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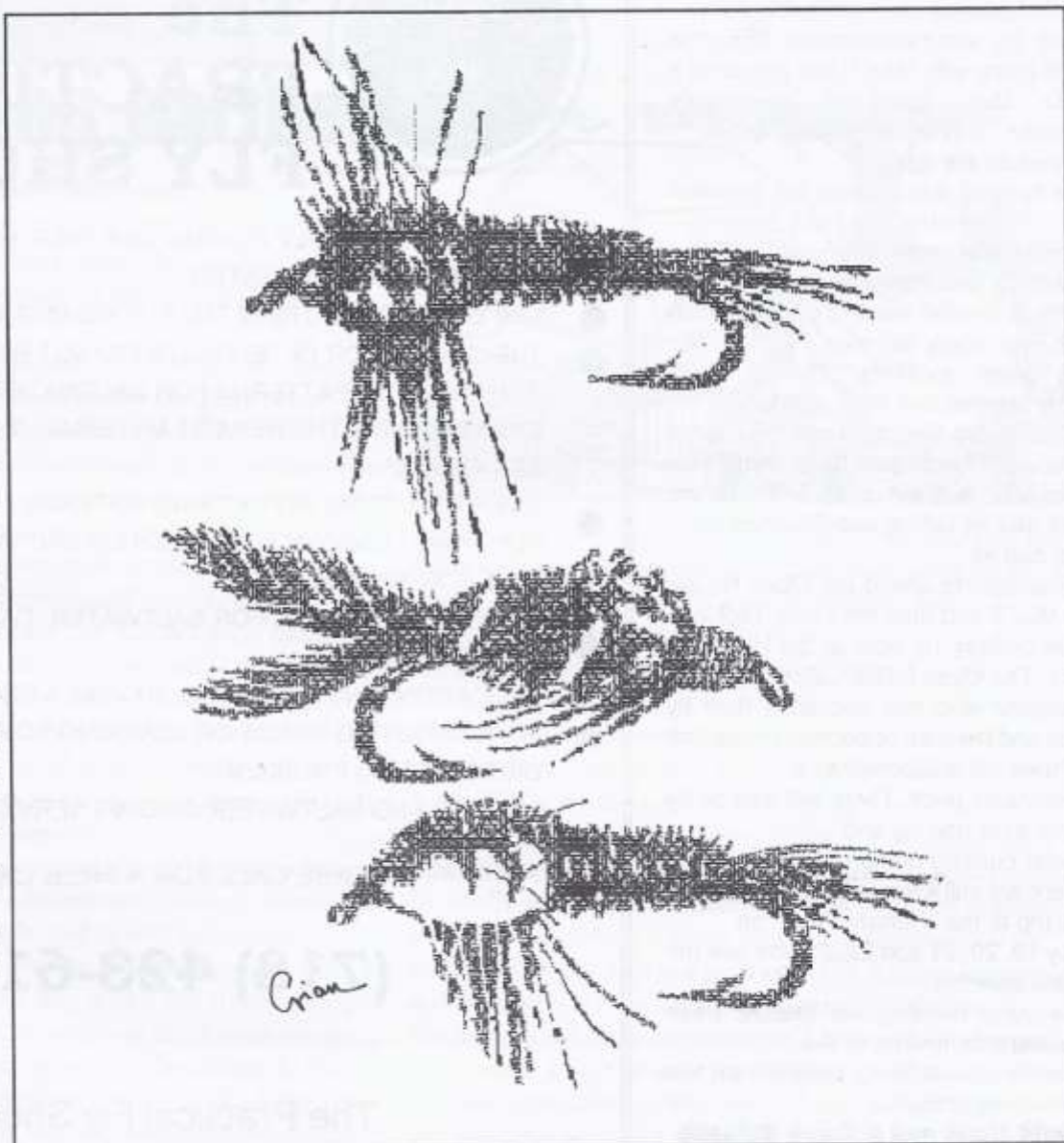
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Rejoice; Spring is all around us, flowers in bloom fill the air with sweetness, and the fly hatches are most prolific.

The April trip to the Willowemoc and Beaverkill, along with working on the Project Access was most rewarding as always. After making the various Project Access sites navigable once again for our handicapped BFF, the LIFR along with Mike Bilosi prepared a BBQ that appeased everyone's appetite...and a few hours of fishing topped off the day.

The fly tying class, under the direction of Chris Bernsten and Herb Schneiderman, was well attended and the members who participated learned many innovative ways of deceiving fish with their newly tied flies.

Our guest speakers "The O' Boys," Jerry Stercho and Mike O'Brien, truly enjoyed the afternoon they spent fishing at Connetquot State Park. Hopefully, they will do an article on the park and its fishing opportunities for one and all.

Remember to attend the Open House on May 3 and then the Used Tackle Sale on May 10, both at the Hicksville Elks. The Used tackle sale will give everyone who has upgraded their fly rods and reels an opportunity to sell off their old equipment at a reasonable price. There will also be fly tying, knot making and leader building demonstrations.

There are still a few rooms available for the trip to the "Hungry Trout" on May 19, 20, 21 and 22. Please see me at the meeting.

The June meeting will feature Keith Flusher's (innovator of the Thunder Creek flies) program on the Croton watershed.

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my fishing partner

by Gian Padovani

Being a member of a fishing club offers opportunities of meeting and being in company of others that share the same interest.

Through the years I have become close friend with several of them and we often enjoy each other's company either socially, or afield in the pleasurable quest for trout.

These fellows have also become friends of my brother who is also very much into the outdoors and a member of our club. Those who know us, my brother and I, never fail to make a comparison and often make remarks such as "This is Gian's brother, the nice one" or "You guys remind me of the Odd Couple" or "Gil is Gian's brother, the one without the accent" A remark I found a bit annoying is, "Yeah, Gil. The better looking one!" but then again, beauty is on the eyes of the beholder.

One thing is certain; my brother is a terrific person with many desirable qualities and I can see why people like him and enjoy his fishing companionship.

For obvious reasons I am close to Gil and undoubtedly he is my closest fishing partner. As the guys correctly noted we are indeed an odd couple. Gil is very methodical, calculating and precise. No impulsiveness with Gil; in contrast to me who plunges into a lake and discovers icy cold water, Gil tests it before stepping in. I guess we are different in other ways too; he wears Abercromie & Fitch outdoor clothes, while I prefer to get my wardrobe at thrift shops. He likes farinaceous women like Dolly Parton or Lonie Anderson, and I prefer Cybil Sheperd and Jody Foster...if you get my jest.

Gil smokes a custom blend tobacco in his hand crafted pipe,

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while I puff away on generic brand cigarettes. Incidentally, did you ever see my brother with more than a few hours beard growth? On our trips to Maine you could always spot Gil's room in the cabin we rented; the bed made-up and everything stored in drawers. Matt Handelman and I shared the same room, because like me, he is somewhat more carefree. My brother however referred to us as the 'Slobs' in "that" pestiferous room. I think our professions tells the story as well; I became an artist, while Gil chose computer programming. To go camping with my brother is an experience itself and it is difficult to believe that his immaculate tent was purchased close to thirty years ago. But then again, you must be there to see how Gil sets it up and takes it down. Everything is always kept labeled, clean, impeccable and properly stored. There is even a little rug outside the tent, for shoes to be wiped, so that no litter is allowed to mar the chaste ambiance of the interior. By contrast, once Gil joined me at MY tent, and couldn't restrain saying that I could also



use a rug, to keep litter from SOILING THE OUTSIDE!!! Obviously, we also fish differently, although we abide by the stream etiquette code and never infringe on each's other spot, unless we decide to share it.

Gil rarely switches to wet flies and whereas I usually cast a few times here and there, constantly eyeing other areas (the grass always looks greener on the other side...until you get there,) my brother selects a likely spot and fishes it until he gets satisfaction. God forbids if he detects a rise! With the patience of a stalking feline, the omnipresent pipe affixed on his lower jaw, he will cast and re-cast until he finally gets his fish. I have seen him poised at one spot, literally for hours, so that he could finally outsmart a six inch trout! If the fish is a good one, Gil remains impassive and only after the fact, you will learn about the feat.

For inexplicable reasons whenever I have a strike (forget about when I HOOK into a good fish) I have to make a commotion about it. You are probably wondering how two brothers, so unlike each other, can be inseparable fishing partners. I believe that although we ARE complacent we still admire each other's differences.

We realize that to a trout, and that's what is important, we are not different, just two guys to watch out for.



Editorially

Just as I wondered if I would get any writings from the members, the postman delivered an article from Tom Rusiecki, along with two flies for me to try out. Thanks Tom...and how about Purple Passion?

In the past Jack Hingher has also contibuted interesting fly tying articles and he too, has included "gift" flies. Several days ago I received a package from Jack and by its size I figured he had sent me either a boxfull of flies, a fly tying vise...or a time bomb! Imagine my surprise then, when I opened the parcel and discovered two whole smoked fish! Jack apologetically included a note, saying that if I didn't like them, maybe some stray cats would. Sorry cats!!!

The Flyrodder is a more interesting publication when the stories are from different sources. The fact that I reside in North Carolina shouldn't make much difference; it is only a 32 cents stamp away. You could fax your articles to me at (704) 627-1797, OR if you have a computer with a modem, you may want to investigate America On Line. I have taken advantage of their 30 days intro offer, with ten free hours, and it is a easy way to exchange files. Warning: If you live in a rural area the call could be considered long distance! (This is what happened to me and I had to discontinue it, until a local access number is available) Naturally in Long Island, you won't have this problem, and if you want to investigate the program, call them at 1-800-827-6364, Preferred costumer #10448.

It was nice seeing the McCains down here, and also the O'Connors. Morris was on his way home from Florida, and Neal has relocated in Maryville, Tennessee an hour and a half away from me. Well, at least ONE flyrodder will do some fishing with me this year!

The Purple Sage

by Tom Rusiecki

Each morning (except when fishing away from home) I usually stop at a local coffee chop for a coffee and buttered roll. Since, that stop is almost always at the same time, I meet the same group of customers. One of these people is a fellow named Carl and he claims to be a Cherokee Indian Chief. We usually discuss our hobbies and Carl is aware of my fly fishing activities.

Carl makes his own headdresses and beaded outfits, which he wears when he participates in local parades and other activities.

One day he gave me some matching mallard wing feathers and marabou feathers (black, red, white, and purple), explaining that he needed drawer space.

I had used red, black and white in tying flies, but never purple.

I sat down to tie some flies one winter day and seeing the purple marabou feathers, I thought what kind of fly could I tie with that.

Deciding on a streamer, I tied it in the following fashion:

Hook: # 8 streamer

Thread: Black

Tail: Purple marabou feather

Body: Lavender rug yarn

Rib: Flat silver tinsel

Wing: White swan wing feather

I put three of the flies in my box and forgot about them. In

February the club went to Connetquot and I tried station # 11.

I was fishing nymphs and in a half hour I was graced with one

tap; having tried about a half dozen flies. Time again to change

my tactics; I pulled out my streamers, spotted the purple flies and figured what the heck. On

went the fly Having done this I decided to have a cigarette but you

can't catch fish when your line is dry, so I cast the line down river past the platform, let out some line and tucked the rod under my right arm. I slipped my forearm under the rod and line, unzipped my jacket, reached in the left pocket of the flannel shirt, pulled out a butt, placed it in my mouth, reached in the right pocket for the lighter, lit up and as I was replacing the lighter I took the hit. It was dumb luck that I had the presence of mind to jerk up my forearm and set the hook. After about ten minute fight, I was able to net the brown trout. It was about 5 1/2 lbs. and that made my day! Having taken the hook out and releasing that gorgeous fish, I stood waist deep in the water and thought this fly deserved a good name. Since my start was the purple marabou feather and Carl the donor, claimed Indian heritage what better name than something western? having read few outdoor books I decided to call it "The Purple Sage after Zane Grey's novel. The Purple Sage continued to attract trout. Two years later, I stopped for the usual coffee and roll, and looking at a local paper to my surprise there was Carl's picture on the front page. Curious, I read the accompanying article and to my astonishment I found he had been arrested in New Jersey for molesting two fifteen year old girls. In addition the Cherokee Nation said he was NOT one of theirs. The "Purple Sage" was tainted! I made a decision, keep the fly but, change the name. Now you know the source of my "PURPLE PERVERT".



Carl

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GET LOST!

by Gian Padovani

I was having a small argument with a friend when finally, losing her patience, she exploded: "Why don't you get lost!" I thought about it for a second and all I could mutter was, "Yeah, and where!" Years ago I was big game fishing 50 miles off Montauk Point and my friend who owned the fully equipped Berthram, asked for my suggestions on where to head for. Since I had no ideas, he asked if I wanted to try the area where we had caught a Mako the previous trip. Finding the spot presented no problems, since it had been duly recorded and marked on a chart. With the aid of LORAN we literally navigated to within a few feet where the shark had been hooked a week before. Today petty criminals are released on parole, their whereabouts monitored by an electronic ankle bracelet, not unlike the tiny transmitters used to monitor the movement of wildlife. Remember Dick Tracy, the comic book detective? His radio/tv watch was considered far out, but it is a reality today.

My nephew Chris, an avid outdoorman, has lost his freedom to a beeper. Even when we go up to the Catskill he can be reached by his employer and to make things worst, he can call back with his cellular phone! But there is more. If you look through the pages of outdoor catalogs you will see that a main feature are tiny satellite receivers that can virtually pinpoint the location you are standing on! Obviously if you know where you are, you not lost. As a matter of fact, I did get lost (well, almost) a couple of times on my second trip to the Amazon region. But I did have a compass and if nothing else it told us that by traveling northward we would eventually reach the main river. Is the compass a thing of the past? We have reached the stage where with few pocketable instruments we can pinpoint where we are, the correct elevation, how the weather is going to be and communicate with others all over the world. My answer is not WHERE to get lost but HOW!

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by Matt Handelman

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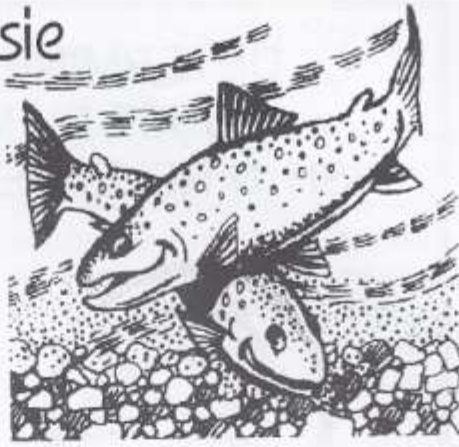
I'm scared! I'm afraid! Where am I? It's so dark and I'm so small! It's cold down here and I'm hungry. Look, there's things crawling over there, let me check it out. Yummy, I don't know what it is, but it certainly tastes good. I think I'll have another. I think I'm getting bigger. I do feel stronger.

April 1991:

I'm strong, and quite a bit bigger than before. I can swim faster now than I ever could. There's a big rock, I think I'll swim down there. Oh, this is nice, I don't have to fight all this water if I stay behind this rock. Hey look, there's someone that looks just like me. Hey you, come over here, I want to see you better. Look at all those pink and blue dots on you; If I really look like that, I'm beautiful. Look at that, coming from around the side of the rock, it's a stonefly. I saw it first, it's mine. Did you know that if you swim up you run out of water? No? Well don't try it. It hurts when you run out of water but sometime you can get a lot of food up there. Come on, let's try. Now look up and try to see bugs and stuff floating down. Look there's one now, gulp, that was good. Here comes another. You take it. Good isn't it? You know, I can't keep calling you, "hey you" Let see, I know, I'll call you Brooksy. Yea, Brooksy.

Sept. 1991:

Hey Brooksy you're sure getting big. You must be close to twelve inches long by now. I have a



great idea. Let's go on up to that fallen tree, I bet there'll be lots of food for us but, careful Brooksy, we don't want to scare those little wiggly things before we have had a chance to eat some. They look kinda like us, but who cares, I'm hungry again. Come on let's do it. Yum, gulp, gulp. Boy what a dinner that was. Uum, uum good. Brooksy, we can stay here all day and just eat.

April 1992:

Boy Brooksy we're really getting big; we must be fourteen inches long now. I feel really strong. I can swim and scoot but the more I swim the more I want to eat.

June 1992:

Hey Brooksy look at what's floating down this way. Looks like a Hellgrammite. Why don't you take it Brooksie, go ahead, go for it. Hey, what's wrong Brooksy? What's happening? Come on stop fooling around, let's go. Why are you swimming around like that? Hey, this isn't funny ya know.

Stop swimming toward the surface. That's it come on. Hey, where are you going? Hey, come back here. Where could Brooksy have gone? I can't find him. Oh, he'll come back. I'll just wait for him and maybe have some- thing to eat. Yum, Caddis, uum good, fly, uum good, a big fat juicy Caddis Pupae. Look at all those Caddis flies floating by. Boy what a dinner.

Sept. 1992:

Brooksy never came back. I wonder where he went. He left without saying good-bye. Ay,

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Caddis Pupae. Look at all those Caddis flies floating by. Boy what a dinner.

Sept. 1992:

Brooksie never came back. I wonder where he went. He left without saying good-bye. Ay, who cares about him anyway, I'll just have some dinner. Look at that stonefly nymph, big and fat and juicy. Just let it come down a little further and, cchhlumph. Hey, what's that pulling me? I gotta get outa here. Over there, that stump, I'll go around it and get away. Swim, swim hard, around the stump, that's it. Oh, I don't know what it was but at least it's not pulling me anymore. I gotta rest behind that rock and I'll be back to normal.

May 26, 1993:

I'm the biggest, strongest and fastest thing in this river. I think I'll go over by that rocky place and have some breakfast. Caddis Pupae or maybe a Stonefly or two. Caddis Pupae, they sure are good. What's that I hear? "Hey Gil, this looks like a good spot." "Try it, what are you using?" "I'm using a black stonefly on top and a green serendipity on bottom" I said. What was that? I never heard anything like that before. I don't know what it was but it'll go away. Now that's what I call a good looking Pupae. It's green and it's going to turn into an adult; It has a little wing coming out of it. I'll get this bugger. Cchhlumph! Hey it's pulling me again!! It's pulling hard! Go down, down, deep! Once I reach the bottom I'll be home free. Told you I'm strong, this isn't so hard. Hey, what's going on here? It's got me again! I'm scared! I'm really

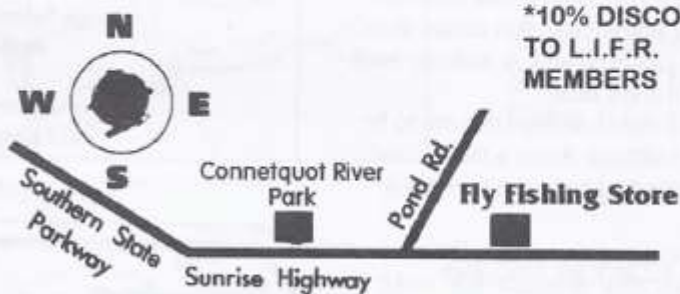
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FLY TYING TIPS

by Dean Molzhan

Here are some tips that I have picked up from others and some that have evolved on their own...

When tying bodies of wrapped Peacock Herl on nymphs and dries, make sure you rib the body with fine wire or even some tying thread. This will greatly increase the durability of the fly.

When tying-in deer hair clumps for wings/tails, make one or two tight wraps around the butt end of the material before tying onto the hook-shank (Borger method) Make sure you "pinch" the wraps tightly to the hook-shank as you bind it to the hook. If done correctly, the hair will not flare much and it will be much harder for it to "pull out" A bit of head cement or Zap-A-Gap/Crazy Glue at the wrap point, helps a lot also.

If you tie a lot of smallish flies (#16-#24) you want a thread that does not build up heavily and is extremely strong. For its diameter, 8/0 Uni-Thread (It is marketed under different names) is the best thread that I have used for trout flies. Unlike other threads that unravel and untwist themselves when tying, this thread stays tight. You can even nick it with the hook point and it frays little.

When tying deer hair flies that are to be spun, DO NOT put down a thread base. You can spin hair better on bare hook shanks.

When tying marabou tails on Woolly Buggers and their generic types, make sure the tailing material is tied ON TOP of the hook shank and does not roll when you tie it in. If the marabou is under the shank it will get caught up in the bend of the hook and the action of the fly will be severely decreased.

When tying in barbell eyes/weights on the hook shank, remember to position the tie-in point at the middle of the bar between the eyes. After building in a decent amount of X wraps around the barbell shank, make 4 or 5 tight wraps incircling the barbell between it and the hook shank. A few more wraps to protect the tension threads and wind back to start your tail. Coat the wraps with head cement or Zap-A-Gap/Crazy Glue. This method will greatly increase the durability of the eyes, especially when the fly bounces on rocks. Tight lines.

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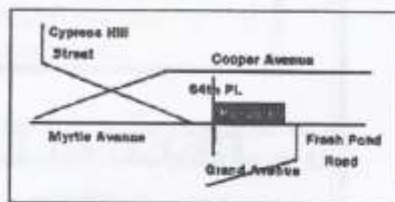
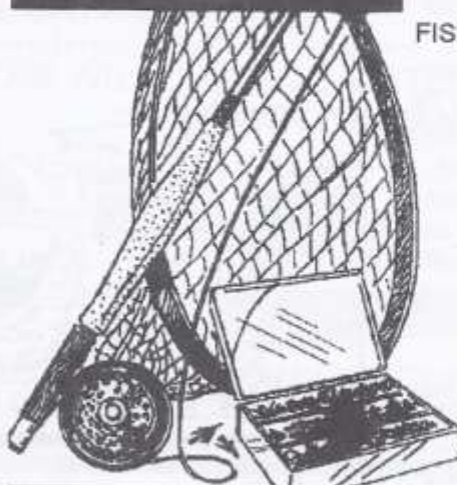
strong, this isn't so hard. Hey, what's going on here? It's got me again! I'm scared! I'm really scared now! It's pulling me up to the top. Hey, let go of me, let go! "Gil, I got one. Maybe fifteen inches. Get the camera!" I don't know what that is but I'll get away. I am going to cut over to that stump. It worked last time, but I'm so tired now. It's pulling me up and I don't have the strength to get away. What's that? It's got five things coming from it. Hey, let go of me. Let me go!!! That sound again. "Get the tape Gil, this is a big one, sixteen inches I bet." Help, help!!! I'm out of the water. It hurts, oh boy does it hurt. Help me! Help me! "Fifteen inches, it will make a nice picture Gil." What's that, the thing is letting me go. Oh, thank you, thank you so much. I'm free and back in the water and I'm never going to let that happen again. No, not ever.

NYMPHS

This month's cover shows three nymphs, a sampling of some of the most effective artificial flies ever created. Fishing with dry flies may be fun, but especially early in the season, no one can dispute the importance of the nymphs. If you do a lot of fishing you must know that trout do most of their feeding under the surface, and that the bulk of their food are aquatic insects in their nymphal stage.

Fish the nymphs a bit deeper in the early season, either by weighting them or by using a sink tip line.

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SHOWTIME

by Allan Manz

The Fly Fishing Show at Somerset, New Jersey on Jan. 27 - 29 and the L.I. Coliseum on Feb. 2 - 5 enabled the doldrums of winter to pass quickly. The L.I.F.R. were given an opportunity at both shows to run raffles and solicit new members. This turned out to be quite successful...our membership is now over 450. I personally wish "a bend of the rod and a screaming reel" to all the B.F.F. who set up and worked the L.I.F.R. booth at both shows. Herman Abrams, the designer and builder of our portable display booth and coordinator of manpower for both shows last year, deserves a Golden Trout. Without his leadership this year, the manning and setup of our booths was left to the same few B.B.F., who also deserve a Golden Trout. Gil Padovani made up the raffle sign for the Somerset Show and worked the booth all three days three days. Herb Schneiderman and Stu Minsky also worked the booth on all three days at Somerset and were top raffle salesmen. Dean Molzhan, Ron La Chase and Paul McCain each spent a day relieving Gil, Herb and Stu. The Fly Fishing Show at the Nassau Coliseum produced a lot of new members. This was mainly due to the glib lips of Ed Conte, George Simon, Ron Roy, Herman Abrams and myself. Each of the above BFF were at the show each day for a minimum of six hours. George Simon made up a unique map listing all of the club's trips for the year and placed the dates in each state. Ron La Chase, Gil Padovani and I brought our mounted fish for display. Paul McCain demonstrated fly tying while helping out at the booth. When it came time to close the show, young George Simon and Mike Bilosi dismantled and carried everything out under the guidance of Herman Abrams and Ed Conte. P.S. To any and all of my BFF whose names I neglected to mention, I wish you a Screaming Reel! The shows have ended.

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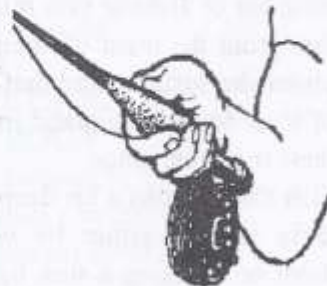
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