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Our own, President Paul McCain, (*second from left*), receiving the Long Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited's highest award. Presenting are: (*left to right*), Peter Dubno, TU President Boyd Shockley and John Fischer.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Bob Lindquist

"Why We Flyfish"

My wife and I had the pleasure of attending the Long Island Trout Unlimited banquet this past April. We were really looking forward to it, because as anyone with small children knows, you can't get out that often. It was a pleasant surprise when we walked in and saw so many familiar Long Island Flyrodder faces. But the real surprise of the night was that I was presented with the highest award of the chapter, *The Silver Trout*. I feel others deserve it more than me and I was really happy that I would be sharing this year with **Jeff Plackis**. Jeff is one of the hardest working members for TU and he really deserved that award. Maybe someday we will get him to join our club.

It seems you can predict the weather by checking out our web site. If we have a club function that day you can count on rain and that was the case for our women only casting class. The rain was so bad that **Lee Weil** and **Mike Gelber** had to change it to a fly tying class at Lee's house. I understand Mike and Coreen made a great lunch for everyone. Kudos to these three, we need more members like them!

In April **Herman Abrams** ran the Croton River trip. I was told by a few that went, that they had a good time and they learned a lot. Plus a few fish were caught. Good job Herman! Come early to the next meeting for our casting demo with Herman.



At our open house in April we made a special presentation to our youngest member, **Anna Paulin**, granddaughter of **Cliff Dies**. Anna sold more tickets at the Nassau

Outdoor show than any other member and for her hard work we rewarded her with a plaque and a complete fishing outfit. Thanks Anna from all the members.

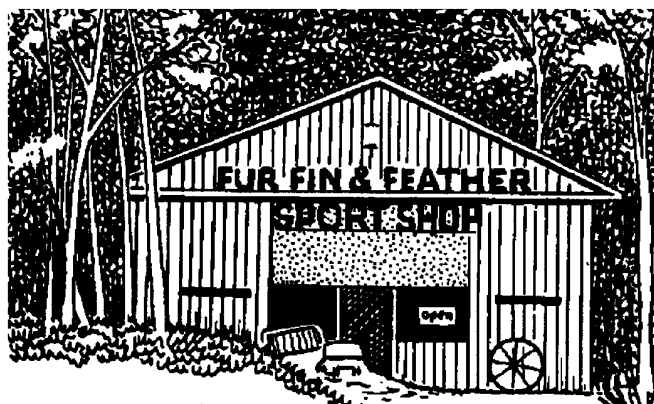
May is when the fishing really starts and there isn't any better way to start the season than by coming on my **Housatonic River clean up** May 6th. We will spend a short work period, have some lunch and then fish the afternoon on one of the east's prettiest rivers. Call me for more info at 516-536-1418.

There are two dates you should mark on your calendar. First is our July Meeting. Because of the July 4th holiday, it will be on **Wednesday the 5th**. Secondly, our club dinner will be Friday November 10th. We will have more info later on.

Our speaker this month will be Bob Lindquist. Many of you know him as one of the finest fly tyers, but his presentation this month will be "Why we fly fish". Knowing Bob, this will be quite a meeting, so come early for a good seat.

Don't forget if you have any news you would like to share with the club, I can be reached at 516-536-1418 or Prespaul@optonline.net.

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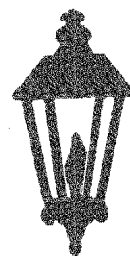


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FoF Your Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



There's an old saying; "When life hands you lemons, make lemonade". On Saturday, April 8th a group of ladies from the Long Island Flyrodders met at Field 5 at Eisenhower Park to enjoy a morning of casting practice. The only problem they encountered was a raw, cold rain and winds from the northwest gusting to 20 m.p.h. Not exactly what you'd call perfect casting conditions. So, we decided to make "lemonade" and proposed a change to plan B, and that's how the *Third Annual Ladies Casting Clinic* became the *First Annual Ladies Tying Clinic*. We took a vote in the parking lot at the park, standing shivering in the rain, and all were in favor of retreating to an indoor location. So, the caravan headed off to my humble abode in Westbury, not far from the park and a heckuva lot dryer. **Susan Solomon** ran home to get a couple of extra vises and her "Mary Poppins" fly tying kit. (If you've ever tied with Susan, you know she is never at a lack for materials.) **Chef Mike Gelber** came along with his moveable feast, and we were all set.

The vises and materials were quickly assem-

bled, and chairs were wrangled from every room in the house. Spirits lifted and the conversation flowed as everyone warmed up, and with help from their tutors the ladies learned to tie two patterns before lunch was served. Mike and Coreen outdid themselves (again) with home made minestrone soup and paninis, perfect rainy day food. I don't think Mike minded that he had to make do with a stove instead of a grill outside, and the no one complained about the occasional bits of marabou fluff that danced around the table.

It is a known fact that a gathering of L.I. Flyrodders can produce low pressure systems wherever they assemble, and it came as no surprise that we had rain for this event. But this time we beat Mother Nature, proving once again that the Flyrodders are no quitters.

We may have had to change our game, but we still got to play.

Thanks to **Mike, Coreen and Susan** for a great afternoon and good fellowship.

Tight lines and God bless, Lee

OPEN HOUSE CONTRIBUTORS

On April 4th the Long Island Flyrodders held our Open House Meeting and once again we would like to thank the generous folks who have supported us and helped to make it a successful event. We would like to ask our members to help us show our appreciation and remember our supporters listed below when making future purchases.

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Pattern of Choice

By Lee Weil

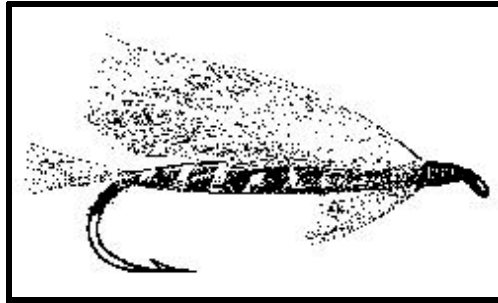
I recently received an order for a batch of Moosehead Belles, a streamer pattern created by Gian Padovani, one of the clubs founding fathers. As I set the first hook in my vise I thought about the times we fished with Gian and how many times that particular fly had managed to catch fish when the more conventional patterns had failed. I believe its uniqueness was the key to success.

On one of our trips down to North Carolina, we experienced a stretch of heavy rains and on the last day we headed to the North Mills in search of any water that didn't resemble chocolate milk. When we arrived, the bad news was the water was so muddy you couldn't see your wading boots; the good news was that there wasn't one other angler on the stretch. But it was the last day and we decided to give it the best shot we could. I stoically tried the common sense silhouette patterns; huge black woolly buggers, black stonefly nymphs and leeches, to no avail. As the rain poured down the back of my neck and off the brim of my cap, I looked at my box for the last fly I would tie on for the Hail Mary play. My eyes fell on the Moosehead Belle and the brilliant red floss looked so bright I couldn't resist the temptation to pluck it out. As I tied it on, I said smiling to myself, "This one's for you Gian", and I fondly thought back to the day when we fished with him on that same river before he passed away.

I made a short cast and fed the line into a sluice under a deadfall, letting it sink as long as possible before beginning the slow, tentative retrieve with as much optimism as I could muster. I felt a hard stop and set the hook to be rewarded with a defiant head shake and a strong run downstream. I worked my way down to the fish and finally brought it to hand under the bridge at the parking area. It was a strong rainbow of 13", and its colors were brilliant against the dark grayness of the day. As I was about to release it, I heard a voice calling me from the bridge above. It was a gray haired gentleman and he was wearing a camera around his neck. My first thought was, "What is this nut doing out here in the pouring rain"? I figured him to be a tourist, looking for a candid shot of another idiot out in the storm. He asked me if I could hold the fish there so he could scale down the bank

to take a picture. I shrugged and agreed, since the fish was quiet and with the 4X tippet there was little danger of breaking off my fly.

He was thrilled and took a couple of shots as I quickly lifted the fish, and then released it. He explained that he was an outdoor columnist for a local paper and had been given an assignment that morning. His story was supposed to be based on the



challenges of fishing in heavy rain and high water. Perfect weather, but he couldn't find anyone who was catching fish and was heading back to his car when he spotted me. He was curious what magic fly I had used to take the fish. I agreed to tell him, but only under the condition that he

give credit to the fly's creator. He said he certainly would, and took my name and address to send me a copy of the article. Jeff showed up then and proceeded to catch a nice brown from under the bridge, which he kindly agreed to lend me to use as a model for another photo. (The photographer seemed to think the female angler theme more effective, I guess.)

We parted ways soon after, but not before taking the time to trade stories about Montana and other various fishing destinations. The gentleman was true to his word and sent along the article, but reported that to his dismay the photos did not come out. It didn't matter; the article was well written and he related the story of how a pattern which originated in Maine, was passed on to members of a Long Island fishing club and then introduced to the mountain streams of North Carolina proved effective on a day when all else failed. Thanks, Gian.

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Pres. Paul & Julie McCain



(left) Pres. Paul presenting Anna with a LIFR plaque of appreciation.

(middle) Anna was also awarded a complete fishing outfit - rod, reel, line and all. That's proud Grandpa Cliff Dies with her.

(right) Our oldest and youngest members, Anna and recent Birthday Boy, Ed Conte



LIFR Open House

And our own winner Anna Paulin.

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TYING CORNER

Winter Black Stonefly

Article by Eric Schubert - North Idaho Fly Casters Club

Illustrations by Rann Haight - North Idaho Fly Casters Club

Stoneflies are prolific insects which are generally available to trout during most seasons of the year. When most other types of flies are dormant and not available, stoneflies can be found in fairly abundant numbers; even during the winter months. If you are very observant, you will see stonefly nymphs clinging to the tops of submerged rocks, waiting to migrate towards the shore, when weather conditions are right for their emergence.

Stoneflies emerge from the water during different times of the year depending on their individual species. They are a very significant food source for trout, as they are generally much

larger than caddisflies, mayflies, and other prevalent insect species.

Our Fly of the Month, is the Winter Black Stonefly. This pattern is one of my favorite stonefly patterns and comes from the pages of 1000 Flies, one of my favorite fly pattern resource books. The Winter Black Stonefly is very effective during the winter and early spring months and requires only a minimal amount of fly tying materials as well as fly tying skill.

For the body of this fly use a Tiemco 200R style hook. Although this hook style is primarily used for Stimulator type flies, its long hook shank and curvature makes it an ideal hook for tying any successful stonefly pattern.

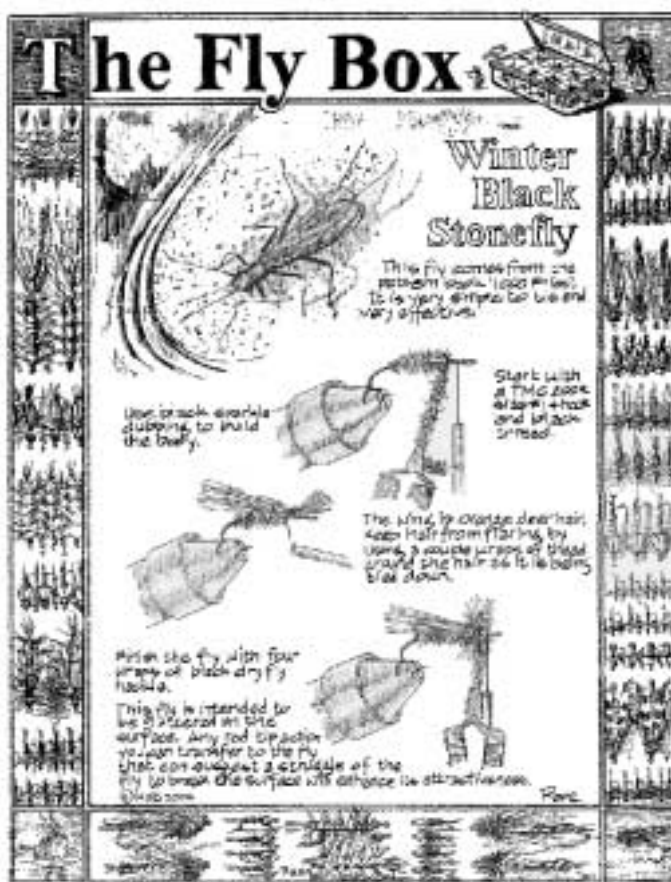
Use black Sparkle Dubbing to create the body, then a wing cleaned and stacked orange deer hair. Make sure that your deer-hair wing extends just beyond the bend of the hook. Also control the flare of the deer hair by using gentler wraps of thread. Complete the fly by wrapping three to four turns of black hackle (dry style) in the area where the wing has been tied down.

Fish this pattern anywhere you have swift water currents. Stoneflies love highly oxygenated water; and successful fly fishers actively look for these areas in which to present their stonefly patterns.

When fishing stonefly patterns, resist the urge to use flawless dry-fly presentation. Remember that stoneflies wiggle and struggle as they make their way from the river to the bank areas. Present your fly with lots of motion. You can do this by wiggling your rod tip as the fly makes its way downstream. Expert fly fisher Scott Sanchez, describes this practice best by stating that: "Dead-drifting

an adult stonefly works, but using a more active presentation should be an important part of your repertoire. An active presentation imitates both the flight-impaired male running on the surface as well as the fluttering female". Forget about drag-free presentations when using the Winter Black Stonefly.

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- 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)
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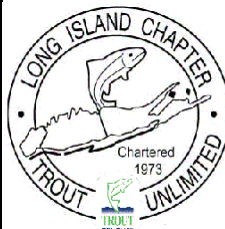
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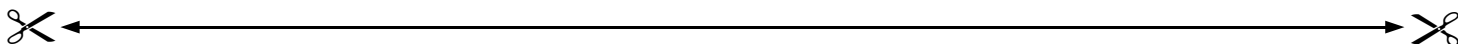
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In response to the demand for the limited spaces available for our Monday Connetquot River State Park trips, the following guidelines are in effect:

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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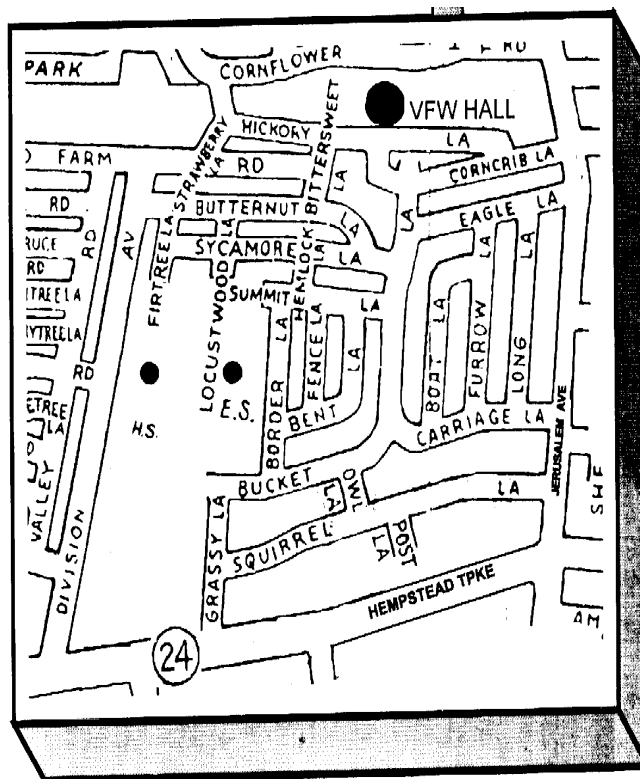
CONNETQUOT DATES - 2006

May 15	June 19	July 17
August 14	September 18	October 16

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LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS
May - 2006

- May 2 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
 Speaker: Bob Lindquist - "Why we Flyfish"
 Herman Abrams - casting demo & instruction
 LIFR Photo Contest - see Page 7 for rules
- May 6 **Housatonic River - Clean Up & Tree Planting**
 Contact: Paul McCain (516) 536-1418
- May 15 **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**
 Contact: Lee Weil (516) 997-6743
 See Page 9 for details & info
- May 19-22 **Ausable River, NY - Hungry Trout**
 Contact: Gil Padovani (732) 972-2617
 Dan Van Buskirk (516) 561-8939
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- May 23 **Board Meeting**
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