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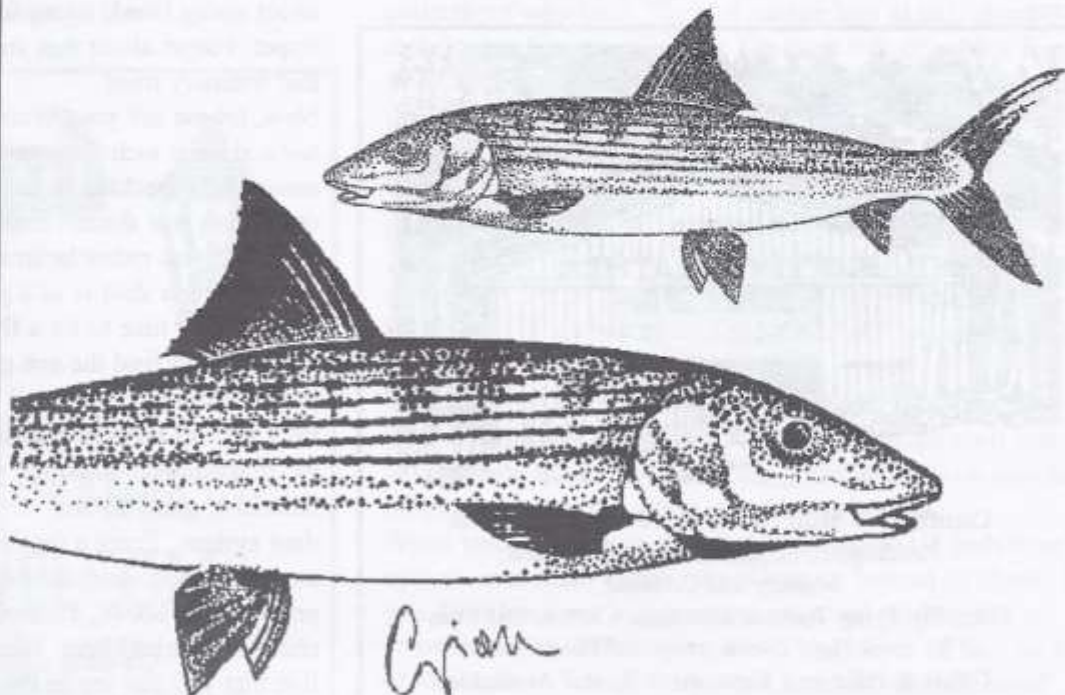


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This Month's Meeting: Nov. 6, 2001



are you ready for bonefishing?



This Month's Guest Speaker:

Captain Tom Cornicelli
of Back Bay Charter
"Salt Water Fishing on Long Island"



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President's message

With a heavy heart, I opened our meeting on October the 2nd with the pledge of allegiance and a minute of silence for the many victims lost in an unspeakable disaster. And now, I move on to more pleasant subjects. Lee gave a wonderful presentation on fishing the upper Hudson River for Smallmouth Bass. From all the slides shown, she worked quite hard catching all the fish. Also, the river layout was very interesting to see. Thanks again for a job well done.

I am always impressed by the number of board members and Department chairs who show up at our board meetings. A number of clubs, to which I am also a member, are lucky if two or three Directors show. In this respect, I would like to thank all of you. On Sunday, October 7th, Lee Weil and I worked with a group of women who belong to "Casting for Recovery". It was extremely satisfying to see the enthusiasm shown by these women when

catching their first trout on a fly rod in a stream. I am glad that we, as members of our club, can give something back to our community by volunteering. In the afternoon, my wife and I attended a party given by the "Friends of Connetquot" My wife, Doris, and I want to thank the Club for sending us as representatives. We had a great time. At the November 6th meeting, I would like to set up the Trip Committees.

Anyone interested in running a trip, should meet at the VFW Hall at about 7 P.M. Now is also a good time to think about cleaning your equipment before putting it away for the winter.

Good Fishing,
Herman



Bonefishing *by Gian Padovani*

Hey, there is nothing like it! Bonefishing, I mean. Forget about wading in icy cold water, in the cold weather. Forget about going blind, trying to tie on a size 20 fly with a 6X tippet. Forget about that strike and that two minute fight with that hatchery trout.

Now, let me ask you; Wouldn't you rather have a fish, let's say a sixteen inch dynamo that can strip all of your line and some of the backing in its first run? And this is with the drag on! A fish that doesn't know what giving up means? Wouldn't you rather be in an area where the only reason you are wearing a shirt is as a protection against the sunlight? Wouldn't be nice to tie a fly to your leader without squinting and trying to find the eye of a hook? Bonefishing is the perfect introduction to salt water fly fishing and can be done right here in Florida, USA. You may have already a 7 or 8 wt. graphite rod, although you may have to spring for a REALLY good fly reel. Or a reel with a really good disk drag system. Tying a few proven flies is a cinch, since they are not microscopic and the patterns are very simple. All you need are the hooks, a couple of bucktails and a package of chain or dumbbell eyes. When you fish, you actually cast to a fish that you can see in the clear water bottom. It is called sight casting. Bonefish travel in schools or "pods" as some anglers call them. Thus, you cast the fly ahead or behind the school, hoping a bonefish will go for it. The procedure is to cast, let the fly sink to the bottom, and strip and stop, strip and stop. This causes the fly to settle back unto the sand, before hopping to the next spot. In the process, when the fly hits the bottom it creates puffs of sand, which to a bonefish represent a scurrying shrimp. The take may be hard or gentle, BUT, the moment the fish feels the sting of the hook, it behaves like a lit firecracker!



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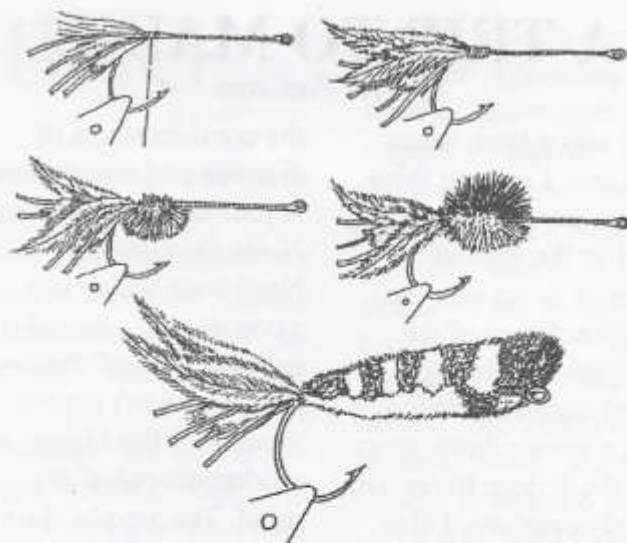


THE POPPING PERCH

by Lee Weil

If you look up the word "Tenacious" in the dictionary you will find a picture of the Smallmouth bass. These fish are without a doubt the hardest fighting freshwater adversary on the planet. They will strike any type of fly or lure with a vengeance, and once hooked will battle to the bitter end, often throwing the hook back in your face just as you bring them to hand. These qualities make them my favorite quarry, and I will go to great lengths to pursue them. As for choosing your

arsenal, I prefer to use a 7 weight or higher rod, as these fish will fight to the point of exhaustion if played on a light rod. Since they are so aggressive they will take almost any pattern, but one of the flies I tied this year seemed to be especially effective, especially during the early morning. I call it the "Popping Perch" because of it's action and color. It is a very basic fly and if you have learned to spin deer hair you should have no trouble. If you haven't learned to spin, then it's time to learn!



LEE'S POPPING PERCH :

Materials:

Streamer or Stinger hook, Size 2

Deer Body Hair, Green, Yellow, White and Red (Optional)

4 Dark Green Saddle Hackles

White rubber legs material

Thread suitable for Spinning (Any color)

Make a thread base on your hook shank. This will keep the hair from spinning completely around the hook; you'll understand why later. Tie in 4 rubber legs at tail, about 14 inch longer than you hackles. On each side of rubber legs tie in 2 of the saddle hackles, splayed outward. Keep the tied in materials as sparse as possible. A) Turn fly upside down in vise and tie in a bunch of white deer hair on bottom of hook directly under tied in materials, allowing it to flare by pulling thread tight and holding the hair in position. B) Turn fly right side up and tie in a small bunch of green deer hair directly on top of white hair the same way. Pack these 2 bunches tightly towards rear at base of tail by pushing with your finger nail or a hair packer tool.

Repeat step A with another batch of white hair, then step B with a bunch of yellow hair. Repeat these steps until you have a body built, alternating the green and yellow bunches on top and using the white only on the bottom.

When you get close to the head area (about 1/4 inch from eye) tie in a small bunch of red hair on bottom of shank. If you don't have red hair you can use a red marker pen to color the white. When tying in the last bunch of hair on top of shank make it especially thick so it will flare forward over the eye of the hook. Whip finish a head and you're ready to start brimming. I trim this fly in a longer profile than your typical bass bug, so taper it according to the length of the hook; i.e. a long cone shape. Leave the hair "face" extended over the eye of the hook on top - this will provide a popping face. When completely trimmed, coat the front of this face with cement, then another coat of clear nail polish. Be sure to trim the bottom of the fly flat so as to allow enough hook gap room for better hook sets. Fish it like any other popper pattern.

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A TRIP TO MAINE

by Gian Padovani

There was a time, when every year I used to drive up from my house in Long Island to the state of Maine. Way up into the Moosehead area of the Pine State, where my brother normally rents a cabin a stones throw away from the Moose River. On several occasions, I also went to the same area during the Fall, when the forests were decorated with beautiful Autumn foliage. At this time, I opted to camp in my small tent and spent the days looking for fossils along the edges of ancestral lakes and ponds, taking photographs and collecting wild mushrooms for sensational omelettes. And, as you would expect, I did much fishing. Although, I did a lot of catch 'n release, I will not deny that a few Landlock Salmon and Brook Trout, were dinner fare every evening. I simply cleaned the fish, wrapped it in aluminum foil, and baked it on the embers of the camp fire. Believe me, after having eaten a wild trout or salmon, you will never settle for a hatchery raised fish! The years pass, things change and for a reason or other my outings to Maine were replaced with other trips to different places. As the saying goes, "So much fishing waters, so little time." There are also

the considerations of distance and convenience. A journey from Western North Carolina to Northwest Maine is a never ending one and it requires a lot of driving. Still, I couldn't get the thought of the Maine wilderness out of my mind. The woods, the abundant wildlife and the unique fishing were etched in my mind, and I kept on promising myself that one day I would go back. At least one more time. On the other hand my brother has made the pilgrimage every single year. He goes up every spring at "ice-out" from his home in New Jersey, when the Smelt leave the lake for the rivers in their annual spawning run. This event stimulate the salmon and the trout to follow behind and feed on the breeding smaller fish. The Landlock salmon feeds on insects, but their main diet is made up of smelts and respond enthusiastically to large streamers which suggest this bait fish. The Gray Ghost is THE classic fly but patterns like the Nine-Three, the Edson Dark Tiger, and my own Moosehead Belle can be equally effective. This year, after his spring trip, my brother decided to return to the area in August with his sons and

grandchildren. He also insisted I should go along, rejecting any of my excuses to the contrary. I agreed, and I left for his home in New Jersey so that we could drive together to Maine. Fishing in Northern Maine is unique since it is centered mostly on Brook Trout, the Squaretail as the local people call it, the Landlock Salmon, and the Lake Trout, known in these parts as the Togue. Several of the smaller ponds surrounding Moosehead Lake contain Smallmouth Bass, which is popular with some visitors. There is a tremendous amount of wildlife and sighting moose, deer and bear is a common

experience. Loons, ducks, cormorants and mergansers are common in the rivers and ponds while many woodland birds can be seen among and on the trees. The Ruffed grouse are so unaccustomed to human beings that one can approach them to only a few feet before they run away. Notice that I said run rather than fly; that's how unconcerned they are! We spent a week fishing the Moose and Kennebeck rivers, as well as a few ponds and caught enough salmon and trout to make this trip an enjoyable experience. At this time of the year we did best with small dry flies.

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It is never too soon to start. We have six months to prepare for the Long Island Flyrodders' fundraiser at the Somerset Fly Fishing and Nassau Shows.

I've said it before, and it's still true: the best attended and largest show of its kind is the 35,000 square foot fly show at Somerset, New Jersey, in January of each year. Recently, about the same time, another sportsman show has been held at the Nassau Coliseum. As one of the leading and most active fly-fishing clubs, the Long Island Flyrodders is offered a booth in the Club areas. This booth is most important to the financial well being of our not-for-profit organization. At these shows, we obtain new membership and donation in the form of a raffle.

LIFR will offer 1,000 hand tied flies as the raffle prizes. The Nassau Show has been a general sports show. At Nassau, salt-water flies seem to be the better draw. Accordingly, we are looking for salt water as well as fresh water flies.

For each dozen flies donated to the LIFR, you will receive a raffle ticket that will enable you to participate in the LIFR Raffle and win the Renzetti Traveler's vise and \$50.00 towards your purchase of hooks and tying materials.

At each monthly meeting, the membership has been requested to participate. If you do not tie or do not have the time, I believe that I will be able to again obtain high quality flies, tied in the United States, at a sale-price of \$8.00 for 1 dozen of the same fly, size and color, which we will purchase with your \$8.00 donation.

Please help the LIFR by donating 12 well-tied dry flies, or in the alternative, \$8.00 to purchase flies in your name for the raffle.

See me at the meeting, call me at 516-379-7600, or e-mail: flyline@hotmail.com.

Bob Skoy

HELP AGAIN

I have misplaced the name of the first member this year who made a contribution of account of the purchase of flies for the raffle. I have also received one (1) dozen flies from a "Joe" _____, whose last name I do not recall. If your name does not appear on this list, please see me at the next meeting. *Mea Culpa*

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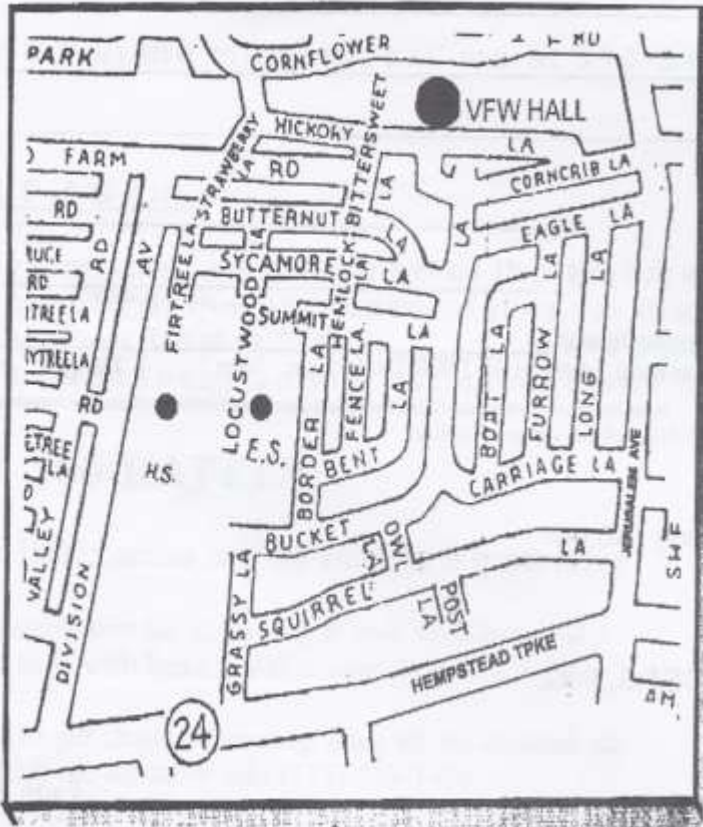
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Captain Tom Cornicelli - of Back Bay Charters
"Salt Water Fishing on Long Island"

November 15: Board Meeting

November 16 - 18: Steehead Trip on the Salmon River
Contact Danny Van Buskirk (516) 561-8939

