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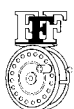
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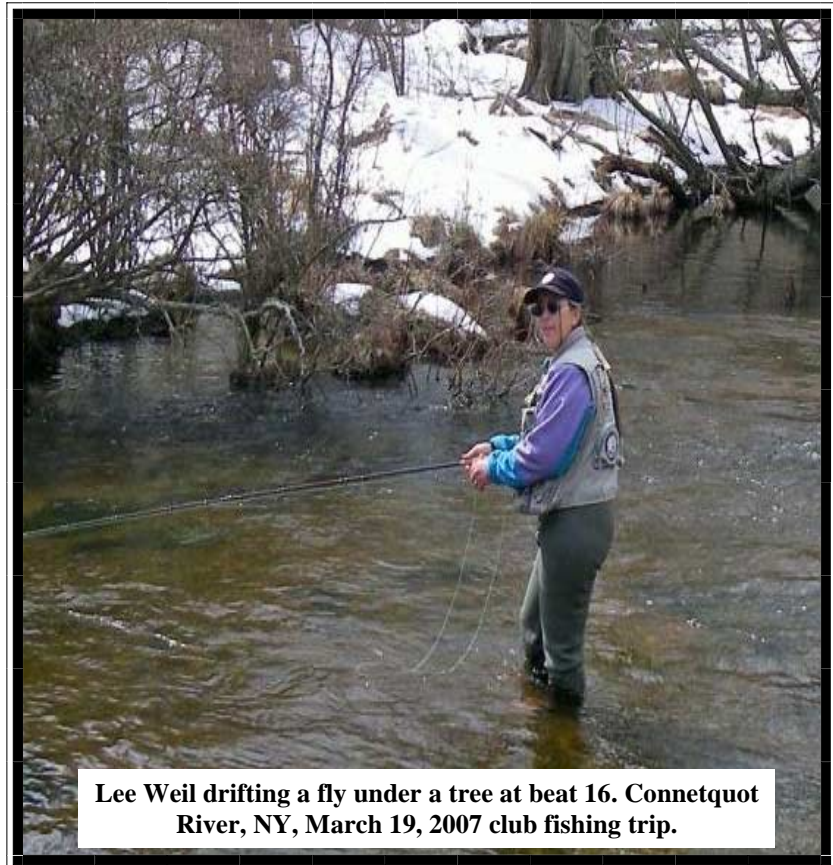
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God Bless America



Lee Weil drifting a fly under a tree at beat 16. Connetquot River, NY, March 19, 2007 club fishing trip.

Used Tackle Sale
From 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Guest Speaker:

Rob Nicholas

**“Fishing the Farmington,
the Housatonic and fishing in Chile”**

Baseball, Hotdogs, Apple Pie and Fly Fishing

Usually, once during the summer, my mom would take my brother and me to Shea Stadium to watch a Met game. I went because I idolized my big brother; my big brother idolized the Mets. I remember him telling me all about Tom Seaver, the best pitcher in the world, and why all of New York should feel lucky that Willie Mays got traded to the Mets. Sometimes, my brother and I would take our transistor radios to school so that as we walked home, we could listen to an afternoon game. I even learned how to flip baseball cards and read statistics. Once I hit junior high, however, I stopped thinking about baseball. Therefore, I felt surprised one morning, a few years ago, when my son woke up and shouted that he loved the Mets. Neither Paul nor I watch the sport or know much about it. I figured that we both must carry the recessive gene for loving baseball. Why else would my baseball deprived son beg me to sign him up for Little League? When Owen was born, he got fishing poles and a tackle box. He grew up learning about fish and tying flies. Paul taught him to fish first with a Batman rod and some corn and eventually with a fly rod.

The day I signed Owen up for T-ball, I worried about how he would fare when playing with other boys who grew up surrounded by baseball. That year, his team was the Mets. I took it as a good sign. Last year, for coach pitch, he was an Angel. My brother played on the Angels in Little League too. Again, I took it as a good sign. Owen loved the game. With the help of some patient and encouraging coaches he improved each year. This year when I signed him up, I knew that he faced a more challenging game. The kids would pitch. No more easy balls thrown by a kind coach so that the batter would get a hit. I also knew that he would be a puny second grader on a team mixed with rather large third graders. I felt worried. This year he would play on the Sand Gnats. A Sand Gnat! I could only think about scratching and swatting at annoying bugs. I took that team name as a bad sign. Then last Saturday, I saw how all of his practice at fishing has helped him on the ball field. What Owen lacks in technique, he makes up with patience. All that time of waiting for a fish to strike, has helped him to wait for his turn up at bat. He can also

wait until the pitch is just right. You have to have patience to set a hook just right, and you have to have patience to hit the ball just right so that it makes a nice solid sound against your bat. Anglers don't win or lose to another team, and Owen, feels the same about baseball. He never keeps score. He just has fun and then brags and exaggerates about his times up at bat and his plays on the field. Owen knows that, as on a river, some spots on the field have more action than others. He likes to play first base and he likes to put on the catcher's mask. However, he knows from fishing that those other, quieter spots can sometimes have their own rewards. When the coach sends Owen to the outfield, he quickly goes. Owen understands that when things slow down out on the diamond or out on the lake, staring up at a few passing clouds can sure make you appreciate a fine spring day. When Owen goes fishing with Paul, he knows that he needs to get bigger to try fishing in deeper or faster moving water. At those times he will look for bugs while waiting to hear Paul yell, "Get the net!" Last Saturday, I saw Owen looking at the boy standing on the pitcher's mound. "Do you want to pitch?" I asked him. "If I can't throw the ball far enough this year, then I'll do it next year," he explained. He knows his limitations and that with time his pitch and his cast will go farther. Owen may not be a great baseball player yet, but he is "hooked". Perhaps playing for a team named for an insect is a good thing for my trout loving boy.

Paul wants you to remember we will have another used tackle sale at the May meeting between 7 and 8 for all that missed it because of the holidays. Remember, only members may sell.

Kudos to all that helped out at the woman's casting class, Orvis club day and the two river clean-ups that were held this month.

Tight lines

Presidents Wife, Julie

PS Paul is now doing a river clean up in our back yard



FoF Your Nymphomation

by Lee Weil



Here is a simple pattern of mine that will work on any river that sustains a caddis population (which is pretty much ANY river.) It is so easy to tie that even a beginner will be able to master it after 3 or 4 ties. The CDC wing is the best part – it floats without any additive and has a high profile that can be seen easily on the water.

Lee's Coco Puff Emerger :

Hook : Curved emerger hook #12 - #18

Thread – Brown 6/0

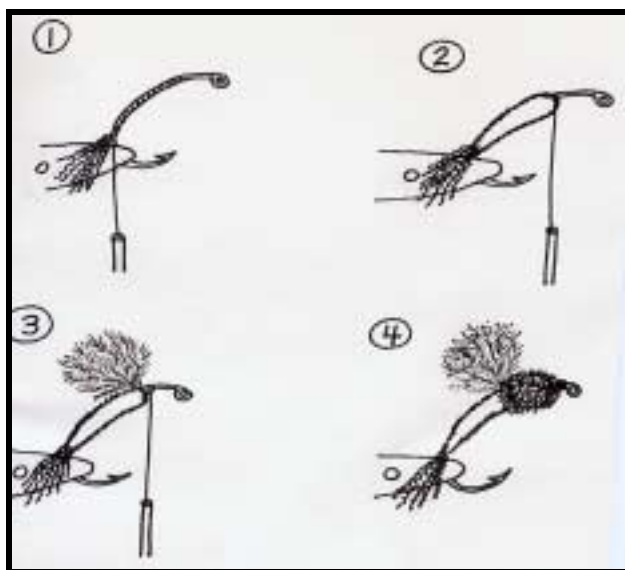
Shuck – Brown Zylon

Abdomen – Pale Yellow Spectrablend

Wing – Light Blue Dun CDC Puff

Thorax – Brown Haretron Dubbing

1. Tie in several strands of zylon, angled downward at bend.
2. Dub tapered Spectrablend body for 2/3 of shank.
3. Tie in CDC puff wing.
4. Dub thorax in ball approx. twice diameter of abdomen and whip finish.



Tight Lines & God bless, Lee

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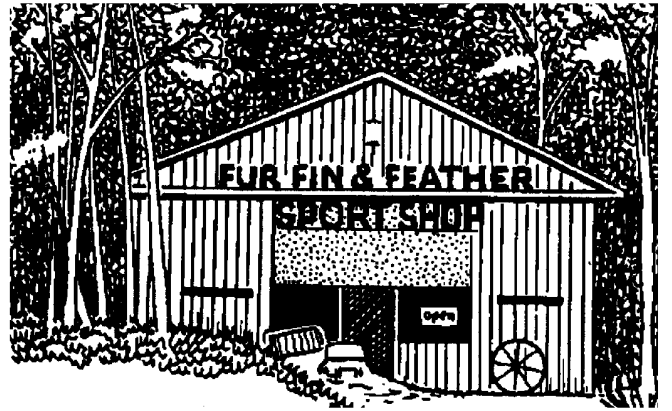
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The set includes 2 dry flies, 2 nymphs, 2 streamers, 2 weenies, 2 rabbit flies and 2 wooly buggers.

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We ran this trip three years in a row and it was a great success. We caught a variety of fish – bass, very large blue gills, big crappie, pickerel, as well as some nice trout. We also shot a couple of rounds of Sporting Clays. Overall, we had a good time and enjoyed the camaraderie. The accommodations were very good and the food was excellent. Eldred is located approximately two-and-a-half hours from New York City and it is a pleasant ride. This is a great trip to bring family and friends and a great opportunity to introduce children to fishing. The dates are September 18 – 19, 2007.

The cost for the trip is as follows: The room is \$75.00 plus tax, double occupancy. This means you would split the cost of the room with someone. An extra cot in the room costs an additional \$8.00. Dinner is a la carte – you pay for what you select. The restaurant is excellent. They will provide coffee in the rooms. We will provide some Dunkin Donuts in the morning or you can make arrangements to provide your own breakfast.

We are going to have a Bass Tournament on September 19. The cost of the bass boat is \$80.00 plus tax, again, double occupancy, so you split this cost, also. There are two people per boat. The entry fee is \$10.00 for each angler and the entry fees collected will be distributed to the First, Second and Third longest bass caught. Further details will follow.

They also have two large trout ponds. One is Catch and Keep. It is stocked with trout. You have free access to the Catch and Keep pond but must pay \$6.25 per pound for whatever you catch. They will clean the fish for you and pack it in ice for your journey home. The cost for the cleaning is fifty cents per fish.

The other pond is Catch and Release. It is stocked with trout and big catfish. It is for fly fishing only, barbless hooks only. The cost for this pond is \$12.50 per person and you can fish all day.

You can also go fishing nearby at Mongaup Pond, Rondout Reservoir or the Delaware River.

They also have Sporting Clays available. We shot the Sporting Clays each time we went and had a lot of fun doing it. The cost for a round is \$8.00 for twenty-five clays. You can bring your own shotgun and ammunition or you can rent a shotgun there for \$5.00 and purchase ammunition for \$8.00 for a box of twenty-five rounds. They provide ear protectors while you are shooting.

They have a computerized gambling casino only minutes away if you want to try your luck.

You can sign up at any meeting with Bill Farrington or me, Joe Caroleo, or you can call me at (718) 845-4225 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

*The Long Island Flyrodders club will host
A continuation of its annual open house
and used fly fishing tackle sale at its
May meeting from 7:00 pm to 8:00
pm.*

*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 refresh-
ments (coffee and doughnuts) and take
part in the used tackle sale.*

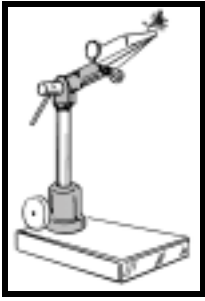
*Additional club information can be found
at the LIFR website*

www.lifr.org

Join Our Fly Swap

The next swap will be Dry Flies. All flies and their recipes will be due at the June meeting. Please let Susan Solomon know if you are interested in being a part of this activity. You can sign up at the May meeting or contact Susan at mrssolomon@aol.com.

The **Sunken Meadow Trip** originally scheduled for July 1, has been changed to July 8. More information will be available as the trip approaches.



Fly Tying Nights

*Hi, to all members.
We are starting our winter fly
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Each Second Tuesday of the
Month*

at:

Pancho's Border Grill
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There is parking across the street in Walgreens.....
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Hope to see you there

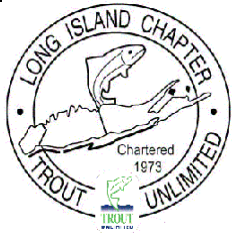
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LIFR PHOTO CONTEST RULES

- 1a. Contestants must be LIFR members.
- 1b. Subject must be related to Fly Fishing.
- 1c. Prints, (no transparencies), size 4" X 6" in color or black & white.
- 1d. Digital photos, minimum size 800 X 600 megapixels.
2. Put your name and phone number on back of the prints in small letters
3. All photos submitted may be used by LIFR. (e.g., Fly-rodder and lifr.org)
4. There will be play-off contests at each Club meeting May 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
- 9a. Submit photos at the meeting or send them to::
Jim Foley, Chair
98 Fonda Road
Rockville Centre, NY 11570
- 9b. Email digital photos as attachments only. (not embedded in the body of the emails) along with your name and a short description of your submission.

**Once again the LIFR Open House was a success.
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 Hicksville at 7:30 p.m.
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Dues: Individual \$40.00 _____ Family (including children under 16 yrs) \$45.00 _____ Junior (under 18 yrs) \$15.00 _____

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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 \$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. Cancemust 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 - 2006

Table with 3 columns: Handicapped Fishing Day, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17

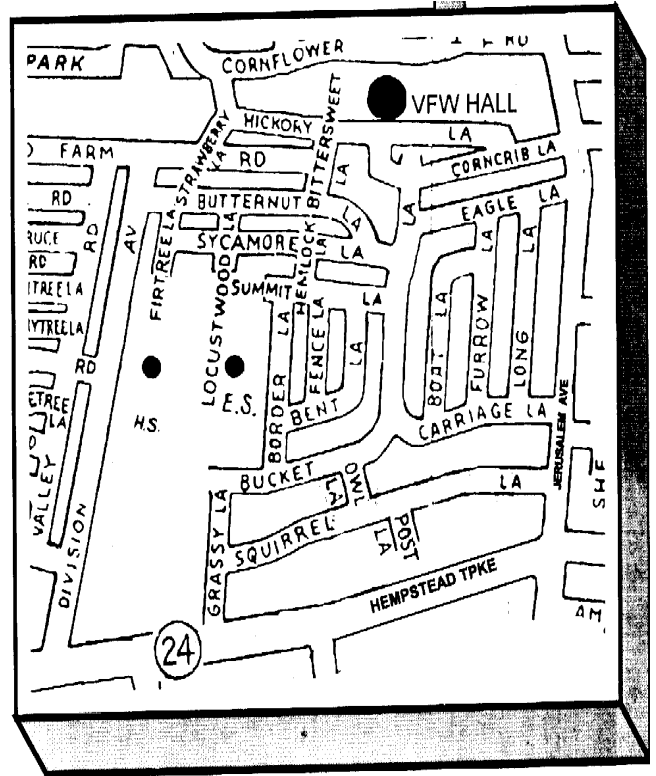
You must have a creel in your possession to fish in the park and on the stream

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

LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS

May - 2007

- May 1 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
7:00 to 8:00 pm - Used Tackle Sale
LIFR Photo Contest - Jim Foley 516-766-4531
Guest Speaker: Rob Nicholas
"Fishing the Farmington, Housatonic and Chile"
- May 12 **Croton Watershed, Brewster NY**
Contact: Herman Abrams (516) 593-6024
- May 21 **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**
Contact: Lee Weil (516) 997-6743
See Page 9 for details & info
Handicapped Fishing Day on the Connetquot
Contact: Wolfgang Porté (516) 741-2342
- May 22 **Board Meeting**
7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- June 1-3 **Farmington River, CT (Camping)**
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