at Nassau. Anna also did a fantastic job selling raffle tickets.

*Left:* Volunteers at the LIFR booth at the Somerset Fly Fishing Show, January, 2006.

*L to R: Seated:* Dan Van Buskirk *Standing:* Gil Padovani, Herb Schneiderman, Morty Schneiderman & Cliff Dies.

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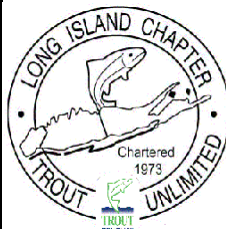
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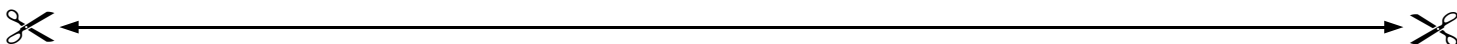
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CONNETQUOT RIVER TRIPS - 2006

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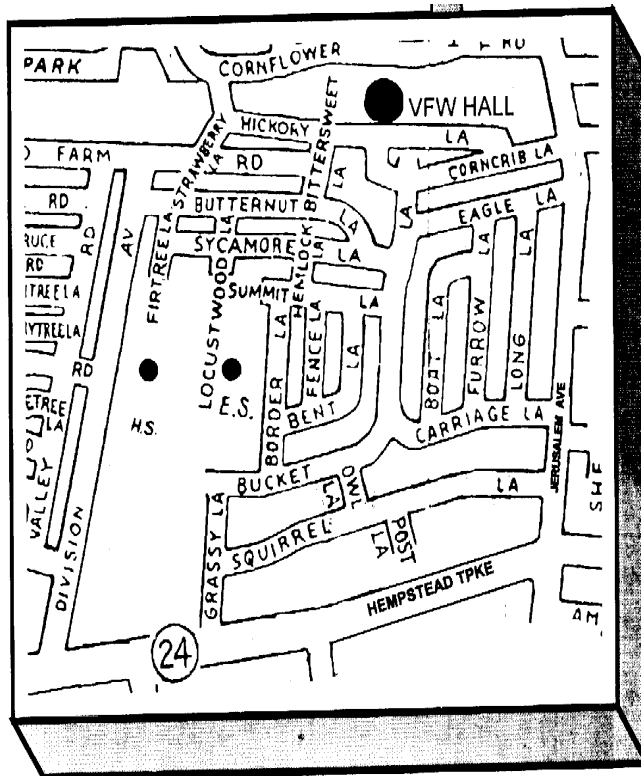
CONNETQUOT DATES - 2006

Table with 4 columns: March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19; July 17, August 14, September 18, October 16

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

**LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS**  
**March - 2006**

- March 4     **Lee Weil - On Smallmouth Bass**  
 11:30 a. m. at ORVIS, Greenvale, NY
  
- March 7     **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**  
 Fly Tying Night Featuring Rob Lewis &  
 LIFR members demonstrating their skills
  
- March 20    **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State**  
 Contact: Lee Weil (516) 997-6743  
 See Page 9 for details & info
  
- March 25    **Long Island Flyrodders - Open House**  
 11:30 a.m. at ORVIS, Greenvale, NY
  
- March 28    **Board Meeting**  
 7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall



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