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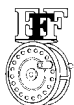
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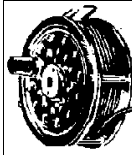


*Club members, instructors and participants in the "Women's Casting Clinic",
held at Eisenhower Park on April 9, 2005
Linda Macy's article on Page 5*

GUEST SPEAKER:

Marla Blair

"Fishing the Farmington"



President's message

It finally stopped snowing. The way we were going, I figured there would be snow on the ground for Memorial Day weekend. There's something about fishing with snow on the river banks that makes it seem colder than it is. The water can be the same temperature but it just seems colder with that white stuff all around. During April, we had some fishy events where some Flyrodders were seen. The local TU chapter had their annual fund raiser and it was great to see such a large turnout of **Flyrodders** there, taking up almost three tables. It was a good thing many of the wives were with us so, we were all on our best behavior, no dancing on the tables or throwing food. Speaking of the

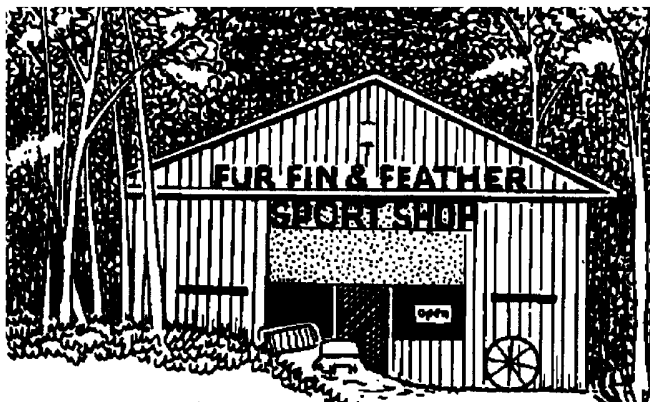
wives, **Lee Weil** organized a woman's casting clinic a few Saturdays ago. The weather cooperated and there was a nice turnout of around a dozen casters. There were some beginners along with a few that were shooting line into a decent breeze and getting it out there. From the comments and smiles on the faces of the group, I have a feeling this might become an annual event. I'm sure there are wives/ friends/ daughters out there who would enjoy getting involved with the sport. It's great to see more and more women attending meetings and showing up on the stream.

Coming up at our May meeting our Program Director, **Paul McCain**, managed to get

Marla Blair as our speaker for the evening. Marla is one of the foremost guides on the Farmington River in Connecticut as, well as the Deerfield, Swift and Westfield in Massachusetts. Marla is also a certified FFF casting instructor. This will be a great warm up to our June camping trip on the West Branch of the Farmington.

While at the meetings check out the trips we have planned for the year. There are some new ones being offered, so talk to the members that are running them. It's a great way to meet other members as well as fish some different locations.

See you on the river,
Mike



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For Your Nymphomation

by Lee Weil



Yellow explosions of forsythia on the parkways signaled the beginning of a new season, the promise of warmer days and a myriad of different species for the fisherman to target. Even as we were heaving buckets heavily laden with gorgeous brown trout into North Twin Pond, I was thinking of the dormant beds of lily pads and the bass and pickerel that reside there. Once again, I made a resolution to fish this water earlier in the year to appreciate the opportunity to check out the visiting waterfowl.

So, we returned a week later, not to be disappointed. I spied ruddy ducks, cormorants, coots and a pair of osprey. I was also rewarded with a nice rainbow on a horsehair nymph while Jeff's Black Angus became the bluegill fly-of-the-day. Things were happening along the shoreline and already we saw spawning beds; patches of sandy bottom that bore witness to the efforts of the parent fish.

Which brings me to the point of my column; that we have a responsibility to limit the impact we make on the waters we fish. Not just the obvious effects, such as discarded trash and the bobbers

that decorate the trees along the shore, but the often unseen damage, such as that caused by wading through the beds.

The season for bass opens the first Saturday in June for a reason, to allow them a chance to replenish the resource. It infuriates me to see a so-called "angler" deliberately casting to fish on a bed. Not only is it unethical, but it's illegal. Perhaps it's ignorance, but more often than not, it's a case of someone just wanting to hook a fish and seeing the situation as an opportunity to get an easy strike. As for wading, be aware of where you're stepping and try to avoid tromping over the nursery. If you can make a detour, do so.

Bass season will be here soon enough; in the meantime, let's target the crappie and pickerel that are so prolific in most of L.I waters and are a real blast on the flyrod. You don't have to drive far to find them and they will hit almost any fly you care to cast. So give the bass a break; we all benefit in the long run.

*Tight Lines and God bless,
Lee*



OPEN HOUSE CONTRIBUTORS

On April 5th the Long Island Flyrodders held our Open House Meeting and once again we would like to thank the generous folks who have supported us and helped to make it a successful event. We would like to ask our members to help us show our appreciation and remember our supporters listed below when making future purchases.

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STREAM ETIQUETTE

By Al Westbrook

You've probably heard the rumor that fly fishermen are snobs, clannish and act superior. Well let's let 'em think that if they want to. Fact is flyfishermen, in general, don't fish by the pound. The sport offers so much more than simply stuffing fish in the freezer that it's laughable; but you'd have to be a fly-fisherman to understand. So, I'm a snob then, so what.

One thing that sets us apart is our attention to stream etiquette in order to preserve the experience for the other guy or gal, not just our own selfish pursuit of the wily trout. But what does this really mean?

Firstly, we have to think about our actions ahead of time and answer the question, "Will what I'm about to do ruin things for someone else and if someone came along and did what I'm about to do would it bother me?"

Secondly, fly fishing is a gentle, quiet sport where you enjoy nature and the outdoors fully as much as catching fish. So...try not to shout and whoop it up on the stream so as not to annoy others even though they may be out of sight. You can't dance in the end zone here folks.

Third, when someone has established himself or herself in a spot and is casting to a fish, that territory is basically off limits. If you walk into the stream while someone else is fishing there, you're violating this principle and it's a definite no-no. Stomping along in a pool being fished will likely get you a new

fly but it may be attached to your ear. We've got to have respect.

Fourth, try not to cross paths with another fisherman. For instance, if it's fairly crowded and somehow your fly hangs up in streamside vegetation (if you don't know about this I can show you easy enough) and say it's across a pool being fished by another, the proper thing to do is wait, break off or ask permission to retrieve the fly.

Fifth, There is a very special condition on the Connetquot when the Long Island Flyrodders has the Preserve for one day a month in season. Beats are not assigned and any Flyrodder can fish any stretch of river. Etiquette is still the rule and respect the operative word. If someone is fishing a beat you'd like to fish, quietly ask if he/she'll be there long and would he/she mind if you fished it for a while. By the same token, we have to be willing to give a little and move on if you've been in a spot for quite some time and someone asks to fish there.

Six, enjoy the day. Leave the troubles back at the office or in the tool box at the shop. Don't take the whole thing so seriously that you can't relax, watch a sparrow hawk, touch a leaf or take a picture. You'll find that if you do, stream etiquette is easy and natural. Others on the stream won't seem like intruders and we'll get along just fine, thank you.

Remember too, Long Island Flyrodders set the example.

The second class in the *L.I.F.R Favorite Fly series*, to be held on Wednesday, May 11th at the Levittown VFW Hall.



This class will focus on the use of Rabbit Fur strips to tie zonkers and leeches. Intermediate level tying experience is required. Space for this class is limited and you must call to register. Please call 516-741-2342 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 registered student, and students will be responsible for obtaining

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Details concerning the fishing trip can be found in the April Flyrodder or pick up the information at the next meeting.

It is important to know how many people are going on the trip so we can reserve enough rooms in advance.

The Women's Casting Clinic at Eisenhower Park
By Linda Macy

Lee Weil and company held a woman's casting clinic at Eisenhower Park on April 9 from 11 am to 2 pm. A total of 11 women attended and I think everyone had a great time. Adjunct instructors included **Wolfgang Porté** and myself. Some "students" of the clinic were already claiming their borrowed rods and reels as their own after an hour of casting to targets. The strong wind was definitely a factor and there was a coolness in the breeze, but the sunshine was wonderful and all students worked diligently at the activity. **Pete Yuskevich** was the activity photographer while his wife, **Maria**, attended the clinic. She seemed "hooked" on the new activity so we hope to see her on the water soon.

While the students were hard at work, our

president, **Mike Gelber**, whose wife **Corine**, participated in the clinic, prepared a fine lunch of turkey, brie, prosciutto, on ciabatta (cha-bah-ta) bread, brushed with olive oil and toasted on the outdoor grill.

Gourmet sandwiches were accompanied by two types of homemade soup. This fine repast really hit the spot after the hard work put in by the attendees of the casting clinic.

Out gourmet lunch was topped off with coffee and homemade cookies.

Perfection cannot be achieved in one clinic but it gives one a taste for the activity. With practice, a yarn attached to a tippet and cast across the grass, can soon be traded for a fly cast upon the water.



Pres. Mike Gelber and Lee Weil

*Photos by
Peter Yuskevich*



*Above: Casting instructors:
Wolfgang Porté and Linda Macy*



*Above: Lee Weil
and Corine Gelber*



Left: Susan Solomon



Casting on the lawn at Eisenhower Park

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

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A Beginner's Introduction to Leaders and Tippets
An excerpt from FFF's Booklet, *Introduction to fly fishing*
by Judy Lehmberg

So that the fly will land correctly on the water, it is necessary to attach it to the line with a tapered leader. The leader is generally composed of monofilament nylon that is tapered to a relatively small diameter tippet at the end.

Leaders are an important aspect of the entire fly fishing system because they are relatively thin and thus vulnerable to breaking, they are relatively difficult to control, and they are the part of the system the fish is most likely to see other than the fly.

There is no such thing as a perfect leader but there have been quite a few improvements in the last few years. To function effectively a leader must keep the fly far enough from the line tip so as to not frighten the fish, have a tippet that is small enough in respect to the size of the fly and be designed so that the fly will land correctly on the water.

As you might imagine, when you vary the flies you use, you must also vary the leader so that it corresponds to the size and weight of the fly. Because it is not practical to change leaders with each fly, a compromise leader design that will work over a wide range of fly sizes is desirable.

Although there are still some fly fishers who prefer a hand-tied leader, one that is composed of five to seven pieces that get smaller as they approach the tip, most anglers are now using the newer one piece, tapered leaders.

The hand-tied leaders do have the advantages that the taper can be changed at will and the material can be changed to get optimum fly delivery.

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Many fly fishers now use a one piece leader of about nine feet. The diameter of the leader end or tippet is determined by the size of the fly being used.

As a general rule, tippet size is determined by dividing the fly size by four to get the tippet size which is expressed in decreasing sizes as 0X, 1X, 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X, 6X, 7X and 8X. This is called the rule of 4.

In other words, for a size 12 fly you would use a 3X tippet. For clear and smooth water conditions, it's best to go one size smaller in tippet diameter, therefore the most appropriate tippet for a size #12 fly would actually be 4X. You should carry tippet material in sizes 3X, 4X, 5X and 6X.

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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:

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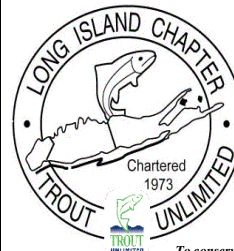
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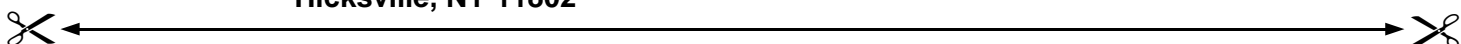


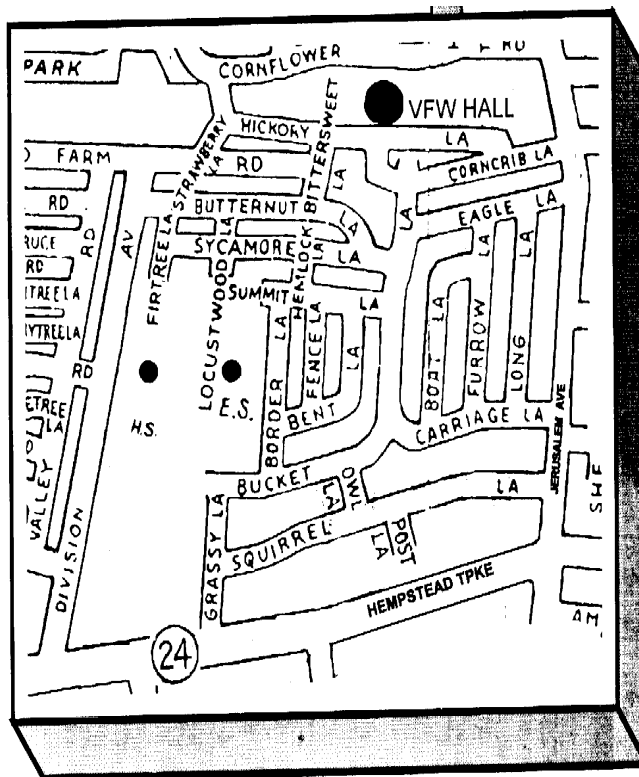
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May - 2005

- May 3 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
 Speaker: Marla Blair
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- May 11 **Favorite Fly Series**
 See Details & Info on Page 4
- May 16 **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**
 Contact: Lee Weil (516) 997-6743
 See Page 7 for details
- May 19 **Board Meeting**
 7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- May 20 - **Hungry Trout Trip - Ausable River, NY**
 May 23 Details & Info on Page 7
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