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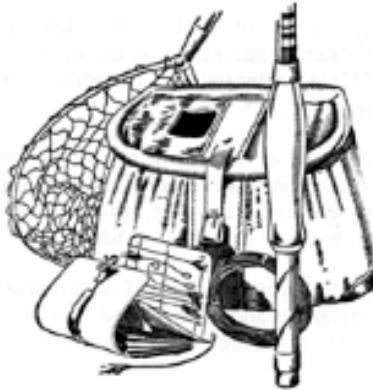
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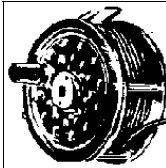
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God Bless America

DUES REMINDER

2005 Dues are due now. Please see Al Battistelli at the
General Meeting or mail in your check to continue
your membership. Thank you



President's message

Last fall, when I put away my fishing rods and hung up my vest, I made a mental list of all the things I was going to do during my winter down time. I was going to clean out my vest, get the sand and gravel out of the bottom of my tackle bag, organize my fly boxes and resole my wading shoes. I had lists of all the flies I needed to tie. I was going to be busy for many hours getting ready for the beginning of fishing season. Well, so much for planning ahead. While getting ready on Sunday night to fish with the club at Connetquot the next morning, I found some antique trail mix, balls of used tip-pet, a pocket full of flies dumped there to dry off and some fly

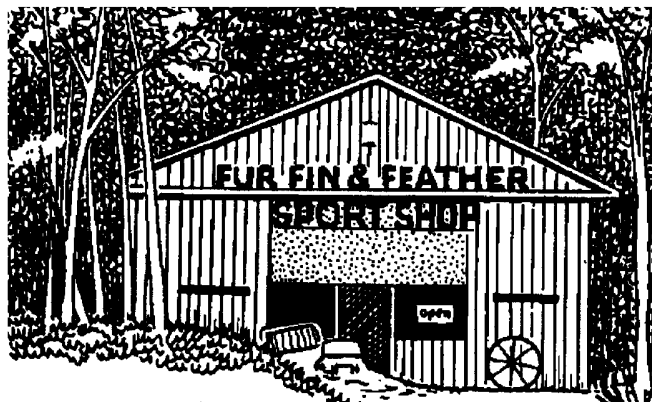
boxes that looked like the bottom of the bargain bin at Harry's House of Flies. My wading shoes were missing the heel on one shoe, which made me walk funny, but I was going fishing so it didn't matter. It's funny how all those things get forgotten when one of those hold over browns start peeling line off your reel with a full head of steam. It was a good day.

At our March meeting **John Hildenbrand** had a great presentation on fishing the lower Housatonic. John was able to share with us some of the special spots we pass whenever we go up to the camp ground. After his talk, he passed around his "typical" fly box that he used on the river. The

box was organized in neat little rows by size and color and all the flies were perfectly tied. We tried to raffle off John's box but he didn't go for it.

Coming up in April, we have our famous open house and used tackle sale. This is a great opportunity to get rid of that extra rod or reel or those waders that used to fit a lot better. It is also a great chance for newbie fly fishermen to pick up a better rod at bargain prices. If you know of someone who is thinking about starting to fly fish, bring them down; it's always a fun evening.

See you on the river,
Mike



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For Your Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



Here it is, April already! It's officially the opening of the trout season, even though many of us have been wetting our lines in local waters since February. This month the club has several events on the agenda, including our second annual **Ladies Casting Clinic**. This year's clinic will take place at Eisenhower Park on Saturday, April 9th. We will be covering the basics, such as rod and reel set up, leaders and tippets, basic knots, and of course casting. We have an added bonus on the program; a gourmet lunch to be prepared by club **President and chef Mike Gelber**. We will be meeting at 10:30 am and will have instruction for all levels of casters. Anyone who does not have a rod and reel will be able to use a loaner, just be sure to let me know when you call to register. We are requiring you to R.S.V.P. for this event due to the need for a lunch menu estimate. Please call **Lee Weil at 516-997-6743** to reserve your spot.

Those great **Casting For Recovery Fly Boxes** are back! If you haven't purchased one yet you can still get in on a great deal on some good flies and do a good deed at the same time. The boxes with an assortment of over 1 dozen flies will be on sale at the meeting for \$20 each, and **100% of the proceeds** go to the funding of the 2005 retreats for breast cancer

survivors from **Long Island**. This is your chance to help us provide a wonderful, all expense paid 3 day retreat for local women. This year's retreats will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Ronkonkoma, culminating on Sunday at Connetquot with a fishing session and the graduation ceremony. On behalf of the folks at Casting For Recovery I would like to thank the members for their generosity and assistance as River Helpers.

ATTENTION JR. TYERS !!!! We are still trying to fill the Junior tyer's class for 2005. Our time is running out, as the weather warms and other activities such as soccer and baseball start up it will become harder to arrange a date. We will be taking names of students from the ages of 10 to 16 and will announce the date and location in the near future. Please check the website for further updates on this event.

One more reminder; as we go into the warmer weather we will encounter more and more anglers on the stream. A little courtesy goes a long way; let's treat each other with the respect and consideration we want for ourselves.

Tight Lines and God bless, Lee

The 2005 Project Access trip will be the weekend of April 30 to May 1.

Meet at the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum at 8:00 AM Saturday morning (April 30). Bring shovels, rakes, hoes, Etc. if you have them. The work should be completed around noon, at which time the club will have a picnic at the Covered Bridge park (our last work site). After that fishing the afternoon is on the schedule.

For those wishing to stay over night at the Rockland House the room rates are \$55/night for a room with one double bed, \$66/ night for 2 double beds and \$60/ night for a King size bed/night, these prices include room tax.

Also those staying over or leaving later we will have dinner at the Rockland House Saturday evening, the cost is \$28, which includes anything on the menu (except Filet Mignon or Lobster), drinks not included.

Sign up at the meeting with a deposit in cash or check made out to:

Dan Van Buskirk, or contact him at 516-561-8939.

Long Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited 24th Annual Banquet

April 8, 2005, at the Stewart Thomas Manor. Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m., and dinner follows. In addition, there will be raffles, auctions, and games. All of this is for the cause of conservation.

There are still tickets available, and you can contact **Brian Nazinitsky at (631) 269-3424**.

All Hair is Not Created Equal

By Lee Weil

One of the most valuable things I've learned from tying deer hair patterns is that all deer hair is not the same. It is often frustrating for the beginner, when tying any type of fly, to find yourself hindered by inappropriate materials. It seems that one could purchase a grizzly cape and be relatively sure that they could tie any dry fly pattern with it, but a size # 10 Green Drake will require a completely different hackle than a size # 24 Blue Wing Olive. The same problem occurs when a novice tyer buys deer hide patches labeled as "spinning" or "bass bug" quality. While the hair may be suitable for those purposes, it can range greatly in density and length. Only time spent at the vise can enable the tyer to choose which piece will serve best for the particular pattern they are working on. For those who are getting started in tying deer hair flies I will try to offer a basic guide to purchasing materials.

While I don't usually buy my deer hair from catalogs, I have found an excellent source, which I highly recommend; Chris Helm of White Tail fly tying supplies. He is an expert deer hair tyer himself and will be able to customize your order to include exactly what you need. Otherwise, I only buy what I can examine "hands on".

In order to know what to look for when buying deer hair, we have to first understand how different textures of hair will behave when tied onto a hook. For example, bucktail is used to tie streamers because of its soft, limp fibers. This allows the wing of the fly to move and appear lifelike as the fly is retrieved. The diameter of tail hair is thinner and not suitable for spinning patterns. It is also not as buoyant as body hair, thus it will not float the fly, which is not desirable on streamer patterns.

Body hair is larger in diameter and has hollow chambers which give the hair "floatability", thus mak-

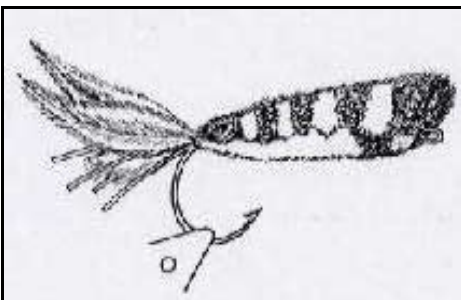
ing it a good choice for popping bass bugs. Hair from deer harvested from different areas of the country will also have different characteristics. Coastal deer hair is finer, shorter and slicker than inland deer hide, and an Adirondack deer hide will be heavier and denser than one taken in Virginia

The tendency to flare is a desirable quality for spinning hair for bass bugs, muddler minnows and sculpin patterns. Shaped body flies are made by packing bunches of hair onto the hook shank, and the hair is made to flare by pressure of the thread to produce a bushy clump, which is then trimmed to the desired shape. These flies require denser hair, preferably consistent in length and texture. When purchasing spinning hair you want to look for belly strips, cut from the lower part of the hide. Most of your whites and lighter colors are belly hair. The drawback to this is that some of this hair may be short or finer than upper body hair, and hair from the flank area may be curved. You will find that even on the same piece of hide the hair may not all be usable for the same applications.

Caddis patterns call for hair that has fine, straight even tips. Cow elk hide is generally the best for these flies, but my best small Caddis hair comes from a piece of young Adirondack hide. When I discover a piece that is specially suited for one purpose I mark it on the back with a Sharpee so I can find it easily.

Finally, the best way to learn how to pick out any kind of tying material is to go shopping with a knowledgeable tyer and watch how they make their choices. There is no substitute for experience and if you are fortunate enough to know a deer hair fanatic, don't be afraid to ask for their advice. Chances are they will be happy to tell you all you need to know and the hardest part might be getting them to stop talking.

The first class in the *L.I.F.R Favorite Fly series*, to be held on Wednesday, April 13th at the Levittown VFW Hall.



This class will focus on spinning deer hair and hair stacking methods used to tie muddler minnows and bass bugs. Intermediate level tying experience is required. Space for this class is limited and you must call to register. Please call 516-997-6743 to reserve your place at the table. Class is free of charge to LIFR members only. A list of suggested tools and necessary materials will be provided for each student, and students will be responsible for obtaining enough materials for 3 flies, to be described in the information letter.

PRODUCT REVIEW

By Nick Friedman

Temple Fork Outfitters Lefty Kreh Professional Series
8 ft. 4wt. 4pc. Model 08 40 4P Fly Rod

A positive development in fly fishing equipment over the past few years is the emergence of good quality, easy casting fly fishing rods in the modest price range. The TFO Lefty Kreh Professional Series 8 ft. 4 wt. 4 pc. rod definitely falls into this category.

I've used this rod twice this spring in Connetquot State Park as well as for practice casting over land in a park near my home. This rod is ideal for settings like Connetquot State Park where accurate, smoothly delivered short casts are the rule. The rod's slow, even flex allows a caster whose sense of timing and feel may not be fully acute to adjust and conclude the cast with a graceful delivery. This action holds true for those ever-necessary roll casts on streams such as the Connetquot where low branches, overhanging limbs and downed trees seem to be everywhere. As for skilled casters, the rod's slow, even action further enhances their proficiency. For any angler this rod has more than enough punch for long well placed casts, as I found out while practicing at a nearby park.

Although moderately priced, the rod is very well finished. The blank is matte black IM6 graphite with black wraps highlighted with gold bands at the grip, stripper guide and first ferrule. The reel seat is of basket weave graphite and anodized aluminum. The esthetic appearance is very pleasing. The rod has index markings at all the joints, which allow for hassle free rigging—a true boon to my post middle age eyeballs. This is a really nice touch not found in lots of more expensive rods.

The rod comes with a lifetime “No Fault Warranty” for the original owner. If the rod is damaged in any way TFO will repair or replace it for a \$25 fee to cover shipping.

The rod's one drawback is that it comes with only with a cloth rod sock. There is no hard case. This is a significant deficiency as we carry our rods in car trunks, cargo areas or pickup beds where they can be easily damaged if not properly protected. It is felt that TFO would be well served to supply the rod with a hard case even if it meant charging a few extra dollars.

In sum, this rod is just the thing for easy and accurate casting for a pleasant day's fishing.

The rod is manufactured by Temple Fork Outfitters, Dallas, TX, and is available at local fly shops. MSRP per the Temple Fork Outfitters web site is \$139.95.

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The club is putting together a book of club members and their favorite flies. See Paul McCain at the meeting for details.

ELDRED FISHING TRIP

July 16 – 17, weekend, the cost is \$125 plus tax for two people. The cost for children is \$8.00 each, plus tax, maximum of four persons per room. Food is not included in this package. You can purchase food from their restaurant. This entitles you to overnight accommodations, free access to the Catch and Keep Pond, and you have to pay \$4.25 per pound for whatever you catch. Fish cleaning is available at fifty cents per fish. They will pack your fish in ice free of charge.

For an additional \$10.00 per day you can fish in the Catch and Release Pond. This Pond is for flyrodders only, with barbless hooks.

Boat rental. They have two lakes available for bass fishing and pan fish. The cost for this package is \$80 plus tax for two people. They furnish you with a bass boat and you can fish from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.. If you want to add another person on the boat it is an additional \$30 plus tax. You can keep the pan fish but must return the bass. You must have a valid NYS fishing license for the lakes.

September 20 -21, weekday, the cost for this package is \$80. per person, double occupancy. This package entitles you to overnight accommodations, free access to the Catch and Keep Pond, and you have to pay \$4.25 per pound for whatever you catch. You are also entitled to dinner at their restaurant, but no breakfast. The \$80 also includes tax and gratuities. The cost for children, ten years old or younger, is \$29, tax and tips included. This includes overnight accommodations, dinner from the Children's menu, free access to the Catch and Keep Pond and they have to pay \$4.25 per pound for any fish caught.

You can also fish for bass and pan fish in one of their two lakes. See the previous paragraph concerning the rates for the boat rental.

Also available are Sporting Clays. The cost for a round of twenty-five clays is \$8.00. You can bring your own shotgun and ammunition or rent a shotgun from them and purchase ammunition from them. The cost to rent a shotgun is \$5.00 and a box of twenty-five shells is \$8.00. Ear protectors are provided.

Horseback riding is available nearby at an additional cost. The rates for the horseback riding are not available at this time.

RACINO: They have computerized gambling available at the Monticello Raceway only ten minutes away for those of you who want to try their luck.

In addition, within a half hour from the resort you can fish at Mongaup Pond, Rondout Reservoir or the Delaware River.

Any one interested can sign up for the trip during the coffee break or call me,
Joe Caroleo, at 718-845-4225 anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

"SERENDIPITY" MIDGE FLY by Jim Foley

The hooks are caddis pupae, emergers, 2x wide, 2x short. Tmc # 2487.

Tie as follows:

1. Use 3/32 tungsten bead
2. Use 8.0 red thread

Tie on bead and thread back toward the bend.

3. Tie in red "sparkle braid" or some other crinkly shiny material on the bend. The material is red, shiny and woven. It is not flat but appears "bubbly". Larva lace body material, pearl cord braid, and diamond midge braid would also get the desired effect.

4. Tie thread back toward the bead.

5. Wrap the material toward the bead and lock in.

6. On top tie on a white or pearl krystal flash wing and cut short to about 3/8 to 1/2 inch. Make sure that the wing points up a bit by tying thread behind the base of the wing.

7. Finish head with thread and head cement.



I fished it as a dropper from a wolly bugger and had the rainbows hitting it.

HUNGRY TROUT TRIP - May 2005

WHEN: Friday, May 20 to Monday, May 23, 2005

COST PER PERSON: (Includes tax and gratuities) Two to a room \$399 - Three to a room \$349

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A list of the participants who have enclosed their deposit checks will be sent to the Hungry Trout on 4 /20 (or sooner if all rooms have been booked). After that, reservations will be on room availability and on a first come first served basis. Deposits will be forfeited on cancellations made after 5 /1 . (Unless a substitute is found)

NAME	DEP	ROOM WITH (If known)	CANOE WITH (If known)

If not three day package: Check-in date: _____ Check-out _____

CONNETQUOT RIVER TRIPS - 2005

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;

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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 - 2005

	April 18	May 16	June 20
July 18	August 15	September 19	October 17

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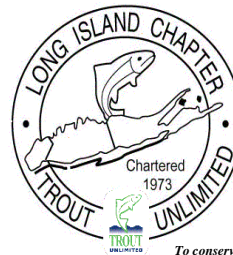
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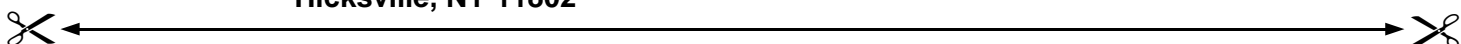


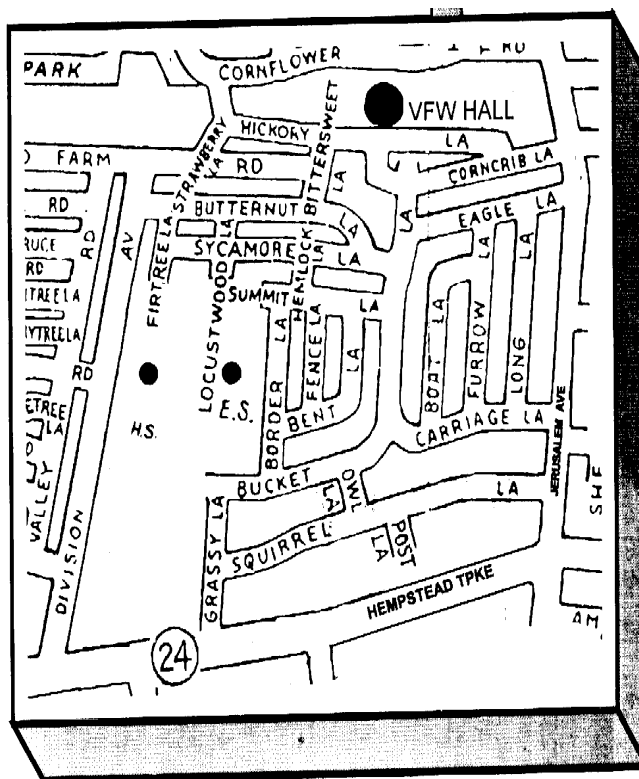
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2. **Put your name and phone number on back of the photo in small letters**
3. **All photos submitted may be used by LIFR, e.g., *Flyrodder* and lifr.org**
4. **There will be play-off contests at each Club meeting June through October**
5. **Three winners will be picked by members present at each of those meetings**
6. **All winning photos will be entered in the Dinner Dance GRAND CONTEST**
7. **Members present at the Dinner Dance will select the three Grand Prize winners**
8. **In case of a tie or dispute, the decision of the Chair will be final**
9. **All photos are to be handed or mailed to:**

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LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS
April - 2005

- April 5 **General Meeting - 7:00 P.M.**
 Used Tackle Sale & Open House
 Only Members Can Sell
- April 9 **LIFR Ladies Casting Clinic**
at Eisenhower Park—10 AM
 Contact: Lee Weil (516) 997-6743
- April 13 **Favorite Fly Series**
 See Details & Info on Page 4
- April 18 **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**
 Contact: Lee Weil (516) 997-6743
 See Page 7 for details
- April 21 **Board Meeting**
 7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- April 23 **Housatonic River Clean-Up**
& Fishing Trip
 Contact: Paul McCain (516) 742-7085
- April 30 - **Project Access Trip on the Willowemoc**
 May 1 See Details & Info on Page 3
 Contact: Dan Van Buskirk (516) 561-8939



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