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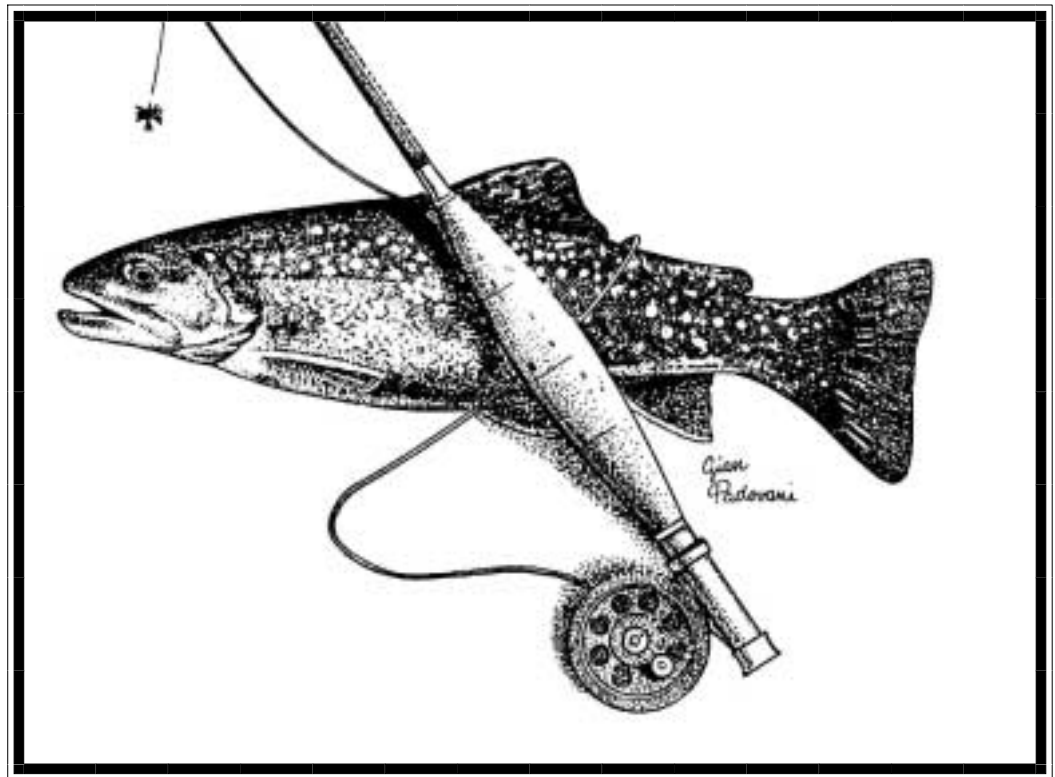
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God Bless America

They keep coming. The mailbox is full everyday. Fishing catalogs. Gardening catalogs. It's become a regular competition to see who can send more catalogs. Orvis or Charley's, Cabellas or Burbee's seeds, Dan Bailey or Jackson and Perkins. A true sign that Spring is here and the season is upon us.

The mailman came by the other day and grumbled that it wasn't bad enough that we were fishermen but we had to be gardeners as well. His bag was heavy as he walked through the cold rains of April and he's beginning to walk with a hunch. But we happily look through our fishing and gardening catalogs and get ready to order. He's going to love us more when he has to deliver



President's message

everything we order. Spring is here.

We have some great speakers lined up for the upcoming months regular LIFR meetings. For the May 4 meeting; **Fred Henson from the New York State DEC** will present a Regional Angler Diary Program. Fred is the Senior Aquatic Biologist and has a great presentation that's not to be missed.

As we look forward to better weather, plan ahead for some great fun and great fishing at these Flyrodder trips:

May 21-24 Ausable River at the Hungry Trout. I don't know which is better the

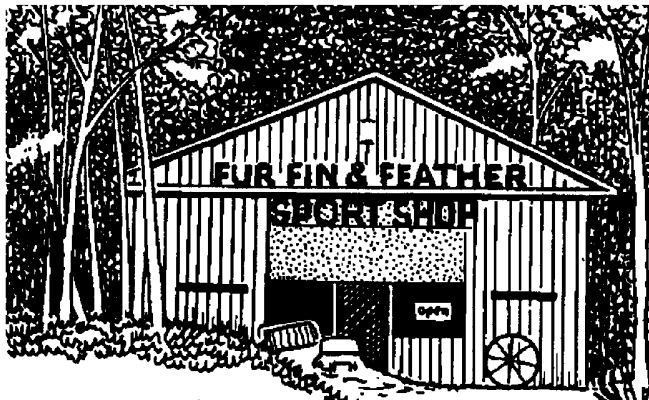
fishing or the food. Call **Gil Padovani at 732-972-2617** or **Dan Van Buskirk at 516-561-8939** for reservations.

June 8 Bass Fishing on the Peconic River in Riverhead. Call **Lee Weil at 516-997-6743** if you want to fish. Lee always knows where all the big bass are hiding.

June 25-27 Farmington River Camping. Lee and Jeff host a fun time on one of the premier streams in the Northeast. Bending rods and breaking bread or is that breaking rods and bending bread with friends.

We have some great trips and meetings planned. Bring your friends and join us.

**Tight Lines,
Mike**



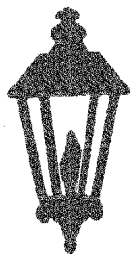
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For Your Nymphomation

by Lee Weil



Trash Tying

It is a well-known fact that fly tying is addictive. It is also well known that avid fly tyers become mentally altered when it comes to the way they interpret things. For example, one day while I was out grazing my horse he flushed a grasshopper and it landed on my lap. My first impression was, "Wow ... the wing on this bug really looks like mottled turkey". At that point, I knew my view of the world as we know it had changed. This becomes even more apparent in the case where one can be observed perusing the contents of the wastebasket for possible tying materials. With the advent of synthetics nothing is too ridiculous; coffee beans, golf tees and other unlikely materials can be transformed into fish catching creations.

This obsession leads to an accumulation of various types of trash. My husband throws out a sheet of what he deems as useless packing material and I retrieve it, seeing the potential for damsel fly wing material. Instead of tossing the raffia bow from a fruit basket I stow it away for wingcasing for nymphs. Reflective prism gift-wrap is also a precious commodity in our house.

On several occasions this compulsive behavior will lead the tyer on a "treasure hunt" through the house in desperate search of something he/she isn't sure will work, but needs to find to experiment with a certain pattern. Such was the case last winter when I was trying to customize my own pattern of hellgrammite. I tied a few with a shiny black foam back which

looked good, but defeated the desired purpose of weight for quick sink in a fast flowing river. I tried black trash bag material and while it served the purpose, I still wasn't satisfied with the results. I finally settled on faux leather vinyl, which took black permanent marker well. (I didn't use that wallet anyway).

A similar situation occurred when I wanted to tie some deer hair mice and was looking for some "ears" and "tails". I tried foam, leather and felt, but none looked real enough. At this point, I was wandering the house on a pilgrimage in search of something, but I didn't know what. Jeff finally went on a mission of mercy, heading out into a snowstorm, and returned with the perfect solution; a light weight synthetic craft leather. I was able to return to my vise and Jeff was able to return to his recliner in peace.

While fly tying is addictive, it has no known harmful side effects, other than complaints filed by the cleaning staff concerning marabou fluff and deer hair clippings. So, before you seek therapy for this condition, remember, this is supposed to be therapy! So let your imagination lead you on as you rummage through that bag of scraps, who knows what treasures you may discover? As for you tolerant spouses of the afflicted, you should be grateful that the tyer is only ferreting through the garbage instead of out foraging for road kill!

*Tight lines and God bless,
Lee*



OPEN HOUSE 2004

Helping to make our OPEN HOUSE 2004 an exciting success were the many prizes donated by friends of the sport. In particular, we thank the following companies for their donations and support. Next time you're in need of some new gear, check the list and go see our friends:

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3/4 Brother's

by John Manz

It all started when my brother Allan picked me up at Plattsburg Air Force Base and we spent the night at the Wilmington Notch Campgrounds. The accommodations were rather cramped—his used car with almost bald tires. We spent the following day fishing the swift waters of the West Branch of the Ausable River. This would be the beginning of our yearly fishing trips.

Sometime in the early seventies, my sister decided that her husband needed to take up a hobby and coaxed Uncle Joe to join us. We upgraded our accommodations to a tent and extended our trip to four days on the river. Most of our time in camp was spent in trying to find ways to keep our sleeping accommodations dry!

We soon developed three distinct ways to pursue a tight line. I would spend the day racing up and down the river, hitting every fishable spot I could find with a Meps spinner or a Rapala. Joe preferred to find the perfect rock to sit on and cast his lure into a nearby pool. Al, on the other hand, would first try to secure at least one trout with his spinning rod and then proceed to uncrate his fly rod. He enjoyed wading into a select pool to demonstrate his prowess with a fly rod. He even went so far as to unfurl his fly line in a parking lot to impress Joe and I and a few innocent bystanders. Joe eventually joined Al in pursuing trout with a fly rod, since it didn't require him to get off his rock! I continued to race up and down the river while they smoked their pipes and unfurled their lines over a dimple-coated pool. One day my hip boots failed me and I became one with the river. After Al and Joe regained their composure they dropped me off at a nearby Laundromat to dry my clothes out. While I dried my clothes out Joe brought a 16+” Brown Trout in with a nymph and my fate with a fly rod was sealed!

While all this was going on, brother Al applied for retirement (3/4 of his pay). Joe, seeing an opportunity, talked Al into agreeing to buy a camper, if he got out on 3/4's pay—and so 3/4 Brother's was

born! We finally had the solution to all those cold and wet nights, spent beside the river and an excuse to extend our yearly fishing trip to 8 or 9 days. We have traveled back to the Ausable River and camped along the Deerfield, Farmington and Housatonic Rivers. Brother Al has kept it clean and organized. He has patched, painted and repaired it faithfully for over 20 years and it continues to provide us with protection from the rain and cold.



Long Island Flyrodder members relaxing at the 2003 Farmington River Trip in front of 3/4 Brother's Camper, a fixture at our camping trips for as long as we've had them.

The years have flown by and 3/4 Brother's has accumulated a wealth of memories and laughter. Brother Al has assumed the role of trip captain, guide and camp organizer. Brother Joe settled in as the chief cook and camp mediator and I fill in as dish washer, fire starter and keeper of the Log (Bro Al still owes us two Logs written in the seventies!).

Paul McCain says that we have something special and I have to agree that the stars must have been crossed in a special way to bring us together and keep us alive through all our misadventures.

We continue to maintain three distinct personalities, as we work in unison to enjoy our yearly escape into the wonders that nature continues to provide. Over thirty years of repetition have not dimmed the joy we have of sharing our time together. Brother Joe says, “You can't make this sh** up!” —And he is right—it flows as natural as a mountain stream and we are blessed by it!

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COST PER PERSON: Two to a room \$359 - Three to a room \$317 - **PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

FRIDAY (Check-in): Gourmet dinner. Full use of the Hungry Trout Dream Mile on the famous Ausable River.

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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)

<i>NAME</i>	<i>DEP</i>	<i>ROOM WITH (If known)</i>	<i>CANOE WITH (If known)</i>

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

ELDRED FISHING TRIP - June 30 to July 1:

Any member interested in taking this trip, please contact **Joe Caroleo** or **Bill Farrington** at the next meeting or call **Joe Caroleo at (718) 845-4225** between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. for information concerning this trip. We must let Eldred know how many members and family will attend so we can reserve the units to accommodate them. A twenty-five dollar deposit is required on or before the May LIFR meeting to lock in the package you select. You can sign up at any meeting or call Joe Caroleo.

The basic cost of this trip is \$80, plus tax, per person, based on double occupancy. It includes a one night stay at the Eldred Resort, a dinner and breakfast. Children, ten years old or younger, the cost is an additional \$22 for each child. It also includes free admission to the Catch and Keep Pond which is stocked with trout. Whatever you catch you must keep and will cost \$4.25 per pound.

You can also fish at the Catch and Release Pond for an additional fee of \$10.00 per day. Whatever you catch has to be released. In addition, they have two bass lakes available for an additional \$75.00. You get a bass boat which seats two passengers and can catch Largemouth, Smallmouth bass, a variety of pan fish as well as Hybrid Striped Bass.

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June 25 – 27 Farmington River, CT
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Saturday - May 1st
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Tree Planting & Cleanup
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MY SALTWATER FLY FISHING 101

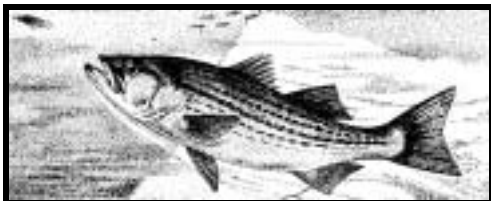
by Paul McCain

One of the surest ways to slow your success in saltwater fly fishing is to isolate one self and try to be self taught. Too many fly fishermen would sooner die than ask for help from a fellow fly fisherman. Go to the beach, boat ramps and fishing piers. These fishermen may not be fly fishermen, but you can learn a lot about the fish in the area, the bait they are using and the best tides to fish. Everyone usually has something to offer. It wouldn't hurt, after you start up a friendship, to bring some snacks and coffee. You will be surprised how far a cup of joe will go.

The best way to network is to join a fly fishing club like ours. The members of these clubs are often a wonderful source of information. After you get more involved try to adopt a mentor. A mentor is someone who is more knowledgeable, skilled and experienced than yourself. Two club members, Bruce Grecco and George Simon are two of my mentors. Bruce is one of the most creative and skilled fly tyers I have ever met. During a fly tying night, he would always have a large crowd around him. Just by watching him tie, I learned a lot. His flies are truly works of art, but most importantly, they catch fish. When you get a chance, ask him to show you some samples plus his photos to prove that they work. George Simon is one of the finest fly casters I know. He can throw a line with a loop so tight it would go through a screen door. Through his school, FLY FISHING ARTS, he has been working with me to improve my casting. I am sure with the help of these two, plus others, I hope to become a successful salt water fl fisherman.

If you don't PRACTICE, PRACTICE AND PRACTICE, this would all be a waste of time. Don't just tie one fly, tie 2 dozen. Don't just cast when you go fishing , go to the park. Practice casting long , cast short, cast at targets and cast when there is a wind. Good golfers go to the driving range and you should be practicing at the park not when you are fishing.

Fishing time is short, don't waste time, find a mentor, start networking and PRACTICE.



The Biggest Bass Never Caught

Recently, the wife and I had the opportunity to take a fishing trip down the Wisconsin River. We'd been doing OK - a few here, a few there, your basic river fishing morning, until it happened. We noticed a Pinion tree that seemed to have been struck by lightning near its base, leaving it half in the water and its trunk on the sandy shore. I noticed at the shore, just under the trunk of the tree, the fanning tail of what appeared to be a very large Bass. Immediately, I told my wife, "If you want to catch a big one, cast your fly onto the shore along the tree, slowly pull it into the water and that bass will nab it. Be careful, you don't want to spook it." So, she did repeatedly, with no luck. "Try a different fly," I said. She did, over and over again - nothing, the Bass was just sitting there. Now, being the expert I am, I said, "Let me have a go at it." Over and over I tried - nothing. That fish was driving us both nuts - couldn't get it to bite on anything. Out of nowhere, a midsize Grey Squirrel appeared on the base of the tree trunk. It had noticed a Pinion nut on one of the branches of the tree about two feet above the water. With its hind legs grasping



the trunk of the tree, it leaned forward with its front paws to grab the nut. As soon as its front paws touched that nut, the biggest bass I have ever seen in my lifetime blew up, jumped completely out

of the water and engulfed that squirrel. Comparatively, it looked like a full-grown Musky nabbing a May Fly. We both fell to our seats, looking at each other with our jaws on the floor of the boat thinking, "What the #\$@% was that?" We had never seen a bass so large and capable of doing such a deed. My

wife and I both agreed, that was the most amazing thing we'd ever seen! Or, so we thought. We had been sitting there talking about the enormous size and the astonishing feat of that fish, when all of a sudden that same bass came out of the water and placed another Pinion nut on that branch!



Humor: December 2003 FFF Clubwire

Flyrodder Crossword Puzzle #8

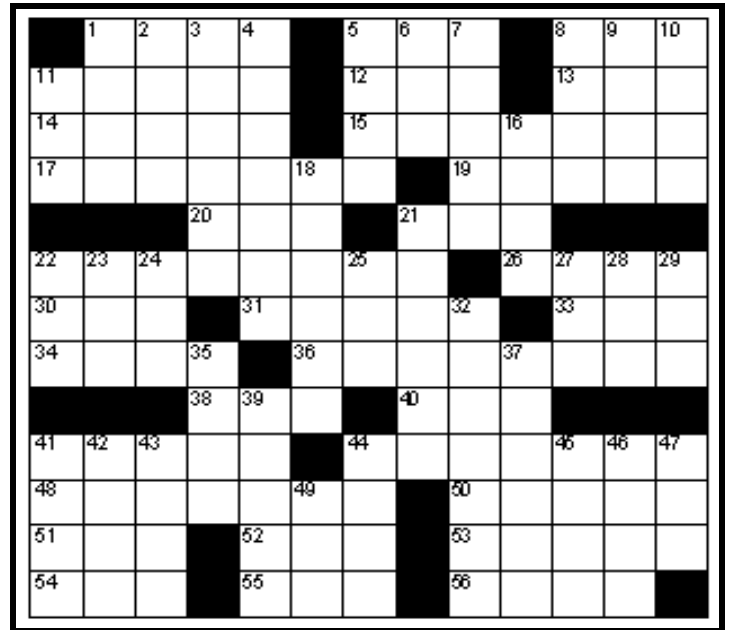
by Gil Padovani

ACROSS

- 1 Norse king
- 5 Chicle
- 8 In favor of
- 11 San Antonio Shrine
- 12 Clean Air Watchdog
- 13 Mature
- 14 Sternness
- 15 Extraordinary occurrence
- 17 Terrestrials, Stoneflies, Mayflies, Caddis, etc.
- 19 Fish basket
- 20 China river
- 21 Fidel's Friend Guevara
- 22 What a strong fighting fish is
- 26 Group from Sweden
- 30 Infuriate
- 31 Spare _____
- 33 Stoolie
- 34 Protuberance
- 36 Broaden
- 38 It precedes COM or ORG
- 40 Employ
- 41 Fish take quota
- 44 Moon goddess
- 48 Additional
- 50 Nonpareil
- 51 An angler usually hangs it on his back
- 52 Historical Period
- 53 Approaches
- 54 Salmon river of Scotland
- 55 Confederate soldier
- 56 Groups (abbr)

DOWN

- 1 A leading manufacturer of sporting ammunition
- 2 Falls behind
- 3 Single-celled organism
- 4 A medical instrument carried by anglers
- 5 Precious stones
- 6 News agency
- 7 An early Mayfly: _____ Brown
- 8 Meet, confront
- 9 Leer
- 10 Fly Fishing Essential
- 11 Onassis
- 16 Region
- 18 The closest thing to a fly
- 21 Early bloomer
- 22 Transgress
- 23 _____ magnon
- 24 _____ Quill
- 25 Greek goddess of dawn
- 27 Undergarment
- 28 Cave dweller
- 29 Had a bite
- 32 Perennial
- 35 Redact
- 37 It's usually tapered
- 39 Else
- 41 Bring the fish in
- 42 Poison arrow
- 43 Speck
- 44 Iraqi or Saudi
- 45 Harvest
- 46 Ankle combining form
- 47 Elevated railways
- 49 Poetic before



Answers to this month's puzzle will be in the May Issue

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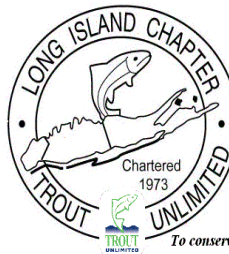
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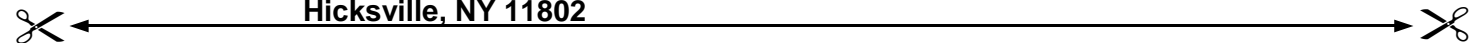
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In response to the demand for the limited spaces available for our Monday Connetquot River State Park trips, the following guidelines are in effect:

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 \$15.00. 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 - 2004

Table with 3 columns: May 17, Aug 16, Jun 14, Sep 20, Jul 19, Oct 18

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

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LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS MAY - 2004

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- May 4 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
Fred Henson, Senior Aquatic Biologist, NYS-DEC
"Regional Angler Diary Program"
- May 17 **Connetquot State Park - Monday Fishing Trip**
See Page 9 for Details
Contact: Lee Weil - (516) 997-6743.
- May 20 **Board Meeting**
7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- May 21-24 **Hungry Trout Trip - Ausable River, NY**
See Page 5 for Details
Contact: Gil Padovani - (732) 972-2617
Dan Van Buskirk - (516) 561-8939

