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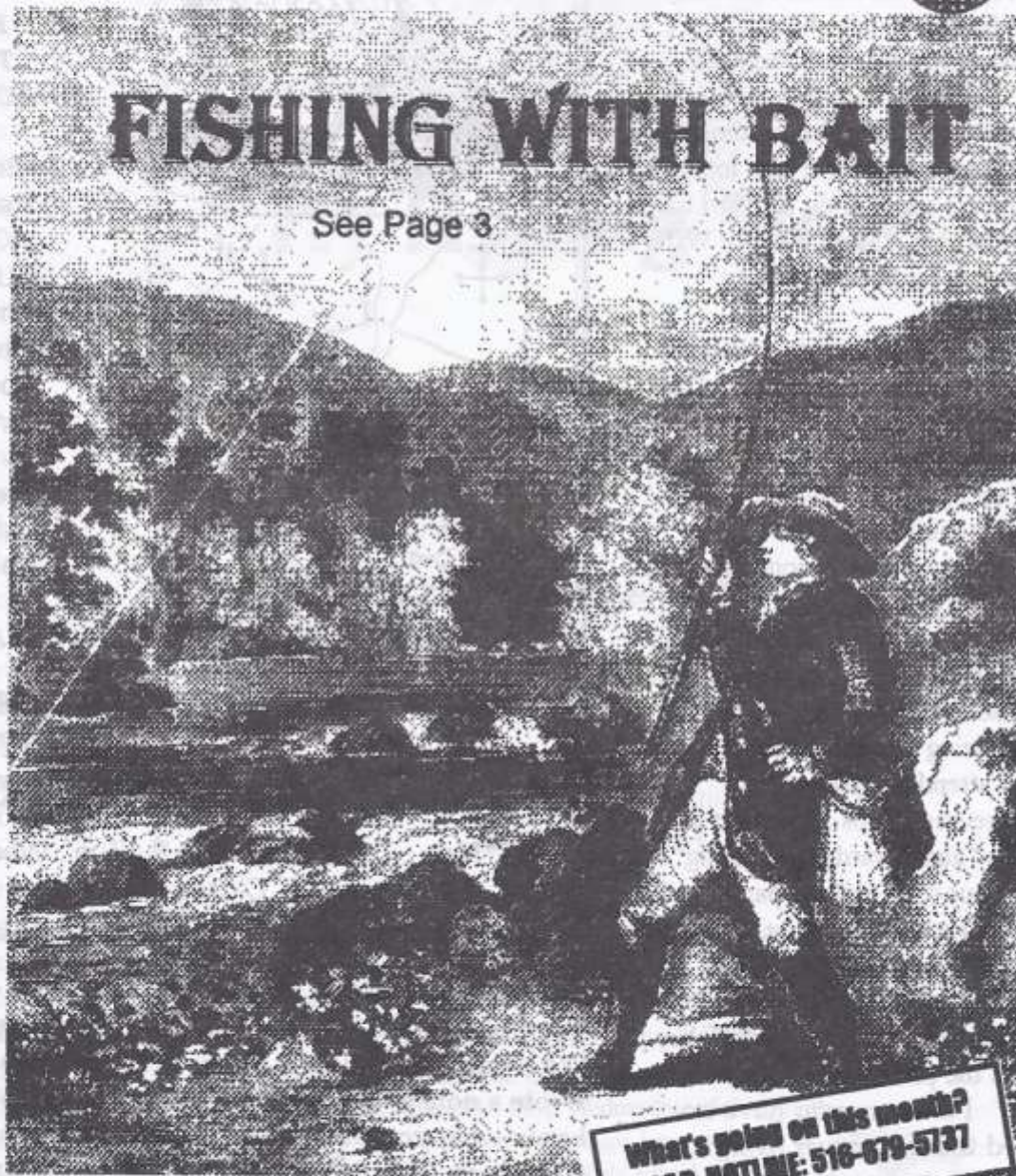
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What's going on this month?
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MEETING DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 13, 1995

president's line

By the time Dean and Bob Molzhan, Joe King and yours truly get back from their Alaskan Fly Fishing Adventure, you will hopefully have received this Flyrodder. This month's meeting will feature a slide show of the Alaskan trip by Dean Molzhan.

The informative August meeting, featuring Mike Bilosi, was very informative and lots of members are looking forward to the October's Montauk Salt Water Trip, run by Mike and Chris Berntsen.

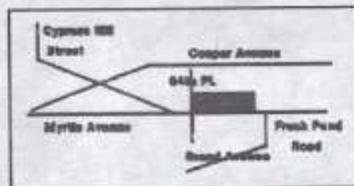
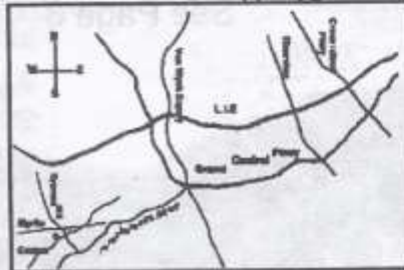
The winners of the NJ Back Bay salt water boat trip with Capt. Mike Corblies were Dino Pappas, Herman Abrams and Bob Skoy. We are looking forward hearing about their adventure.

We are now 7 months into the new officers and executive board and I would like to thank them all for their help and input. Ron La Chase has a thankless job of organizing and appeasing everyone who attends our Mondays' Connetquot Trips. Ron must act like a "game warden" stressing both our rules and the park's regulations, although he'd rather fish like everybody else. The privilege of this Monday's fishing can be revoked if we do not obey all of the park's rules.

I am sure you have noticed the new cover design, at least the top portion of it. After many years Gian wanted to try something new and he is asking your opinion if we

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should stay with this new cover or go back to the original one. We would appreciate it if you wrote a note to Gian and let him know what you think. His address is: Rt.3, Box 133-B, Clyde, North Carolina 28721

The end of September brings to a close most of our trout fishing trips in NY state,

but you can still fish the Farmington and Housatonic rivers in Connecticut.

Cast your flies upon the waters and enjoy the feel of a tight line and a quick release.

Alan Manz

I'll have corn with my night crawlers

by Gian Padovani

Earthworms, kernel corn, salmon's eggs, crickets, frogs, crawfish...just mention live bait to any dyed-in-the-wool fly fisher and he will recoil as if bitten by a Copperhead! Some would rather be seen dead than using a night crawler. I am also one of those who'd rather fish with artificial flies than live bait...well, at least most of the time. I will confess that on a few occasions, in a distant past I have threaded a "garden hackle" on a hook. And why not? In my earlier years fishing meant catching fish and I would not hesitate to scrounge around for something "real" if nothing took my artificials.

Many fly fishing writers extoll the pleasures of being outdoor, the poetry of presenting a Quill Gordon, the jewel-like beauty of a brookie, and the exquisite pleasure of casting a flawless line. Now, who is kidding who? I mean all the above can be experienced on a front lawn. Yes, I do feel those sentiments BUT I certainly would appreciate them MORE if a fish actually took my fly.

Recently I was in an area where trout are regularly stocked. A little kid was fishing by the bank with a short rod and a close faced spinning reel and as I waded into the middle of the river I kept on watching him. He was obviously using bait, either corn or night crawlers. I smiled as I watched him throw his line, possibly a bit too condescending, since I was an expert, casting a good loop and a proven streamer. The smile

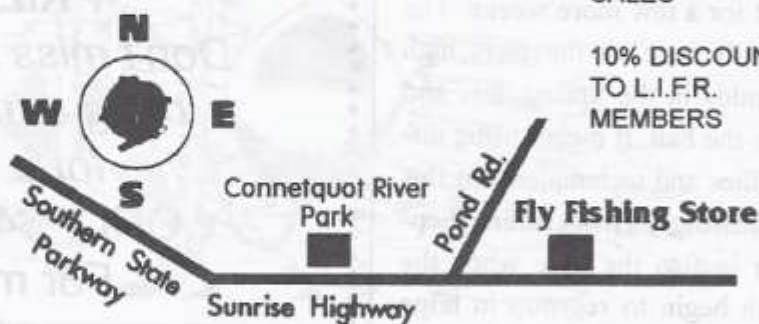
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Editorially

Noticed the new cover with the Hot Line number? Since some information cannot be forwarded in time to the Flyrodder, use it for up to date changes or additions.

In a way September is like April. Trout Opening Day comes after the interval of the cold winter months, September follows the interval of the dog days of Summer and the return to the streams with renewed hope, at least for a few more weeks. The major difference is in the rivers; high and muddy in the Spring, low and clear in the Fall. It means using different flies and techniques, but this is the challenge of trout fishing. September is also the time when the bluefish begin to regroup in huge schools before departing from our shores. At this time, if you are lucky to have a boat, you will see them feeding at the surface on baitfish that are also repacking, before departing to warmer waters.

Yes summer is over, and I hope you have enjoyed it. I also hope that you have had some good fishing experiences, and that you are willing to write and share the memories with the members of L.I.F.R. Now, you knew that was coming, right?

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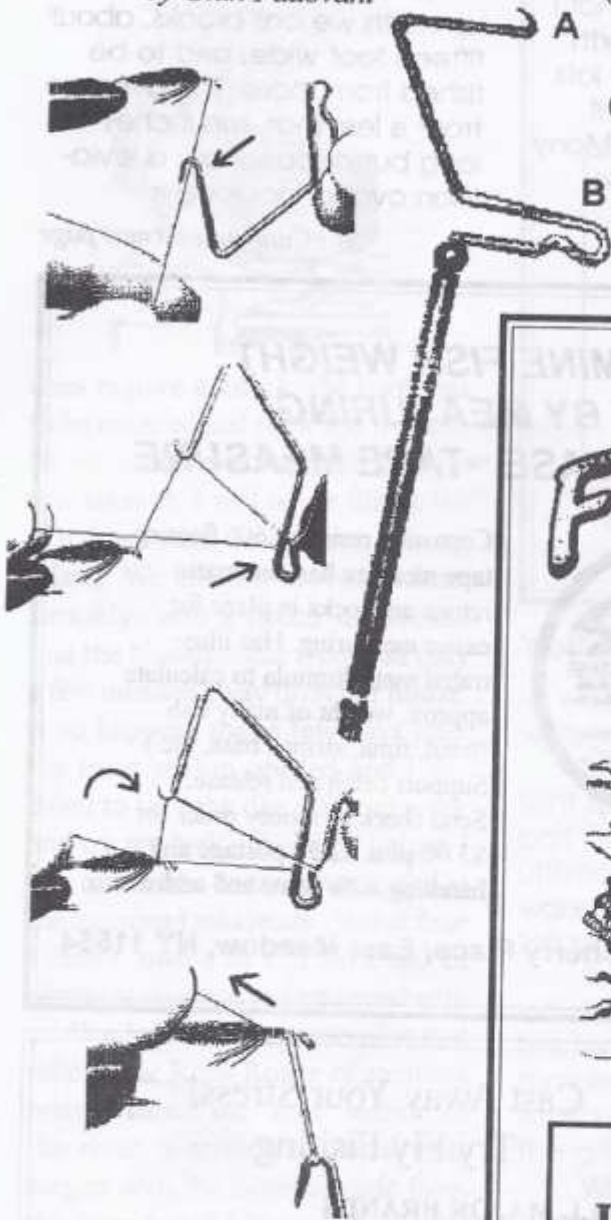
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A great Finish

by Gian Padovani



The last step in tying a fly is whip finishing the thread around the hook. Many experienced tyers do it by hand but to many of us the procedure is somewhat intricate, especially when doing the smaller flies. Fortunately there are several tools on the market that supposedly make the task easier. In my opinion the Mattarelli whip finisher is the simplest to use and it is definitely worth the extra money they demand for it. The tool comes

with instruction, but I think these sketches will show the process clearer and you may want to keep this page in your fly tying kit.

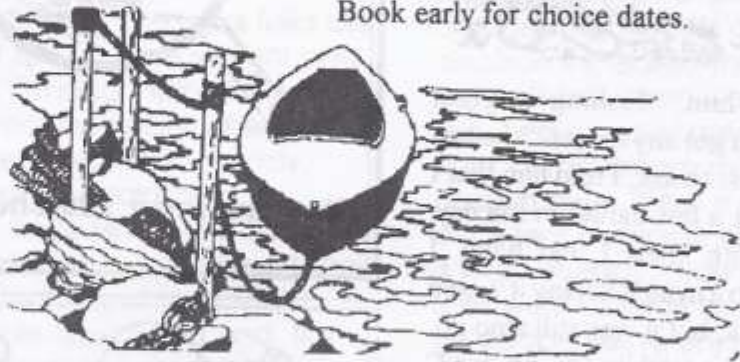
- (1) Hold the thread taut and grasp it with the hook (A) of the tool.
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I'll have corn, continued

quickly disappeared from my face as the lad furiously reeled in his line, a plump rainbow struggling at the end. I looked at the other side as if I hadn't seen the event and continued on casting, sure that at least one of those dumb hatchery freaks would recognize a good fly when they saw one. A bit later I glanced again behind my shoulder and yes, that punk was reeling in another beauty but this time he caught me



watching him. "Fishing is great today...you got any mister?" he had the boldness to ask. I told him that I had caught a few earlier in the day, but we both knew I was lying. I switched to a nymph hoping it would do the trick, but it was still a no go. "What you're catching 'em on, son?" I heard myself ask. "Corn, sir, just plain old corn." he replied as he cranked in another decent fish. This was too much for me to bear and I hastily waded further down around the bend, out of sight. I searched through my fly box hoping that something resembling live food was there, but no luck. I knew what I would do; tomorrow I would tie some golden yellow flies, just like corn kernels. After all, don't some steelhead fishermen use salmon egg flies? With these thoughts on my mind I began to reminisce about the time when I, unabashedly, used bait

'nother creek

by Gian Padovani

One of the benefits that I have, living in Western North Carolina, is that there are lots of streams or, as they call it "creeks", that hold trout. Many are within the Great Smoky National Park, others are nestled inside the Pisgah

National Forest, and still others are scattered throughout Haywood County.

In reality most are what up north we call brooks, about fifteen foot wide, and to be fished from shore. The average trout is less than ten inches long but occasionally a leviathan over a foot long is

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and that it wasn't that easy either. Indeed, fishing with live bait

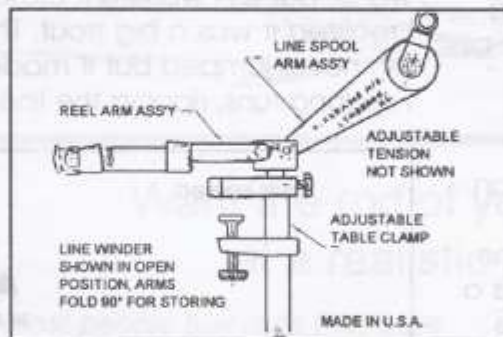


does require a knack; the hook has to be covered just right and it has to be set at the exact second when a fish takes it. I will never forget the first time I went trout fishing in Long Island. We had just moved in from Brooklyn and a friend mentioned that the Nissequogue river was only a few minutes away from our house. It so happens that a few days later the trout season opened and I decided to take the day off from work and try my luck. The night before I dug out a few dozen worms, and in the morning I was ready. At that time I didn't own a fly rod but I had an ultralight spinning rod equipped with an Alcedo Micron, considered at that time as the Rolls Royce of spinning reels. I fished the "free" section of the river, a stretch of water that surged with the incoming tide from the Sound, and I had a ball; for the first time in my life I caught 10 fish, the legal limit. As I left the area a reporter from Newsday wanted to take my picture and print my name on the paper. I declined, because I was concerned about my boss seeing it; after all I was supposed to be home tending a trick knee!

A sudden strike brought me back to reality and when I unhooked and released that six inch trout, I was glad the kid was around the bend!

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wrestled out of the limpid waters.

Most of the local folks use light spinning equipment and bait although spinners are also utilized especially when the water is high and muddy, following a rainfall.

Since Haywood County is located in mountainous terrain the majority of the creeks tumble downward and flat stretches are only found where the ground is level.

When my son in law John came down to visit from Long Island, we decided to fish Cataloochee and drove the few miles away, into the Smokies, where this stream is located. As I mentioned in previous articles this course is on a narrow dirt road that zig zags up the mountains and requires more than an hour of careful driving. When we were but a few minutes away from our destination a sign on the road told us that by driving an additional 16 miles we could reach Big Creek.

I had heard about this other stream and since I had never fished it, I made a sudden change of plans and decided to check it out. This decision increased the traveling time but when we reached our destination, the sight of the stream made us gasp in awe. There is even a small tent campsite and since it was Saturday, most of the sites were already occupied by people set to enjoy a weekend outdoor. We parked the truck, and as quickly as possible we got ready to fish. We hiked a bit through the woods just to get away from the campers, and eventually entered the stream somewhere upstream. A fast glance told me that this was going to be a tough fishing experience since the river cascaded down at a deep angle from the mountain, creating a "ladder" effect. Huge boulders and rocks contained the water between the "steps" for a few yards before it cascaded down into the next

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'nother creek, continued

area. In short, it amounted to a combination of fishing combined with mountain climbing. The fishing itself proved to be, for me at least, very difficult and challenging since the crystal clear water as it cascaded from the shelf above dispersed in many directions, often into very deep pools. I encountered an angler who has fished Big Creek for many years and he confessed that although it is a difficult river to fish, it has lots of small trout, mostly rainbows, but with a few "brooks" and browns to make it interesting. At one location I did manage to get a decent drift and was rewarded by an unexpected violent strike, but I promptly lost the fish on the racing current. This was the only action on my part but John did catch three fish before, literally exhausted, we departed for home. Surprisingly, we discovered another route, one that after only two miles, connected us with Interstate 40, a few minutes away from the Harmon Den exit. This is the area with Hurricane Creek and around the area where last year I had come face to face with a black bear. Incidentally, I was told that more than the bears, I should be more concerned about the rattlesnakes since they are particularly fond of this area. Luckily for us we never saw or heard any. We grabbed our fly rods, without bothering with the waders, and tried a few casts. I thought that at this particular point the water only contained bluegills and small bass and so I searched in my fly box for the smallest black wet

fly I could find. I casted the fly where the current "funneled" its way into deeper water and was galvanized when a decent sized fish blasted my fly. I expected to see a small-mouth bass leap out of the water, but as I worked it closer, I realized it was a big trout. The fish never jumped but it made two long runs, ripping the line

from the screaming reel and just when I thought it was all over, the hook pulled out of its mouth. Several casts later a bluegill decided to snap the fly to give me at least the satisfaction of having landed one fish for the day!



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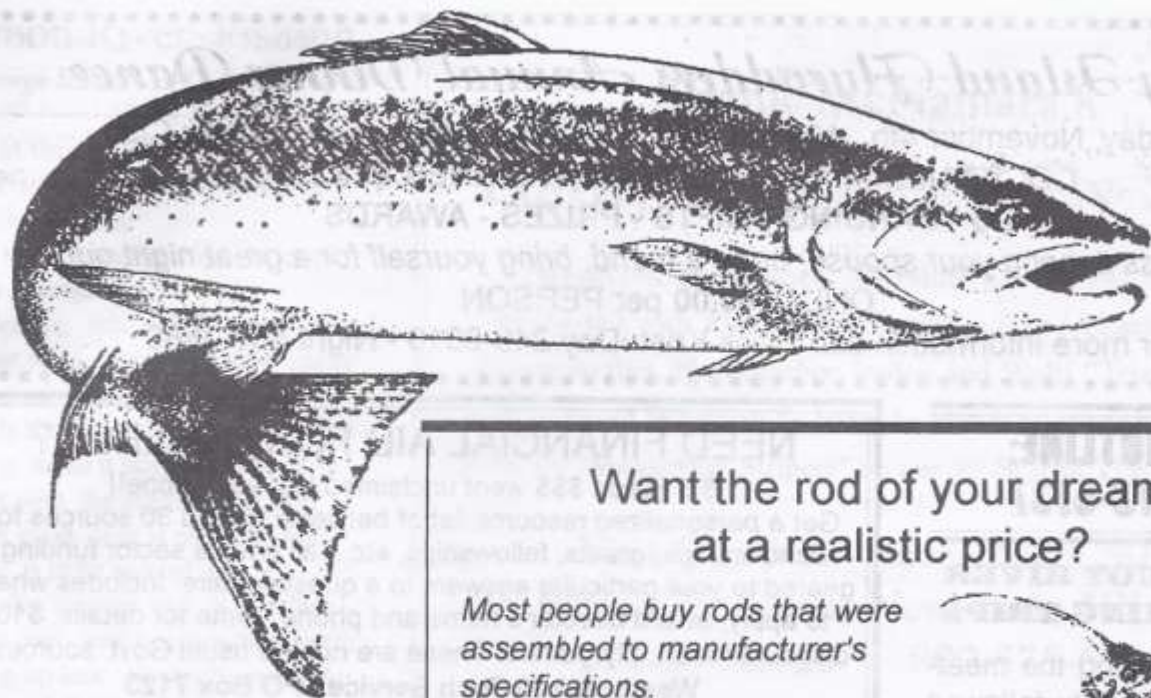
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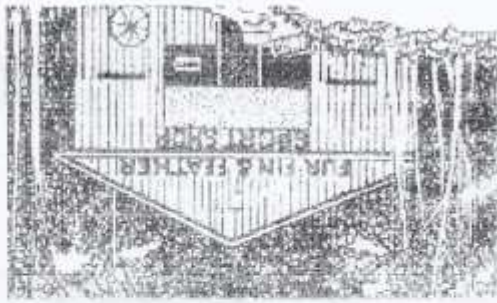
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