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## ***Open House & Used Tackle Sale***

***The Long Island Flyrodders  
will host its 2014 Annual Open House and  
used fly fishing tackle sale at its  
April 1st club meeting.***

***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 refreshments  
(coffee and doughnuts) and take part in the  
used tackle sale. Additional club information  
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Hello once again from the frigid Northeast!

I wrote last month on how long this winter has been . and I have to say that this continues to be one of the longest I've seen in many years. We are just about heading into April. Spring is officially supposed to be here by now, but yet another forecast of snow and cold will visit us to top off a rather extended frigid season.

But with sight of April, we have gotten word that most of the local fish stocking activities have started. Reports from Long Island and Connecticut are starting to flow in.

Looking back . this was actually a pretty good weekend.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the club participated in a program hosted by Steve DeSimone of the Cold Spring Fish Hatchery. It included presentations by NYS DEC iFISH NY program, Fish Biologists, Fred Thorner and our own LI Flyrodders.

Gordon crafted a fine presentation on fishing opportunities within a 2 hour radius of the Island. Wolfgang, Susan, Rich and Annie, Thad and Ernie helped with putting fly rods in the kids hands, and catching plenty of fish. It was a small but well engaged group of kids.

I got a chance to get out this past Sunday on some of the

local year round water . and found that the word from CT was fact, fish were present and active during the warmest part of the day. The first take was epic, totally crushing the fly. While I didn't land the first fish . I did have a half dozen landed through the rest of the day.

So with the April season openers just ahead of us . I am excited to see what 2014 brings. The flies are neatly arranged, lines cleaned and ready to go. The thoughts of a big Rainbow or Brown crushing a large dry are more vivid now.

April also brings us our Annual Open House. It's an opportunity to break out some of our lesser used gear and find new homes for them.

I look forward to the upcoming fishing reports as the 2014 season opens. Trip sign ups are posted and are in full swing. River Clean ups all have dates now.

My wish for the start of the 2014 season . make it one of sharing. Find a way to introduce someone new to this wonderful hobby.

How good is it to enjoy Flyfishing and all the camaraderie it has to offer!

*Tight Lines! Tom*

## **Fly Fishing Videos Available on DVD**

Thanks to **Bob Picciano**, our video library has been upgraded from VHS to DVD.

They cover a wide range of subjects like fly casting, fly tying, and the many techniques of fly fishing in the States and around the world.

See **Ernie Tamargo** at the Monthly Meetings to borrow a title.

Check out our Web Site ([lilyrodders.org](http://lilyrodders.org)) to see a list of available titles.

## *New Merchandise Has Arrived*

**New Caps have come in.  
New Fly Boxes Too.**

**Look for many other bargains in Club Items**

**See Jim Foley at the merchandise table.**



# For Your Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



## Audience of One

Sometimes you get so wrapped up in enjoying your life that you can't enjoy your life. This applies to not only to work but fishing as well; even in the very places we seek peace and relaxation we tend to rush. We stride purposefully to the river, charge out and begin casting furiously, obsessed with catching that first fish. In doing so we miss out on many of the best details, the flash of a bird above and tiny flowers that poke up out of the carpet of pine needles.

Last summer in August two weeks of heavy rain made our favorite stretch of the upper Hudson discolored and almost impossible to wade. When the river finally became friendly enough to fish, we were like Labrador puppies, eager to get out into the water and feel that first take of an aggressive Smallmouth. The high water and swift currents kept me from wading out to the ridge where I had planned to fish, being older and more cautious than I used to be. Instead I decided to concentrate on targets closer to shore, particularly a trough that had produced good fish for me in the past. I fished a weighted hellgrammite through it for a good half hour but was disappointed; not even a bump to show for my efforts.

Moving downriver, I began to fish a flat at the base of a bluff, wading out as far as I dared. As I built my cast, feeding out as much line as I could, I heard the unmistakable noise of a deer blowing in alarm from the dense woods. I stopped and froze in midcast, allowing the line to collapse behind me, and turned to look back, seeing nothing but shadows in the dark trees and brush. The sun was coming up over the top of the bluff and I squinted, studying the spot where the noise came from. Raising my hand to shade my eyes I heard a hoof stamp in the dry leaves. I stood stock still, seeking the source, but failed to spot anything. I began casting and as I laid out my line I heard it again, louder and closer this time. We played a game of red light or green light for several minutes; each time I resumed casting the deer would blow, closer than before, and each time I stopped it would freeze. I began to sing out loud, and then demonstrated my double haul. This proved too much for it

and when I turned quickly I was rewarded by the flick of an ear. The silhouette came into focus; a big doe stood in the dense brush, watching me.

There you are! I exclaimed and she bounded up the face of the bluff, stopping once to look over her shoulder at me before disappearing over the top with a signature flash of white tail. I went back to fishing and after about 15 minutes I heard a snort indicating that my friend had returned. This time I was able to pick her out easily as she worked her way back down the slope toward the bank, stopping just short of



the open, narrow stretch of sand. She watched me inquisitively, peering through the leaves. I called softly to Jeff and he spotted her from where he was wading upriver. She seemed intensely curious, and I wondered why. Surely she must have seen many fishermen out here before. Then it occurred to me that even though she had seen fishermen, she had probably never seen anyone *flyfishing*. The motion of the fly-line in the air was new and fascinating, perhaps transforming me into a different creature than the ones she had become used to.

By now my lower back was screaming for a rest, and a convenient deadfall beckoned from the gravel bar. As I began to wade out of the river she wheeled and jogged away, her curiosity apparently satisfied, since she did not return. I sat down gratefully on the tree trunk, tilted my face up to the sun and closed my eyes and smiled. Then I took out a pair of pliers and began searching through the flies in my chestpack for strays and new patterns that hadn't been de-barbed. I was happily done fishing, finally relaxed enough to enjoy the sunshine and the smell of the heat beginning to rise from the damp stones. Best of all, I had been blessed with a most memorable day and I didn't even have one strike. Sometimes it's not just about fishing anymore.



Illustration by Lee Weil

**LIVING THE LIFE**  
*By Dan Van Buskirk*

**Show Season - Snow Season**

Well the plan was for me to do some heavy winter fishing. Of course no one, least of all me, checked with Mother Nature. With the wealth of local spring creeks that remain both free of ice and open to fishing throughout the winter the prospects were good. I read all the articles, checked with the locals and collected all the right flies. The right flies are adult Midges, Midge nymphs, Mayfly nymphs, Caddis nymphs and the standby San Juan Worm. I did get out one day in early January and fished for 2 hours, with at least one hit on the San Juan Worm. Next time the snow would allow was the middle of March. I fished for an hour and a half with not even a hit, but it was good to be out.

So what to do for the winter? The local and surrounding area offers many shows and events.

The first I attended was the Fly Tying Symposium at The Garden State Convention Center in November. Although not really winter yet, it's must go see for me. With plenty of tiers, lots of suppliers, interesting talks, and friends it offers a lot. Next up is the Fly Fishing Show in Somerset New Jersey, again at The Garden State Convention Center. This one is the Grand Daddy of them all, for three days there are exhibitions, seminars, fly tiers, vendors, manufactures, fly casting pools, even movies, EVERYTHING.

In February I went for the first time to the Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg, PA. This show runs for 9 days and covers EVERYTHING to do with the out of door sports. All though light on Fly Fishing, it covers camping, canoeing, hunting, kayaking, even log cabins. There had to be over 20

lodges and safari companies offering various trips to Africa lone and everybody in Alaska with an extra room for rent had a booth. There are 5 or 6 different pavilions and two indoor stadiums that could hold rodeos all connected. Did I mention it was BIG?

Later in February I attended a two day Keystone Coldwater Conference in State College organized by PA Trout Unlimited, with some members of my local TU chapter. Many interesting seminars, workshops and discussions. On the way home the fellow that drove me took me to Spring Creek that starts in State College. Well that stream just made my bucket list for sure (can't wait for spring). Get it Spring on Spring, just checking.

Comes March and a smaller version of the Fly Fishing Show comes to Lancaster with some of the same participants and some different ones. A chance to renew friendships, make new friends and get more local knowledge. Also in March a local watershed association has an outdoor show in the high school, again lots of local knowledge to be gained. March also hosted an estate sale of fly fishing rods, reels and gear at an auction house. With 236 rods (half of which were bamboo) and 175 reels, one just had to go. This was all owned by one person. I better never hear a complaint from the home team. Lastly the show season ended with the local TU's banquet, quite the social gathering seeing as it is scheduled for the opening of the trout season.

Funny how the last event of winter ends at the start of a new fishing season?

Yes with all this fishing (at least at shows), I'm LIVING THE LIFE.

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Club 3 season jackets... see Jim Foley to get on the list for the next order. Jackets will be ordered when our supplier has his next big sale.

See all of the sale items in the merchandise corner. There are many bargains.

## Long Island Flyrodders Host the Fly Fishing Film Tour

The Long Island Flyrodders hosted the Fly Fishing Film Tour for the second year in a row. The turnout was larger than last year and seems to be growing as the word spreads and people realize that there is no need to travel far to see these great films.

The common theme running through the movies was the love of fly fishing and that great fun can be enjoyed in beautiful places with great friends.

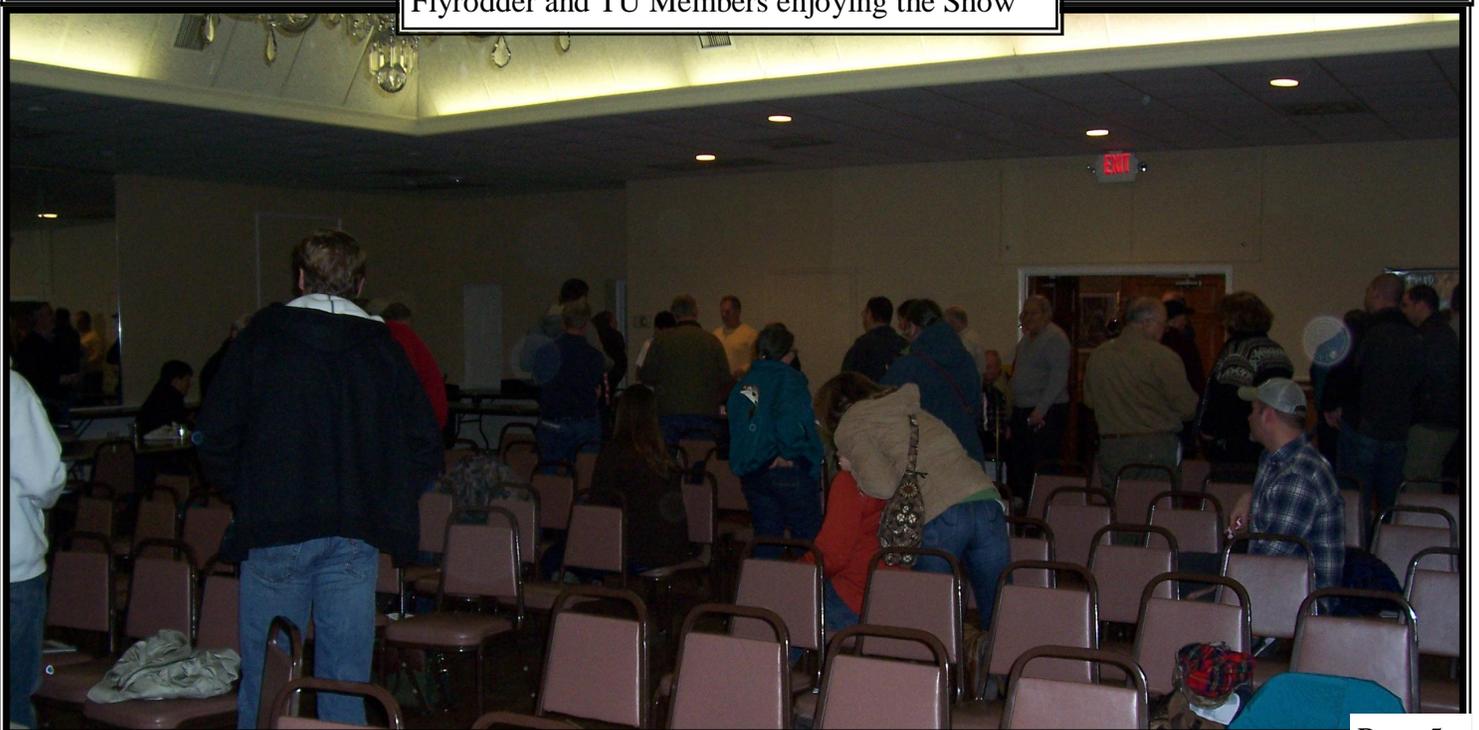
The raffle put smiles on a lot of faces. We're especially pleased that the fly rod was won by one of our new members and a newbie to fly fishing. We hope he will catch lots of fish with it.

Thanks to Howie for putting all of this together and to those who helped see it through.

-Susan



Flyrodder and TU Members enjoying the Show



**March 2014 LIFR's Club Meeting - I'm Back on the Flats 2014 - Captain Rob Thompson  
by Edward J. Zero**

Captain Thompson is an extremely knowledgeable fisherman, marine mechanic, captain and guide whose understanding of the marine world was obtained through formal education in fisheries biology and aquaculture and honed from personal time spent on the water. His expertise and familiarity was evident to all, when on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 Captain Rob returned after more than a decade to once again speak to LIFR members.

His presentation was extremely informative, especially for those interested in fly-fishing the north fork of Long Island. His Power Point presentation was like a Frommer's Travel Guide detailing productive fishing destinations, including: Cutchogue Creeks; Goldsmith's Inlet, Horton's Point, Arshamomaque Pond; Mattituck Inlet; Truman's Beach; Orient Point - Lands End and other LI Sound locations. In addition to highlighting his favorite fishing locales, Rob provided some tips and tricks about when, where, and how to best fish these locales.

Although not a full-time guide, he's on the water full-time, working as a Honda mechanic, which keeps him busy with the U.S. Coast Guard, Suffolk County Sheriff and Southold Marine Police. Rob is also a commercial shellfish digger; clamming and dragging for scallops year round while his children are in school. He makes a living while doing what he loves!

Captain Rob Thompson believes that fishing trips should be affordable for everyone. So why not get out this Spring on a full or new moon to explore and fish this region of Long Island on your own or with a guide?

Full days are \$500. Rob tries to split them up with a morning trip and an evening trip so during the day you can sleep, eat, relax, do work, or hang out in Greenport. Half-day charters are \$325 for 2 people and 4 hours supply-ing hot coffee and home baked goods for mornings. Interested? Then why not give Captain Rob Thompson a call at 631-273-4391. His website will be up and running early this spring ([www.captainrobthompson.com](http://www.captainrobthompson.com)).

**NEW YORK STATE DEC COUNCIL MEETING  
Reported by Ed Zero**

Last evening, I attended the Long Island Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Council meeting at the NYSDEC headquarters in Stony Brook along with Bill Mason. Turns out that Charlie Destefano thought he was the Club's representative and since he couldn't attend last night's meeting, he asked Bill to attend. Perhaps there is more than one Club representative and I was unaware of that fact? (Interestingly, TU had three representatives in attendance.)

I'll save my full LIFFAC report until the next LIFR's board meeting, but there were two important and timely issues discussed that I thought should be shared immediately. They are:

**I. Spring Trout Stocking Schedule:**

- Nassau County & Nissequogue River ó Wednesday, March 19th
- Suffolk South Shore ó Thursday, March 20th
- Carmans River ó Thursday, March 27th
- Nassau County & Belmont Lake ó Thursday, April 3rd
- Carmans River ó Wednesday, April 9th
- Carmans River ó Wednesday, April 30th

According to Chart Guthrie, the DEC has secured a sufficient number of volunteers already. However, should the LIFR still wish to assist, a Club representative should call Heidi at 631-444-0802.

**II. I FISH New York Program Event**

Spring Fishing Festival at Belmont Lake ó Saturday, April 5, 2014. Volunteers are still needed. If the LIFR are interested in assisting a Club representative should call Ann at 631-444-0283.



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Thank You

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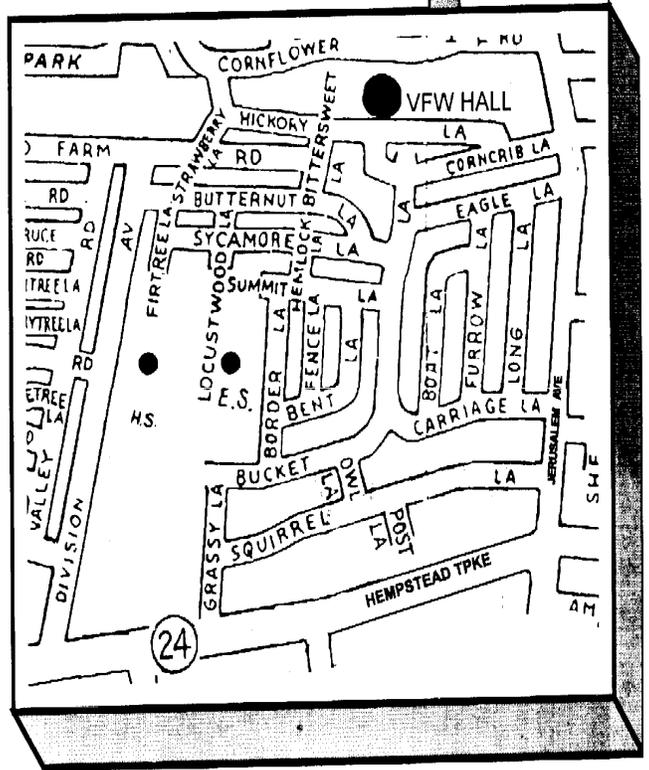
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- April 22      **Board of Directors Meeting**
- April 26-27      **Willowemoc River Clean-up  
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