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This Month's Meeting November 7, 2006

LIFR Annual Club Dinner and Awards Ceremony

The 2006 annual LIFR club dinner will be held
7:00 P.M., Friday, November 10, at the
Stuart Thomas Manor in Farmingdale NY.



All payments of \$50 per person will be
required no later than the Nov. 7th club meeting.
The \$50 per person cost will cover hors d'ourves,
a five entrée buffet, beer and wine,
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The Stuart Thomas Manor is located at :

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(Detailed directions can be found on page 4)



*Come join the fun, dinner, dancing, raffle, door prizes
and good company; it'll be a great night out!*

Please see Joe Otterstedt or Susan Solomon at the meeting for tickets

Guest Speaker:

Capt. Jeff Becker of K.J. Flyfishing

"Salt Water Fishing at Orient Point"

This morning I watched Paul bake bread in the bread machine, attempt to wrap a gift, go pick up my daughter's soccer uniform and make phone calls about a patio-building project we have in plan. He also willingly battled fierce winds to get the Sunday paper and made 4 pots of coffee. "Honey?" I asked. "Is it time to write another President's Line?" Then, I have to admit, I did something rather manipulative. "Paul, I'll make you a deal. I'll write your line if you clean out the fireplace." Paul looked surprised that I asked him to do this chore. He seemed to have forgotten that I have been asking him to do this every weekend since March. He handed me a list of ideas for the President's Line and then got the dust pan and hand broom. (By the way, he just looked over my shoulder, and as he did, I asked him to clean out my car. He said yes.) Maybe this is what is meant by "Carpe Diem." Seize the guy who likes fish (carp?), find a list of chores and get him to do'em.

President Paul placed at the top of his list for this letter the day Owen and Tessa, our kids, did a fly tying demonstration at Hempstead Lake State Park. At the Fall Fishing Day, Paul and a few other Flyrodders demonstrated casting and fly tying. The kids and I stopped by to say hello and I told Paul that he could go take a break and I would watch the table. Of course, as soon as he left, people walked up and started asking me questions. I put a



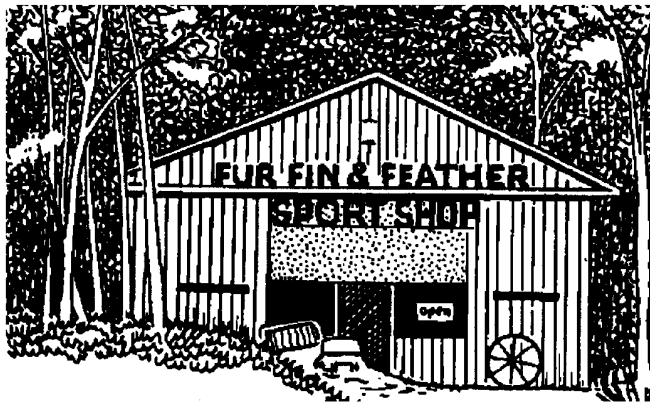
hook in a vice for Owen and Tessa, and had them explain what they were making. Tessa generously gave her flies away. People took the hand-outs, and a few seemed interested in attending the fly tying classes. Paul hopes that more people will help out at events. That day, Tessa "reeled" them in with her disco flies and Owen "caught" people's attention with stories of catching snappers on flies. Helping out is easy to do. You can also make a difference and help with fly tying, trip planning or just showing support and enthusiasm at the meetings and club sponsored events. The following list might inspire you:

- 1) If you are interested in going on the Trip to Lakewood Camps in June, see Paul.
- 2) If you can think of some trips for next year let Paul know. It could be a place that you have already traveled to, or it could be a spot you have always wanted to fish.
- 3) Come to the Awards Dinner on November 10th.
- 4) Bring in you flies for the fly contest!
- 5) The Fly Fishing show is coming!!! Please help man the booth.

Well, my end of the bargain has drawn to a close. Paul is still sweeping out the cinders from the fireplace. I hope he finishes before the Awards Dinner. If he doesn't, then he will have to go without me by magic pumpkin.

Tight lines and a clean house and car to you...

Julie



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FoF Your Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



FALL OVERHAUL

As November approaches, most of the freshwater flyfishing aficionados are putting away their rods and reels, with the saltwater casters not far behind. We stow our equipment in cases and tubes, to await the start of next year's season, so far away, with plenty of time to clean lines and check leaders during the winter months ahead. So why then is it that we end up scurrying around like rats in a pickle barrel the night before opening day? If we're lucky we will remember to replace worn leaders before we arrive at the stream, and not have to attempt nail knots with frostbitten fingers. That's providing we have remembered to purchase new leaders and tippet material.

I have come to a realization that all this aggravation can be easily avoided with just a little time spent at the end of the season. Instead of putting my reels away (out of sight, out of mind), I leave them out on my fly tying table. I tie every morning, so it is impossible for me to not see them and after about 3 days they annoy me so much I am forced to address the situation. It only takes a matter of minutes to clean and dress a fly line, and replace the leader if needed. Wipe out the housing and put a dab of lube on the spindle and you're set to go next spring.

Rods are even easier to put into hibernation. Just as long as they're clean and dry, you only need to check the guides and the grips. If there is a hole in the cork that needs attention you can easily patch it with a mixture of Elmer's glue and cork dust, made by filing a wine cork (we always seem to have plenty of those around.) Allow it to dry thoroughly before storing the

rod in its sock and tube.

Waders can be turned inside out to air, and at the same time check the places that wear out first; the back of the heel and seams on stocking foot models, and knees, if you do a lot of stealth fishing. You don't want to find out about a leak on your first day out in February. This is also a good time to replace your laces and do any felt repair that's needed.

If you rinse your net with soapy water (Dawn is excellent) and let it dry it won't have that wonderful aroma when you pull it out of the closet next spring, unless you like that smell, in which case you can seal it in a plastic bag while it's damp. (Which reminds me, if you store gear for a friend, check his wader bag before you put it away; nuff said!)

Finally, don't forget your flies! Rust is contagious, and the foam bed of the average fly box can harbor enough moisture to ruin hooks on the whole batch. I let my boxes air out and while I'm in front of the idiot box I sort through them, remove the chewed up flies and if the hooks are not rusty they go to the "fly hospital". It's rarely necessary to add more flies, since I have far too many in each box to begin with.

After you've accomplished all of the above, you can rest assured knowing that on Opening Day your gear will be in good shape and ready to fish. Then, when you get home from the stream you can start putting away your skis and hunting gear.

God bless and tight lines, Lee



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Oak Orchard or.....? *By Joe Mikulas*

As is the case with many of "...the best laid plans..." here's the story of a trip with a few surprises. A steelhead season ago, I presented my fishing buddy Chris with a great photo of the two of us, (taken by an Orvis-endorsed guide) aboard his float boat on the Salmon River in Pulaski. The only thing missing was a steelhead. In our quest to complete the picture, we researched the right time, right place etc. Having read about my fellow LIFR's success on "the Oak," I discussed the topic with Lee and Jeff at the Connetquot gala, took her advice and phoned Wolfgang and Al. They recommended a trip to the Oak, and strongly endorsed Reel Action Fly guide service.

Jet Blue brought us from JFK to Buffalo in an hour, and the trip, including auto rental, didn't cost much more than what we would have incurred for gas, tolls and driving over eight hours from Suffolk County. We ate lunch at Buffalo's answer to a New York deli, but as we exited, the Flyrodders' trip history haunted us. We were assailed by wind, near-vertical rain and a deluge during our trek to Hamburg.

The next morning, (early in April), guide Paul Jacobs greeted us along with a snowy white ground covering. We were told that the Lake Erie tribs were blown out, so we'd be traveling east, toward Lake Ontario. First stop was the Niagara River, less than a mile from the falls. It seemed as if we fished for only a few moments, enough to catch our breath after the long hike down to the river, when Paul announced we'd be looking for greener pastures. During one of several stops climbing back up to the parking lot, Chris announced his heart was pounding like a machine gun.

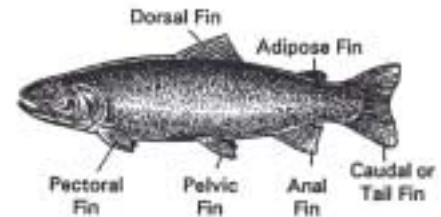
That's how the heart was going when we finally got into steelies on Eighteen Mile Creek, after lunch. (Day 2 was even better; we landed double-digit fish and probably lost almost twice as many as we landed.) I've used guides since our 1993 LIFR Montana Trip, 1994 Miramichi NB Trip, as well as in CT, VT, NH and on our own salt. By far, Paul places at or near the top in every phase, from teaching the intricacies of the local water to being accommodating and friendly. He was there for you if and when you needed him, and his girlfriend took digital photos of our catch. The advice of Wolfgang and Al was on the money.

We did pay Oak Orchard a brief visit and threw a few still-pristine flies after leaving Eighteen Mile Creek, but the change in venue made the difference. Had we gone there independently, our photo would have been missing a heretofore elusive feature: We now have a "complete photo" featuring Chris, me *and* some steelhead.

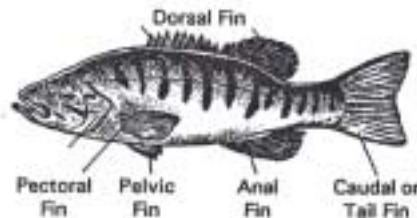
Fish Facts

Fins *by Keith Holley*

Up, down, forward or backward, fish can move wherever they want in the water. To do this they use their fins. Fish have several different kinds of fins. The pectoral fins are the pair of fins found on either side of the body nearest the front of the fish. The pelvic fins are also on both sides of the fish, and are found further back on the body or below the pectorals. The dorsal fin is found on the top of the fishes body and the anal fin on the bottom of the fish. And finally, the most important fin of them all the is caudal or tail fin.



All the fins have a special job that they do. The pectoral and the pelvic fins help the fish go up, down, stop and turn. The dorsal fin and the anal fin are used by the fish to keep the fish from turning on its side. It also helps the fish to move forward and backward. The last fin on the fish is the caudal fin. This fin gives the fish the ability to move forward fast. It allows the fish to escape predators or to capture prey. All of these fins are able to do the job of the other fins. This helps if the fish losses a fin.



Keith Holley is a Region 1
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Bone Fish Trip

by Mickey Stucko

I went fly fishing for bonefish in Nassau, Bahamas with Captain Simon Bain and his assistant guide, Dwayne. Simon picked me up at about 7:00 in the morning. Soon we were underway on a fast boat trip to a nearby island. When we arrived Simon set me up with a fly rod, and it seemed like he gave me a hundred instructions.

I gave it a toss to the school of bonefish. I soon had a bite, but being anxious I pulled the hook out of his mouth. Simon told me he was going to cry! I felt sorry for myself and Simon, but not for long.

Simon hooked another bone and then let me take the rod. I have fished for rainbows, browns and brook trout, but bone fishing is out of this world. I had him on my line, and he was going this way and that. Then, just when I thought I had him tuckered out, a four foot shark showed up and devoured my fish! The shark was so ferocious that he ran himself up on the beach. Now I had a "two for one" situation; a bonefish AND a shark on my line.

Simon was worried that the shark would take all of the line and backing, so he grabbed the tip of the rod and snapped the tippet .

Unfortunately, after all the excitement of that catch and release our bone fish school had scattered. Simon said he had a second spot, where there would be a lot of bonefish. When we arrived at our new spot there were none to be found. Simon said there was a lot of new construction taking place at the water's edge. He said this was chasing all the bonefish away. It's a shame we can't have construction without causing so much disturbance to the environment. But even so, I had an exciting story to tell after my bonefishing experience.

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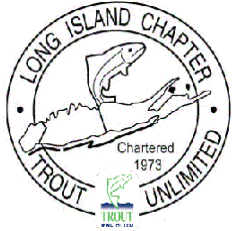
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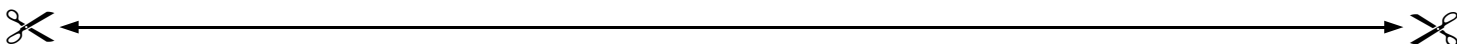
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- 1d. Digital photos, minimum size 800 X 600 megapixels.
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3. All photos submitted may be used by LIFR. (e.g., Flyrodder and lifr.org)
4. There will be play-off contests at each Club meeting May through 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
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