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God Bless America



Open House *&* *Used Tackle* *Sale*

The Long Island Flyrodders club will host its annual open house and used fly fishing tackle sale at its April club meeting. Please note that only current club members may sell used tackle at this meeting. Non-members are welcome to attend the meeting to talk with club members and learn more about the club, enjoy refreshments (coffee and doughnuts) and take part in the used tackle sale. Additional club information can be found at the LIFR website

www.lifr.org

In March the sun was shining, but was it COLD!! In fact it was colder than all of January. March can be so cruel! It has always been my black hole month, all the fishing shows are over and too early for real fishing. Cabin fever takes hold of me as I wait for the high holy days (opening of the trout and striper seasons). The thing that keeps me going is that I know the cure will soon be here.

Our April meeting will be the **Used Tackle Sale and Open House**. If you have any friends that have an interest in fly fishing, please bring them to the meeting, so that we can show them what we are about. We will have many buckets and rod raffles. It will also be a good time to buy that rod, reel, flies and other fishing equipment that you always wanted. Remember, anyone may buy, but only members may sell.

There's no better way to shake off the winter blues than tying flies. If you're a beginner and a member, we'll be starting our **fly tying classes** in April. The cost is \$20 and it includes all of the material you will need to tie very effective fresh water flies. All you'll need are the tools. See me at the meeting for more info.

One of the major benefits of being a club member is the club trips. Check them out on our web site to see if any are of interest you. If you are interested in any of them, contact the trip captain soon, as many are filling up.

In keeping with our mission of being a teaching



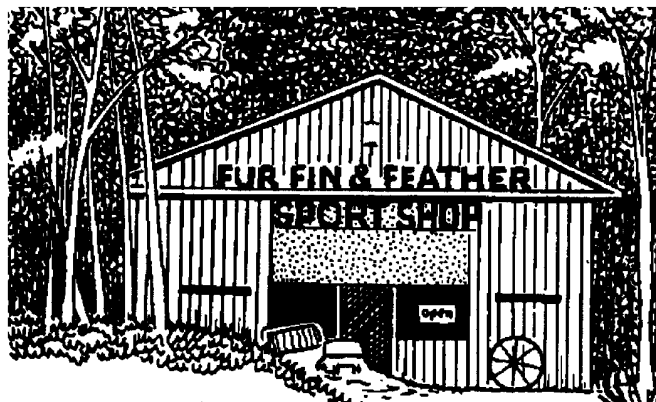
club, we will have a women's casting clinic on Saturday, April 8th. See **Lee Weil** at the meeting for more info.

Starting in May, **Herman Abrams**, our Certified Casting Instructor, will hold instructional programs on the lawn, before the meeting starts. Come early and let Herman show you some tricks.

To help me keep you informed about what is happening with the club, I've started an e-mail data base. Please email me at prespaul@optonline.net so that I can include you on our list.

On a sad note, we've lost two long time members in February. After a long illness, **Dick Jogodnik** passed away early in the month. I fished with Dick, at the park, on our Mondays and he was always ready with a good joke. He was a big supporter of our club and the Croton T. U. As many of you know, he did many fine presentations for us. We'll all miss him. Later in the month, **Hank Patterson** suddenly passed away. Hank was always in the front row with a fist full of raffle tickets. As if he really needed any more fishing equipment! I used to take my daughter to the fishing piers in Long Beach and he was always there with his friends. I never saw any fish in their buckets but they always had lots of smiles. I guess that's what's important. We will always miss you guys and we'll meet again on the river. Save some fish for me.

Keep the faith, spring is coming and I'll see you at the next meeting. **Tight Lines, Paul**



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FoFYour Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



Last month we had to receive the sad news that we had lost two long time members; **Dick Jogodnick and Hank Patterson**. Both of these guys gave generously of their time and talents to benefit the club. Dick's slide show presentations at the meetings were much enjoyed and his photography and sense of humor made them informative and at the same time entertaining. Dick was also a great tyer and we learned a lot from his demonstrations and tips. He never hesitated to offer advice on the stream and often took photos for members who were fortunate enough to land a big fish.

Hank was a regular at the meetings, with his sidekick **Bernie Klepper**. Between the two of them they bought more raffle tickets than any five guys, and Hank would joke that he won more rods than he could ever fish with. He never failed to give us a helping hand out at the Nassau Coliseum show every year. His smile and friendly attitude sold a lot of raffle tickets, and we always laughed at what he would bring back from his jaunts around the aisles. It was almost like a competition to see who would end up buying the most Miracle Mops or Magic Dusting Wands by the end of the show. Hank always won, and we

would wait in anticipation to see what silly item he would return with. I remember his tale of woe one year when a fox pelt he purchased fell victim to his jealous cat. Both he and Dick will be fondly remembered and sorely missed.

One of the things that makes this club so special is the sense of family that exists, and one of the club's most important missions is to get family members involved in flyfishing activities together. Keeping in that theme, we are going to hold our second annual **Woman's Casting Clinic** on Saturday, April 8th. We will be meeting at Eisenhower Park at Field # 5. The clinic will begin at 10:30 am and lunch will be served after the casting session. This is a great opportunity for the gals to get together and sharpen their casting skills, and for the beginners to learn just how easy it is. If you don't have a rod and reel we can provide one for you. Beginners and advanced casters are both welcome, but remember it's for **LADIES ONLY**. To sign up please call Lee Weil at 516-997-6743. Please be sure to call – we will need to know the head count to prepare the lunch menu.

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By Susan Solomon*

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A fly of this order

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Bright tinsel for the body
Is what we would tie
To capture Ed's spirit
And the gleam in his eye

We imagined the wings
To be a hot pink
To Ed's sense of humor
This color would link

The tail would be stiff,
Not able to bend
To show that on Ed
You can always depend

Ed and the fly are alike
This we know for a fact
Neither one catches fish
Its women they attract

Happy 90th Birthday, Ed

**Long Island Flyrodder Day
at the Orvis Store, Greenvale, NY**



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Seated L to R:

Wolfgang Porté, Al Battistelli, Jim Foley & Bruce Greco



Wolfgang Porté at the vise & Al Battistelli



Lucky Ed getting a Birthday kiss from Susan Solomon

PROJECT ACCESS

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2006

9:00 AM AT FLY FISHING MUSEUM, LIVINGSTON MANOR, OLD RT. 17

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DREAM MILE FISHING: (Dates Dependent on availability)

Dates Desired _____

Double-Up!

by Keith P. Skilton

We've all learned that two flies can be better than one. To steelheaders, this means a nymph and egg fly combination separated by 24 inches of fluorocarbon. To trout fisherman, this means a "hopper-dropper" rig where the flies are separated by 18 inches of a lower diameter of monofilament. Too many times, we are just following these "standards" and forget to ask ourselves what we are trying to achieve with the tandem rig? Most answers, I hear, are to determine what the fish are taking or what I call the trial and error approach. This approach may lead to learning something new for the arsenal but all too many times, we just accept that trial and error is good enough which in-turn leads to losing effective fishing time. I'm a big believer in thinking through the approach, so then we know the "why" and "how" and just need to apply it to the appropriate "when".

Even though conditions will always dictate the setup, I've learned a few tricks that'll help the two flies interact together to improve the presentation. First, let's look at what to do when the fish are surface feeding on very small midges. For me, it can be very difficult to identify the midge species, especially in low light conditions. In most situations, the caddis or mayfly hatch is about to begin, so what I do is use a two dry fly set-up. The first fly will be, say a size 16 Goddard caddis followed by a size 22 Para-midge. As in all surface-subsurface arrangements, the Goddard pattern will act as a strike indicator but will also be taken by the opportunist feeders. I try to pick the front pattern to be larger and very buoyant. Getting the proper drift will depend on the length of separation between the two flies. Always start longer, say 30 inches, and shorten up as necessary.

Secondly, let's look at the dry fly and emerger combination. The fish are mainly feeding right below the surface with the occasional adult fly being seen taken. Fish tend to pick a spot in the water column to pick off the emerging insect and generally get the insect when it gets caught in the surface film. The trick here is to use an indicator parachute style first fly that rides in the surface film and place the dropper at or just above where the fish are holding. It's a very "in your face" approach and is highly effective. The separation between the two flies can only be accurately determined by seeing where the fish is in the water column but it is generally short (6-12 inches). Experience will aid in judging distances underwater.

Thirdly, let's examine the most famous of all tandem rigs, the dry and nymph combination. Here the two patterns used will be of the same fly but in different stages and the water depth/flow will dictate the length of separation. Commonly, you are not able to see the fish lower in the water column; hence you're targeting fish at or near the bottom. It's no secret to use a "hang down" technique

at the end of the cast to allow the bottom fly to imitate a swimming nymph, but be cautious of when you do this. I have found it's better to dead drift the rig beyond all the feeding fish, then transition to a swing and hold it. Messing with the top fly above the known fish may turn them off. Since fish have now learned to move around there will likely be fish downstream of the risers, waiting lower in the water column for their turn in the active feeding lane.

The fourth combination to look at is the nymph and nymph rig. Here again we must consider how the two flies will interact together and I've found the most effective display will be to use a larger weighted pattern as the first fly and a smaller, more buoyant pattern as the second. The larger pattern gets the second fly down faster and could be a better alternative than loading up the leader with split shot. Twitching the rod tip will also help the second fly rise and dive more naturally. The separation will vary but as a general rule keep them close together for fishing deep and further apart for a more searching approach.

The fifth option is the nymph/streamer combination which is used to emulate a baitfish going after a nymph. The theory here is that bigger fish will go after the larger patterns and I've seen this countless times in nature where I have a smaller fish on the line and a bigger fish shows itself either by a curious follow or an outright attack. I haven't been able to say for sure that this set-up is a sure thing. Whenever I fish for bigger fish using streamers, I only use one fly. I have heard that in lakes or slow rivers that the streamer/nymph set-up is valuable, in that the larger pattern will first get a fish's attention who will then take the nymph. Again, I think this is more of a trial and error approach.

Lastly, doubling up on streamers has its place but for me but it has only been in salt water applications where I was casting into large pods of blitzing baitfish. Structure, for the most part, should always be targeted when fishing streamers and losing flies is part of the program. My streamers tend to be somewhat more elaborate patterns and losing two at a time can be frustrating.

Fishing two patterns at once, in theory, will always better your odds. The key is to use your knowledge of fish behavior and reading the water to make your fishing more productive. Beginners will always have the trial and error period of learning, but once experience is gained you'll be able to know when the right time is to double-up. This is a dynamic approach and always requires re-evaluation of the rig. Everything is always changing underwater and to be as successful as you can, it'll necessitate you to change as well. This is the key to being a good fisherman!

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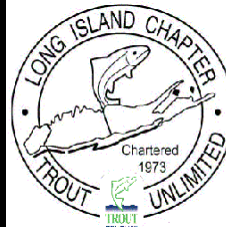
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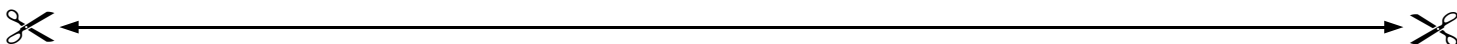
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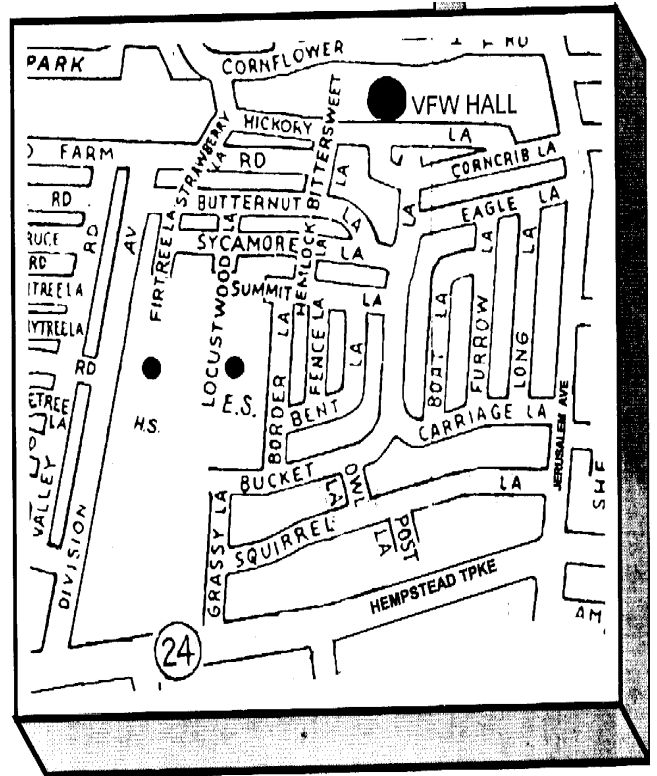
CONNETQUOT DATES - 2006

	April 17	May 15	June 19
July 17	August 14	September 18	October 16

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April - 2006

- April 4 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
 Open House & Used Tackle Sale
 Additional Info at Club Website www.lifr.org
- April 8 **Women's Casting Clinic at Eisenhower Park**
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- April 15 **Croton Watershed, NY**
 Contact: Herman Abrams (516) 593-6024
- April 17 **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**
 Contact: Lee Weil (516) 997-6743
 See Page 9 for details & info
- April 25 **Board Meeting**
 7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- April 29-30 **Project Access - Willowemoc Creek, NY**
 Details & Info on Page 5
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