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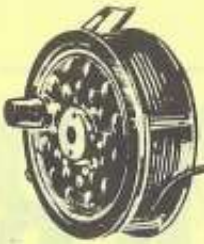


PRESIDENT'S LINE...

by
Gian Padovani

Beginning with this issue, the newsletter is getting closer to the looks of a magazine, and I hope that you like its name, The Flyrodder. I have visions of making it more substantial, with more pages of information but this, of course, translates into more postage. The solution to this extra expense is to sell advertising space and this is where you, the members, can help by selling ads, ¼ pages, ½ pages and full pages. I will discuss the details at the meeting; meanwhile think about it and if you know of any merchant (doesn't have to be fishing related) that would be interested in placing an ad in our publication. As a service, the FLYRODDER will also publish *personal* line advertising FREE to the members. Want to sell (or buy) a bamboo fly rod? An automatic reel? A waterproof watch? Just bring your requests at the meeting and we'll print it.

Fishermen are great at swapping stories and the FLYRODDER is the place to tell it as it is. If you can talk about it, you can write about it. We are looking for articles about the one that didn't get away, how to dress your *secret* fly, about your favorite river, the horrible camping experience, or how you built that great graphite rod.

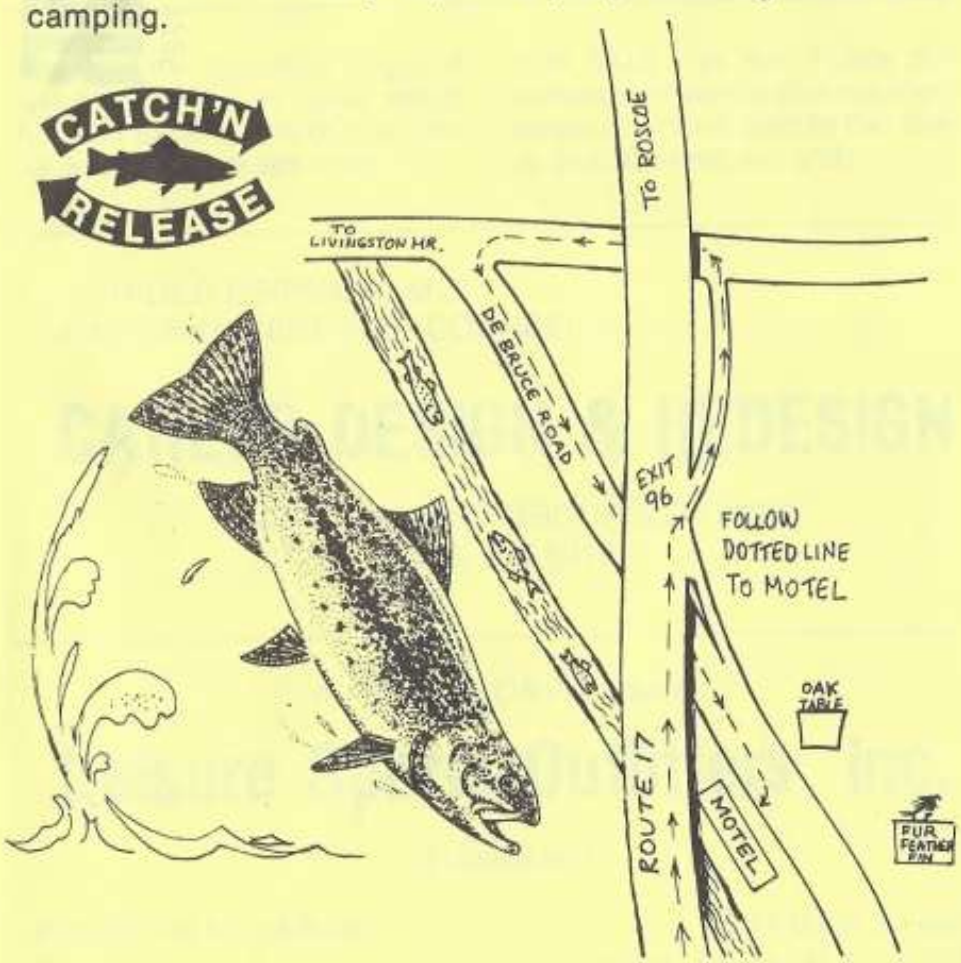
DUES ARE DUE! Last month's newsletter should have been the final one, if you haven't renewed your dues. At the board meeting it was decided to send this copy as the final one, to show one more reason why you should renew your membership. We are planning an exciting year with many fishing trips, guest speakers and events. Come on down to the meeting and rejoin. If you cannot make it, mail a check.

See YOU at the meeting;

Gian

L.I.F.R. FIRST TRIP OF THE SEASON

The trout season is open and the winter lethargy is behind us. Those members who have signed up for the weekend trip to the Willowemoc, will shortly enjoy fly fishing in one of the Catskill's most attractive stream. For those who have given a deposit, the reservations have been made at the Willowemoc Motel, exit 96, Route 17. (See map for details). Those wishing to join the group for one day, can meet the others at the motel's parking lot at 8:00 a.m. either Saturday or Sunday. My brother and I will not be able to join the group, since his youngest son Chris, has decided to ruin our plans by getting married on the 29th! The only consolation is that L.I.F.R is planning to have many trips this year, including some with camping.



A WEEKLY CLUB NIGHT?
by Bob Di Giovanna

Fishing clubs are great; for some they offer a place to learn, others find it a place to meet friends and tell their fish stories, and some use them only for a night out. For whatever the reason you belong to this club, make it a united club, with no clicks or in crowds, and make it easy for newcomers to get involved.

For the '89 season I suggest a weekly club night. How it would work is on a chosen night, say Wednesday, if you feel like getting out to do some fishing, there will be a place to go with a very good chance of running into a few members. This way no plans have to be made, or weekends sacrificed. If on a nice May or June evening, after supper has been devoured (like trout feeding on a hatch) and nothing is on the boob tube, grab the rod, go out and look for those guys wearing green hats.

You'll be surprised at how often more you'll fish. On those nights when you just don't feel like getting out, the thought of knowing that other people are already there, possibly making a kill on bass and blues, should be an irresistible temptation to join them. To be fishing with friends in the middle of a blitz, or when that big one gets away, and at least someone else saw it, or just to pass the time on a fishless night are all benefits for a weekly club night.

Any beach, lake or stream can be chosen. A place such as Sunken Meadow State Park is a good place to start; easy access, plenty of room to cast, and good dependable fishing make it a good place for beginner or expert alike. And if you don't feel comfortable with a fly rod in salt water, spinning tackle can be used. This is great light tackle water, where blues average 2-5 lbs. and bass 3-10 lbs. Waders, hip boots or sneakers can be equally used and the weather, at this time of the year, is great.

The only word of caution here is that if you plan to stay long after dark, a parking permit is required. This can be obtained at Belmont Lake State Park, Jones Beach field 4 information office, or Fire Island State Park office. The fee is $10.00 and the permit can be used in four other fields at Jones Beach, two fields in Robert Moses, Captree and Montauk. The permit must be obtained by the end of April.

My goal is not to convert the Long Island Fly Rodders to a salt water club, but to broaden our horizons and make it a "fishing together" fishing club. I hope to hear your responses at the meeting.

FOR SALE - Scientific Angler 8 weight fly reel, with spare spool, line and backing. $75.00 Call Don Avendolio at (516) 368-1155

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APRIL MEETING

This month's meeting will feature a presentation by L.I.F.R.'s own Allan Manz on Salmon Fishing in New Brunswick. Sounds like an exciting program. Do not miss it!

On this evening we shall also have the drawing for the fly rod for which you have bought the chance tickets last month. Of course, you can increase the possibility of winning by buying extra chances this tuesday.

HANDICAPPED FISHING DAY

The 6th Annual Fishing Day for the Handicapped at the Connetquot River State Park is scheduled for Monday, May 15.at 10:00 a.m. (Rain date: May 22). Volunteers are needed to help our guests. As in the past L.I.F.R. is proud to participate in this rewarding event. Just bring along a fly fishing outfit, cast your fly to those cooperating trout which Gil Bergen has conveniently trained to respond, and let one of our guests have the thrill of bringing it in. The smile on their faces is ample reward to your effort.

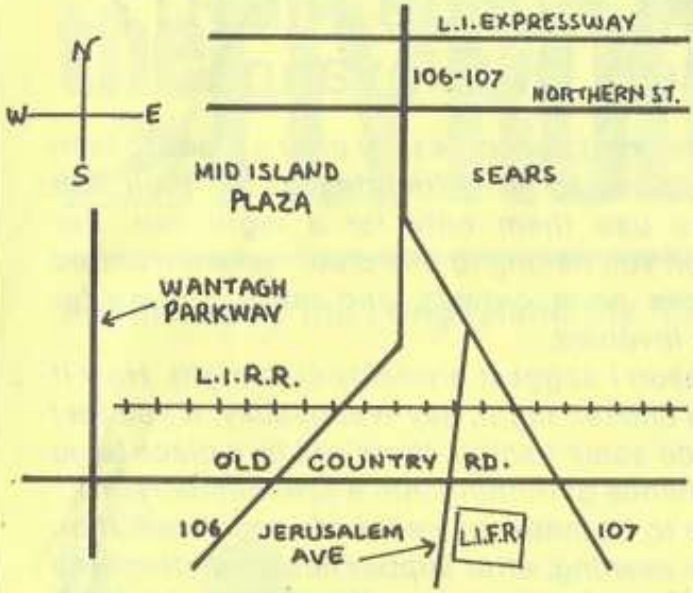
SALTY FLYRODDERS ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The Salty Flyrodders will hold their Annual Conclave on June 2, 3, and 4 at the Sound View Inn, Greenport, L.I. The cost for this action-filled weekend is $145.00 per person, or you may opt for Saturday only at $50.00 per person which will pay for breakfast, Banquet dinner and programs. Contact Vincent Posillico at (212) 892-7187 for more information.

FLY TYING SEMINAR AT THE CAMPSITE

On Saturday, April 22, famed Eric Leiser is presenting a fly tying seminar at the Campsite Sport Shop, 1877 New York Avenue, Huntington. The $45.00 fee includes lunch. For more information call Charlie Nardi at (516) 271-4969.

DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING



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