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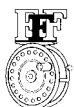
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Guest Speaker:

Jay Mooney

"Bamboo Rod Making"

Oh, to be a child again; that feeling we got as we went off into the woods with our new fishing rod and a can full of worms. We were on the hunt for anything that would bite our hook and it didn't matter if the fish was big or small. But as we got older, everything that wasn't important, became very important. A lot of fish, bigger fish and faraway places to fish took on new meaning. I love it when I meet an old friend and I ask, "Have you been fishing?" and their reply is, "No, there is only small fish around and I only fish for big fish". Is a 3lb Bluegill a big fish, or is a 5lb Stripper a small fish compared to a 50lb Stripper?

One day, I was fishing at a local jetty and I was doing pretty well with those 22 inch Stripers. There was a group of fisherman on the beach watching me but they weren't fishing. As I was leaving, one said to me, "Boy you were hammering those little fish but they aren't worth my time." I guess watching me was worth their time!

Another thing that bothers me is when someone says, "I don't use bait or I only Fly Fish." I too fell into that trap. When I start fly fishing, I thought I would never go back and when I moved I just gave all of me old tackle away. Guess what I am buying back? Don't get me wrong, Fly Fishing is a great way of fishing, but it isn't the only way. Sometimes, other methods just



work better and are just as much fun.

One day I wanted to get some fish for fish tacos for dinner and with the advice from Tony at Causeway Bait & tackle and Mordy at West End Bait & tackle I was off to catch some pan fish (Kingfish) of the sea. Now they aren't big, most are about 12 to 14 inches, but there are a lot of them. Within an hour I had over 30 (I only kept 15 for dinner), but what was important was that I was having fun. And there wasn't anyone else there. I guess they weren't big enough. It is good to feel like a kid again!

Remember:

Our winter fly tying starts the second Tuesday of November at **Pancho's Border Grill** in Bethpage; see me at the meeting for info.

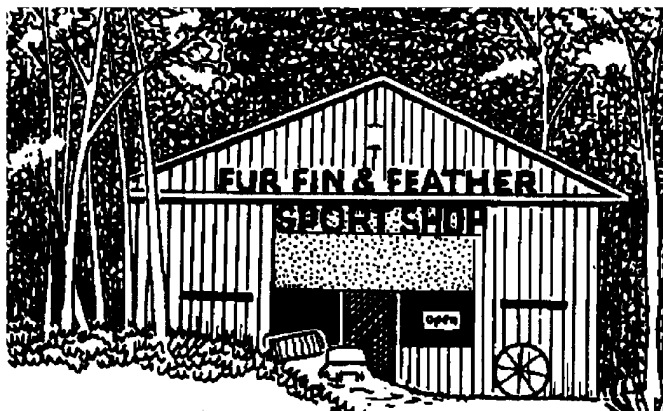
Fly tying classes start this month, so see **Wolfgang Porté** for info. Space is limited.

Bring in flies for our fly raffle.

We will be planning our trips for next year in January, so if you have ideas or **would like to run a trip please come before the meeting.**

The point to this Presidents line is, don't look down at other methods of fishing. Doesn't a golfer have different clubs in his bag, and it is only just fishing. By the way, those fish tacos were delicious.

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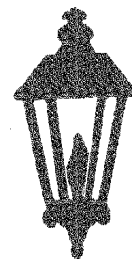


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by Lee Weil



For The Record

While fall is the surf angler's time to shine, it is also the harbinger of the end of yet another season, especially for those of us who have been exposed to the smell of gunpowder and the cackle of a cock pheasant. I won't bore you with the same old song about how to care for your tackle before storing it away, instead I would like to pass on something I've taken to doing at the end of the year; reading over my fishing log entries.

I began keeping a log in 1979, mostly to keep track of where the most productive party boat drops were located. As I evolved through my flyfishing life, I found the log to be even more valuable as a reference to what hatches occurred where and when. True, each year may be different in some respects, but there are succinct patterns that are apparent when I read entries from the same time frames. And when you coordinate the time and place with the conditions you can really put together the pieces.

For example, if I look back to April, 1998 and see that I fished the Yellow Breeches during a period of heavy rain and high water, I can use that information to determine where I might fare best should the same conditions arise. I can look up which patterns were successful and even how I fished them.

Even more apparent is the value of the log for the saltwater angler. Anyone who fishes the surf can tell you there are some beaches that will produce better on a certain tide. Recording the appearance of bait each year will give you an idea of what flies you should be carrying to "match the menu".

I can look up the summers we spent on the Hudson, in times of low water and refresh my memory as to where we caught fish and where we didn't. Perhaps a lot of this information is considered to be "no brainer", but there are details that can only be learned from experience and by paying a lot of dues. Relying on my memory alone has proven inadequate; it's sketchy at best. So prior to going on a trek (and spending money, gas and energy) I find myself looking more and more to the log as a guide.

My log also serves as an "atlas" of sorts, with directions to secret locations scribbled madly while bouncing around in the back of a guide's truck (i.e. make a right at the blue Chevy up on blocks in the cow pasture ...). I even have references to which stations you can pick up on the radio when you are winding through the Blue Ridge Mountains, and which truck stops are always open. So you can see how it has become a valuable resource, a veritable "bible" of personal fishing lore.

Last, but not least is the magic that the logs hold. Sometimes when the wind is blowing and the sleet is hitting the window, I like to sit and open one of the older volumes, and read about the good fish and friends I was blessed with in the past. The magic is still there, and sometimes I can see the beauty of the hook-jawed brown and hear the song of the river. The stories make me smile and remember why it is we wave a stick in the water.

Tight Lines & God bless, Lee

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Can You Find Your Hippers in This Picture?*

Once again, the members came through and in an eleventh hour plea for hippers, lent the CFR women of the October retreat enough gear for every woman to be able to wade the Connetquot. Thanks, too, to Joe Otterstedt, who donated 2 pair of hippers to the cause.

The river helpers worked their charm and every lady caught fish. The magical green weenie was often the fly that brought in the trout.

At each retreat the names and faces of the ladies change, but the results are always the same. A day on the river is the perfect ending to a great weekend and they are overwhelmed by the kindness that is afforded them. All troubles seem to disappear, if only for a few hours, and they depart the park equally tranquil and excited.

Thanks to all of you, both on the river and off, who played a part in making the October CFR retreat a success.

Susan Solomon

**The women are wearing hippers belonging to Michelle Cotty, Linda DeSantis, Laura Droge, Jeff Farrell, Coreen Gelber, Elizabeth Gelber, Mike Gelber, Sol Harz, Mary Keiser, Linda Macy, Joe Otterstedt, Bob Picciano, Howard Solomon, Susan Solomon, Rich Ugolini, Lee Weil and Al Westbrook*

Join Our Fly Swap

You are invited to join any or all of this season's fly swaps. They are open to the **first 19 people** who sign up. The rules are as follows:

1. Let me know which swap(s) you will participate in.
2. Tie the correct number of identical flies for the month's theme. I will let you know how many flies you will tie based on the number of people who sign up. Everyone will tie one extra fly, which will be donated to the club.
3. Hand in your flies in a box with your name on it along with the recipe for tying the fly. All flies must be turned in by the due date.
4. Receive a collection of themed flies and their recipe.

1st Swap – Minnows or Sand Eels. Sign up by November meeting, due at January meeting.

2nd Swap – Smallmouth bass Flies. Sign up by January meeting, due at February meeting.

3rd Swap – Clouser or Deciever Flies. Sign up by February meeting, due at March meeting.

4th Swap – Tier's Choice (Saltwater). Sign up by March meeting, due at April meeting.

Please contact me at 516 997-9451 or

mrssolomon@aol.com if you'd like to join or have any questions. Thanks, **Susan Solomon**

Tying the Knot

by John P. Manz

This story is not about a long-term relationship, but rather the simple act of tying a knot.

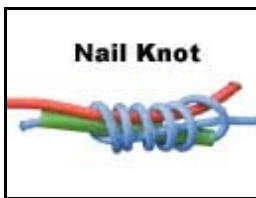
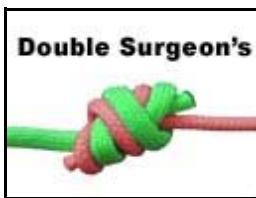
Knots have always played an important part in my life and learning to master them has always proven to be a challenge.

It all started with a shoelace and progressed up to a "square knot". During these trying times, I could always count on my brother Al to help demystify the process; whether it was the "Windsor knot" on my tie or the "bow line hitch" for Boy Scouts.

Unfortunately, the five-year difference in our ages eventually had us going our separate ways. During our separation, I became dependent on the "half hitch knot" to secure everything I tied. The greater the load, the more "half hitch knots" tied. To secure fishhooks and swivels to my fishing line, I relied on 5 to 6 "half hitch knots".

When I reached my mid-twenties, our common interest in fishing brought us back together. Unfortunately, I had developed confidence in my "half hitch knot" and it wasn't until I reached fifty and fly fishing came into my life that my brother Al was able to convince me to move beyond my favored "half hitch knot".

Of course, I was more than willing to let Al set up my first fly rod reel, along with all the specialty knots required to secure the backing, fly line and leader. My job was to conquer the intricacy of the "clinch knot" and then upgrade it to the "improved clinch knot".



Through my early years of fly fishing, my brother still went out of his way to tie on my tippet with the "surgeon's knot" that baffled me until it began to take up too much of his quality fishing time.

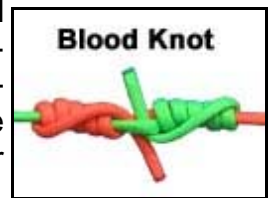
I figure I spend about one third of my time on the river trying to get the #@& tippet material to cooperate, especially when weather, lighting, shaky hands and fading eye sight make it close to impossible at times.

Knot tying can be very frustrating when the action is all around you and you're trying to match the hatch. This is especially true when you finally get a trout to take your fly only to lose it to a poorly tied knot!

At the same time, knot tying can be therapeutic; letting you relax on a rock mid-stream, lost in the twist and turns of a "surgeon's knot" as you rebuild your leader with multiple tippets.

My brother Al even tried to spare me the excruciating pain of the "nail knot" when he introduced me to the "quick change loop". I can still see the shocked expression on his face when our Montana guide cut them off; stating something about "foul Easterners" being easy prey for gimmicks.

When I started this story, I stated that it was not about a long-term relationship. However, after reviewing it, I see that is not the case. I'm sure as long as my brother Al and I continue to ply the waters together, he will be introducing me to another sure-fire knot that will assist us in our pursuit of a Tight Line!



ELDRED FISHING TRIP, SEPT 18-19:

We had a party of seven people on the trip. We all had a good time. The weather was perfect for fishing. We caught a variety of fish - largemouth bass, pickerel, yellow perch, crappie, big blue gills and, of course, trout. The results of the bass fishing contest - Bill Farrington, first place; Joe Caroleo, second place; Jeff Farrell, third place. I also caught a two-pound bass the day before the tournament but it didn't count for the contest. We all enjoyed our dinner that night, as well as one or two cocktails. Herman Abrams was very helpful in giving tips to those who needed them (me, etc.) As usual, I provided Dunkin Donuts for breakfast and was nicknamed "Joey Donuts." It was another good trip and we are looking forward to running it again next year.

Joey "Donuts" Caroleo



Joe Caroleo with a big Brown Trout that weighed in at 8 pounds and measured 24 ½ inches long with a girth of 15 inches. Joe caught him at Connetquot State Park on a # 8 Muddler Minnow. Joe said he was lucky to net him head first, as the entire length of the fish wouldn't fit in his net. Way to go, Joe!!



Fishing Reports

Hey, Flyrodders. How's the fishing been lately? Let's let our members know. Send reports and/or pics to LIFRnews@aol.com for publication in *the Flyrodder*, or see me at the meeting. Thanks. Morty

Fly Donations Needed

Our annual drive for fly donations to be used in the Fly Fishing Show raffle boxes is underway..

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Susan Solomon

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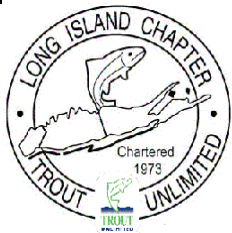
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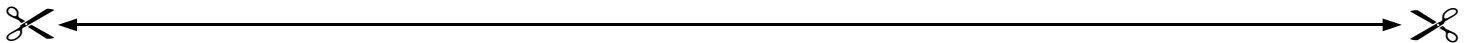
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- 1c. Prints, (no transparencies), size 4" X 6" in color or black & white.
- 1d. Digital photos, minimum size 800 X 600 megapixels.
2. Put your name and phone number on back of the prints in small letters
3. All photos submitted may be used by LIFR. (e.g., Flyrodder and lifr.org)
4. There will be play-off contests at each Club meeting May through October
5. Three winners will be picked by members present at each of those meetings
6. All winning photos will be entered in the Dinner Dance GRAND CONTEST
7. Members present at the Dinner Dance will select the three Grand Prize winners
8. In case of a tie or dispute, the decision of the Chair will be final
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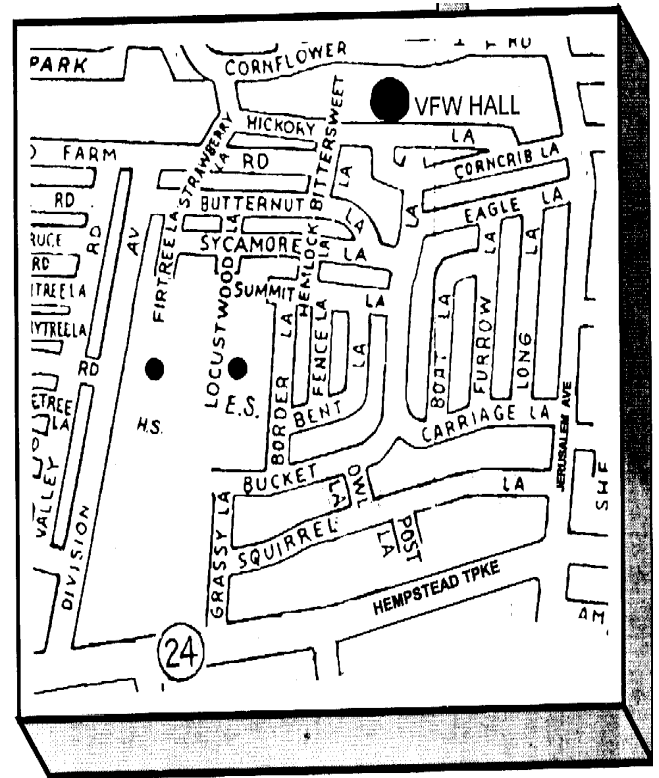
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- 9b. Email digital photos as attachments only. (not embedded in the body of the emails) along with your name and a short description of your submission.

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- November 3 ★ ★ LIFR Annual Awards Dinner ★ ★**
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- November 6 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
 LIFR Photo Contest - Jim Foley (516) 766-4531
 Guest Speaker: Jay Mooney
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- November 13 **Fly Tying at Pancho's Border Grill, Bethpage**
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