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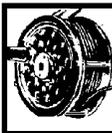


God Bless America

The February club meeting had a low turnout of members due to the snow and tough driving conditions, but despite this, about 30 members did show and the election of the officers and board for 2009 was held. Congratulations to **Vice President Sue Solomon, Secretary Lee Weil, Treasurer Jim Foley, and newly elected Board Members Tom Cooleen, Bill Gordon** and returning member **Bob Picciano**. As the re-elected President, I am privileged, and look forward, to serve with these folks and the rest of the board (see the web site and newsletter for a complete list of board members); for without this talented and dedicated team our club would not function.

Many of our members traveled to the Fly Fishing Show in Somerset NJ in late January, and many spent time at our club booth selling raffle tickets and spreading the word about LIFR membership. Thanks to all who participated, and we picked up a few new members at the show. Another show was held at SUNY Farmingdale in late January, and I wish to thank the members who worked our club booth there as well.

I had the fortunate opportunity to travel to Andros Island in the Bahamas for a business trip in early February. Andros, being considered the bone fishing capital of the world, mandated that I extend my trip a



President's message

few days to get in a little fly fishing for these speedsters. While the weather was on the cold side (low sixties, with high winds bringing the chill down to the forties), I was able to hook up many times and landed more than two dozen fish over 3 days. Below is a picture of one fish that took me deep into the line backing more than once.



OK, I showed off enough, see you at the March meeting!! *Tight Lines*
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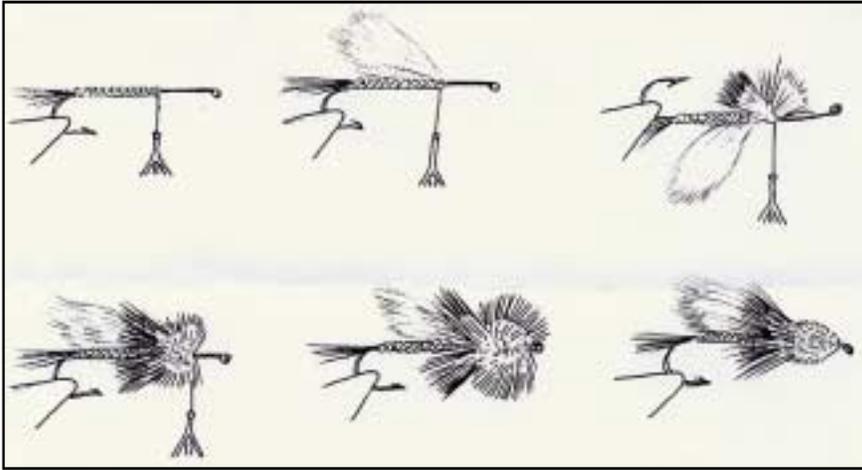
FoFYour Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



Tying The Marabou Muddler

One of my favorite patterns for early spring and stained water is the Marabou Muddler. It's marabou wing provides excellent action and the spun deer hair head and collar push water and produce a diving/swimming effect. You can tie it in any variety of colors, since marabou comes in such a wide range, but my favorites are yellow, white, olive and black. It is normally tied with natural deer hair, but you can tie it with dyed deer hair as well.



- Hook:** Streamer, size # 10 - # 2
- Thread :** 3/0 or heavier, same color as head
- Body:** Silver or gold braid
- Wing :** Marabou
- Tail:** Red Saddle Hackle fibers
- Collar & Head:** Deer body hair

1. Build thread base from bend to 1/3 of shank before eye and back. Tie in tail of red saddle hackle fibers. Wrap over butts up to 1/3 of hook shank from eye. Tie in body braid and wrap thread over braid along top of shank to tail and back. Wrap braid up to 1/3 from eye and tie off.
2. Choose tip of marabou feather for wing and tie on top of braid, being careful not to cover the 1/3 of bare shank. Add drop of cement. Invert hook in vise.
3. Cut and stack bundle of deer hair. Measure against the bottom of the shank, tips pointed toward rear of hook, so tips are even with point of hook. Switch hands and holding bundle against tie in point make one and a half wraps of thread. Pull down on bobbin, but keep bundle in place, so hair flares around bottom half of hook ONLY. Push hair back and make one thread wrap in front. Turn hook right side up and repeat for top, flaring tips over marabou wing.
4. Spin 2 or 3 more bundles of hair, filling front 1/3 of shank to eye. Whip finish.
5. Trim head into cone shape, being careful not to clip hair tips on collar.

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Take a Buddy Fishing

Meet Flat LIFR. He's Flat Stanley's cousin and an avid fly fisherman. As a new Flyrodder, he is eager to accompany you on your fly fishing trips.

Although not willing to share the cost of your trip, Flat LIFR will otherwise be a good companion. His sunny disposition won't fade if he doesn't catch fish and he won't comment on your casting ability. He doesn't snore, either.

All Flat LIFR asks is that you take him along and photograph him on your fishing adventure. At the end of the year, turn in your photos showing where you took Flat LIFR and we'll see who came up with the most creative way to show him in a fly fishing setting.

Remember, this is all in good, clean fun and the pictures should reflect that. If you're interested in taking this buddy fishing, see **Susan Solomon**.



ATTENTION: JUNIOR FLY TYERS (or wannabees)

*Here's your chance to learn
to tie flies.*

We will be holding our **Junior Fly Tying Class on Saturday, March 7th at the Levittown VFW Hall.** The session will start at 12:00

noon and run approximately 3 hours.

You will learn to tie three patterns, including a caddis pupa, a nymph and a dry fly. There's nothing as cool as catching a fish on a fly you tied yourself.

This class is open to juniors from 10 to 16 years of age. We will provide all materials, vises and tools, free of charge.

To sign up (and you do have to sign up) and for further information, please call **Wolfgang Porte at 516-741-2342.**

You can also sign up at the March 3rd meeting.

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**2009 LIFR Annual Ladies Casting Clinic
Saturday, April 4th**

**Welcome Ladies
to the 2009 Ladies Casting clinic!**

Here's the chance to warm up your casting arm for the upcoming season. If you're a novice you can learn to cast a fly rod in a casual, friendly session, with some of the club's best instructors. If you're an experienced caster and want to brush up on your double haul, you can get as serious as you want. Either way, we've always had a good time and thanks to **Mike Gelber**, an excellent lunch as well. If you don't have a rod and reel we can provide one for you. Anyone from 9 to 90 is welcome to join us, but this clinic is for ladies only.

This year's clinic will be held on **Saturday, April 4th** at the **Levittown VFW Hall** on Hickory Lane, where we hold our regular meetings. We will start at **10:30 a.m.** and practice our casting till 12:30, when Chef Gelber will serve lunch. After lunch we'll return to casting, and maybe some fun and games, to be announced!

To sign up for this event (and you do need to be signed up to participate), please call **Lee Weil** at **516-997-6743**, or you may sign up at the March meeting. **The deadline for sign up is March 28th.**

Every second Tuesday of the month, from November thru March, we meet at Pancho's Border Grill and just tie flies.

We start at 7PM and anybody is invited to tie flies of their choice, learn new techniques, upgrade their skills by watching some of the experts, or just having a light supper with fellow club tiers. (Cost for the food is \$12 dollars)

We even have a "Favorite Fly" program where one member will tie the fly of their choice, hand out recipies for that fly and give hints and directions for a successful completion of the fly and how to fish it.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Wolfgang Porté, at 516.741.2342 or whporte@optonline.net Hope to see you at Pancho's,

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The Long Island Flyrodders

Sadly announce the recent passing
of two long-time members of the club:

**John Herman
Frank Mendolia.**

They will be greatly missed.

**ELDRED FISHING TRIP
JULY 26 – 27, SUNDAY & MONDAY**

We have been running this trip four years in a row and it always turned out to be a nice trip every time. We caught a variety of fish – bass, big blue gills, big crappie, pickerel, as well as some nice trout. The accommodations were very good and the food was excellent.

Eldred is located approximately two-and-a-half hours from New York City and it is a pleasant ride. This is also a great trip to bring family and friends and to introduce children to fishing.

The cost of the trip is as follows: We have a boat package, which includes a room, double occupancy, and the use of a bass boat for \$135.00 tax included. If you do not want to enter the bass contest then the cost of a room, double occupancy, is \$96.00 tax included. If you share either package with someone it will cost you half the price. If you need an extra cot in the room the cost is an additional \$8.00. Gordon Mueller and Joe Caroleo are running the trip. If you are interested in going on the trip or need further information, please contact us at any membership meeting or call us.

**Joe Caroleo, (718) 845-4225
Gordon Mueller, (516) 850-3689.**

On Sunday we will be fishing at a local lake. You can rent a row boat or fish from shore. You can also picnic or swim at the beach area. A pass for the day costs \$3.00 for nonresidents. You can also fish other local waters which are nearby. You have the Delaware River, Mongaup Pond and Rondout Reservoir. Early Monday morning we will have a bass fishing contest. As part of the package we will be using bass boats for the bass fishing contest.

Eldred has two large trout ponds. One pond is Catch and Keep. It is stocked with trout. You will have free access to this pond. Whatever trout you catch you keep but you must pay \$6.25 per pound for the trout. You can have your trout cleaned and packed in ice for your trip home. The cost for this service is fifty cents per fish. The other pond is Catch and Release. It is stocked with trout and big catfish. It is for fly fishing only, barbless hooks only. The cost for this pond is \$12.50 per person and you can fish all day.



**Natchaug River Camping Trip
May 1 – 3, 2009**

Come join LIFR members on a new adventure to the Natchaug River in Ct. It's a 3 hr. drive to the Nickerson Park Family Campground in Chaplin – if you don't stop at Cabela's in East Hartford, first.

The river, which is accessible from the campground, is in the trophy trout management area. It is easily wadable and no more than 75' across at its widest.

Cost of the trip, **per person**, is as follows:
1 adult per tent/camper is \$75.,
2 adults per tent/camper is \$60.,
3 adults per tent/camper is \$50.
Price includes 2 nights camping charges, dinner Friday night, breakfasts and pack-your-own lunches on Saturday and Sunday. Additional expenses are Saturday night dinner at a local restaurant and a Connecticut fishing license: (\$16. for 3 days or \$40. for the year).

All money must be received by March 13

Contact Howie or Susan Solomon (516)997-9451, mrhsolomon@aol.com or mrssolomon@aol.com

An advertisement for Reynolds House Inn & Motel. It features a photograph of a two-story house with a porch. The text includes the name 'Reynolds House Inn & Motel', the hosts 'Sue & Lou, Hosts', the address '1934 Old Rd. 17, Box 308 Roscoe, N.Y. 12776', the phone number '607-498-1122', and the website 'www.ReynoldsHouseInn.com'.

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AN ARTICLE FOR THE FLYRODDER

By John P. Manz

My brother Al called the other day and requested a story for the Flyrodder. All I could think of—was that it was February 7th and there was a foot of frozen snow on the ground—but he's my brother so here it is.

The last time he made this request I ventured out into the frozen water's of the Farmington River—but I was not about to make that mistake again!

I looked at my fly tying bench gathering dust in the corner—no story there. Next stop my tackle bag which could have developed into “A funny thing happened to me on the way to Cabela's”—but aside from my brother I doubt if anyone would be interested in my shopping experience at Cabela's East Hartford Ct. store.

So I find I have to draw deep in my memory for a day last fall when fate led me to my “catch of the day.”

I had been placed on furlough from work and managed to squeeze in one day of fishing between home projects and grand children.

The weather was perfect with a clear blue sky and temperatures in the mid sixties.

As I passed “Church Pool” on the Farmington River I was made quickly aware that I would not be alone on what should have been a lightly fished work day. Cars pretty much occupied every spot along the west side of the river. As I passed over the bridge in Riverton a couple of kayakers were setting up for a run down the river. My favorite dirt patch above the “Pipeline Pool” was occupied by a pickup truck—so the process of elimination had me casting my line over the head water of “Witernmore Pool”.

My quiet reverie was broken by a couple of Italians speaking in their native tongue. They came splashing around the bend in shorts and tee shirts dragging a net that would easily handle a large Striped Bass.

Without skipping a beat in their animated conversation they dropped their worms about eight feet on each side of my line (I can only guess that this was their fishing hole)—so I worked my way upstream to the next hole and was treated to my kayakers practicing maneuvers.

Having given into fate I picked up and was making my way back home when I found my dirt patch unoccupied. I worked my way down toward “Pipeline Pool” staying close to the bank so I wouldn't get in trouble in the fast moving water.

The action was slow so I added weight to try to get my bugs closer to the bottom. As my line passed a boulder in mid stream I felt a tug. No big splash—no

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lightning run down river—just a tug—to which I tugged back. My brain processed—well you found the bottom—but then the bottom moved!

Thus began the tug of war. Eventually my quarry decided to find out who was on the other end of the line. As the trout passed by my waders—my first thought was that I could sure use the Italian's net.

Happiness set in that day as I watched the 20" Brown Trout slowly reclaim his spot in the river (although it did look like he or she could have used a walker).





The Long Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at:
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Thanks, Morty



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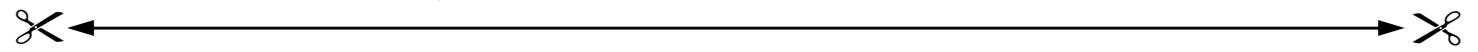
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Members attending the meetings have first priority, followed by those members, chronologically received, who call in the day after the meeting for the remaining spaces available. Reservations are available for 32 anglers for each session; 64 for both sessions. The cost of each session is \$20.00. No checks will be accepted;

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No advance reservations will be accepted.

Hours: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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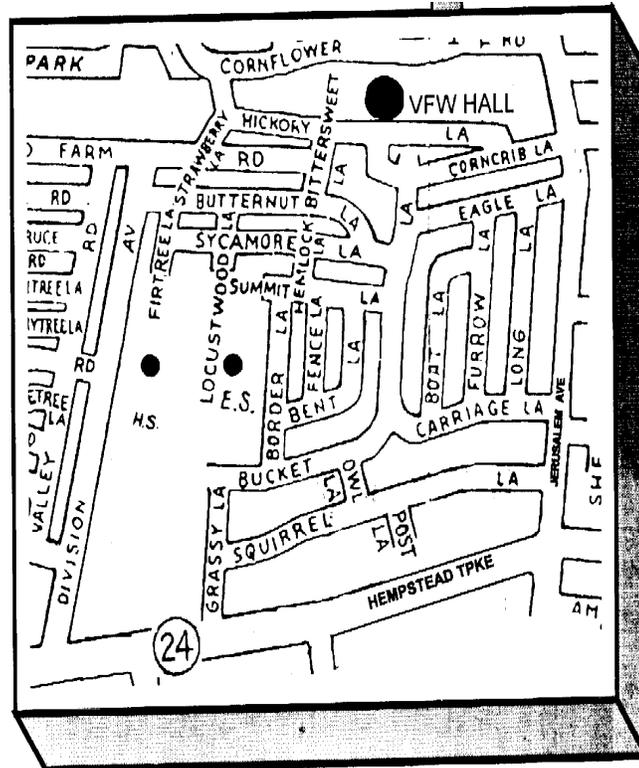
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Only members with 4 weight rods or larger will be allowed to fish on the Monday Sessions

LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS

March - 2009

- March 3 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
Michael McAuliffe & John Collins
"Fly Fishing in New Jersey"
- March 7 **Junior Fly Tying Class**
Contact: Wolfgang Porté (516) 741-2342
See page 4 for details & info
- March 10 **Fly Tying at Pancho's**
See page 5 for details & info
- March 16 **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**
Contact: Lee Weil (516)997-6743
- March 24 **Board Meeting**
7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall



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