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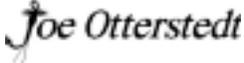
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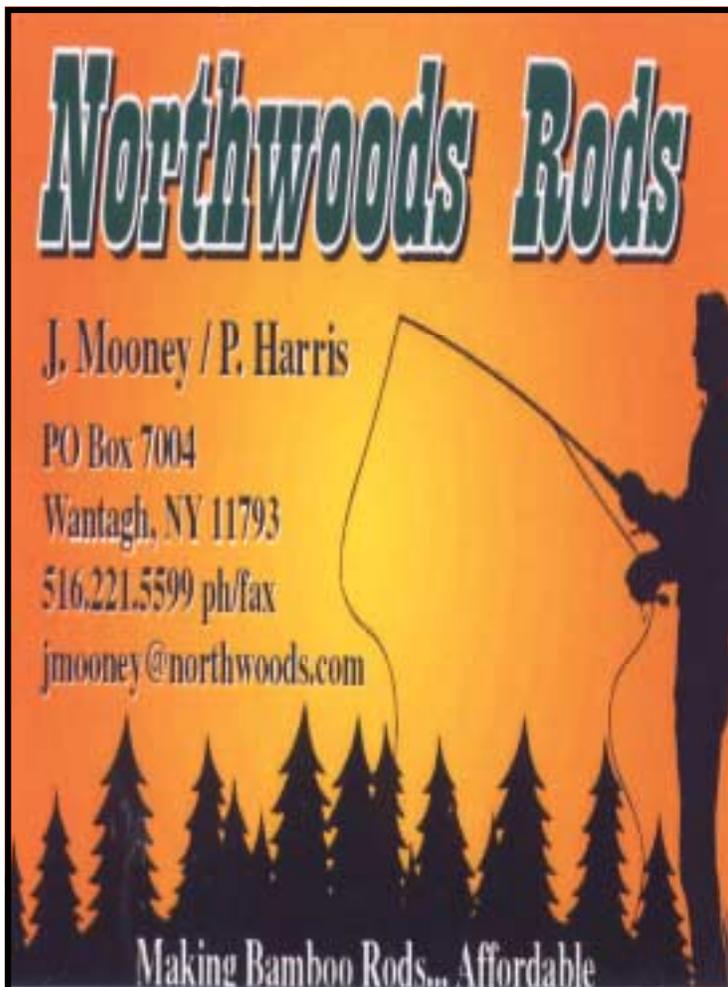
As I write this letter, winter has settled in around us, with a blanket of snow and some bitter temperatures. The good news is that we are already a third of the way thru winter, and with spring right around the corner its time to tune up the tackle or perhaps buy another rod, reel or other must have accessory. Some of us will have traveled to Somerset NJ for the annual Fly Fishing Show, or the outdoor show at SUNY Farmingdale, both in late January, to gear up and to take in some of the seminars on tackle and tying techniques and new fishing destinations. LIFR has a club booth at both of these shows to promote our club and to sell fly board raffle tickets to raise much needed funds, I hope you were able to attend one of these shows, and perhaps had volunteered a little booth coverage time as well.

We had a good turnout at our January club meeting, and our first ever blind folded Wolly Bugger fly tying contest was a success thanks to our

good sport contestants and the organizational skills of **Susan Solomon**. Congratulations to the winner, **Lee Weil**, and to all the contestants as well. The flies they tied blindfolded make the one I tie sans blindfold look like cripples.

I am pleased to report that we will have another full calendar of club trips this year, as many members have again stepped up to captain a trip. We will have brief presentations of these trips at the February meeting, and you can also view the full list of trips on the club website. The February meeting will also be election night for the positions of Club Officers and Board Members, nominations can be made from the floor, and if you wish to run for a position let us know, as we are always looking for new members with new ideas. Please attend this important club meeting, and make your voice heard. See you at the meeting.

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by Lee Weil



Keeping It All Together

It all started innocently enough; you bought a vise and some fly tying tools, and the basic materials to tie some woolly buggers. Soon you realized that the materials you bought were not the right hackle size, color or consistency for the flies you *really* wanted to tie, so you purchased more hackle, fur and dubbing. The shoebox you used to hold your materials was traded in for a tool box and then a Tupperware bin.

The problem with the Tupperware bin was that everything became buried in a blend of tinsel, feathers and tangled thread. This is the fork in the road. You will take one of two options; A) exile the entire contents of the bin to the basement/garage, or B) surrender to your muse and designate at least one room as a fly tying area.

Let's say you chose the latter and you're ready to organize your goodies. Here are some tips to help you manage the mess.

Dubbing: Most dubbings come in their own zip lock bags, which can be stored in a shoe box sized plastic container, assorted according to color or density.

Beads: You can store beads in pill vials, labeled according to size. I also write the hook sizes for the beads on the label. When I'm tying at a show I use safety pins to hold 6 or 7 beads of the size I'm using, rather than bringing the whole vial.

Hackle: Strung saddle hackle can be stored in plastic bags, and kept in cookie tins or Tupperware. Capes and necks should be stored flat and in drawers or long boxes to prevent the tips from being bent or broken. A piece of cardboard cut to fit behind the cape will protect the fine feathers at the base. A cedar block or moth bar

is good insurance against critters, and any natural feathers or skins you obtain should be bagged with a moth ball for at least a week in quarantine before adding them to your collection.

Hooks: Most hooks come in boxes or envelopes. Write the model # on a piece of paper and slip it into the envelope. For size 18 and smaller I like to use contact lens containers and mark the hook size on the lids. The convex bottoms make it easy to remove hooks.

Krystal Flash / Flashabou: Use the original envelopes, but cut a horizontal slit at the bottom, and always draw the material out by the top (stapled) end.

Hair: Deer hair and other hides can be cut into squares and stored in plastic bags. Black, red and dark dyed hairs will rub off on light colors and should be stored separately.

Tinsel, Flosses & Braids: Flosses are better kept on a spool, and should be protected in a plastic box to prevent fraying. Tinsels on spools can be kept under a rubber band. Avoid using scotch tape on the ends as it will sometimes cause discoloration.

Finally, try to afford yourself an area where you can have access to all your materials while you tie. A bookcase or cabinet next to your tying desk makes it easy to keep all your essentials at your fingertips. Plastic craft bins with drawers can be stacked on shelves and labeled for hooks, threads, etc. Like a good cook in a well stocked kitchen, it's easy to find the ingredients for the recipe when you know exactly where to look.

God bless and tight whip finishes! Lee

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Long Island Flyrodders Trips & Events for 2009

Jan. 23 - 25	Somerset Fly Fishing Show, Somerset, NJ	Howie & Susan Solomon
Jan. 30 – Feb.1	Farmingdale Sports Show, Farmingdale , NY	Jim Foley
March (TBA)	Steelhead Trip, Upstate NY	Coordinator TBA
April 25	Willowemoc Cleanup , Roscoe NY	Dan VanBuskirk & Paul McCain
May 1 - 3	Natchung River, CT Camp Trip	Howie & Susan Solomon
May 16	Housatonic River Cleanup, CT	Paul McCain
May 30	Croton River Trip, NY	Herman Abrams
June 12 -14	Farmington River, CT	Howie & Susan Solomon
June 29	Peconic River Bass Trip, NY	Lee Weil
July 26 - 27	Eldred Preserve Trip, NY	Gordon Mueller & Joe Caroleo
August 7 - 9	Allenberry Resort, PA	Joe Otterstedt
August 28 - 30	Housatonic River Camp Trip, CT	Mike & Coeen Gelber
September 1– 3	Mongaup Pond Camp Trip, NY	Tom Cooleen
September 12	Sunken Meadow Saltwater, NY	Herman Abrams
Sept. 26 - Oct. 3	Breckenridge, Colorado	Dave Minassian
October 3	Jones Beach Saltwater Trip	Gordon Mueller
October 26 - 30	Cattaraugus Creek, NY	Al Battistelli
November 7	Annual Awards Dinner	Howie & Susan Solomon

CONNETQUOT RIVER TRIPS - 2009

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May 18	June 15*	July 20
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* June 15 & September 21 - Handicapped Fishing Days

First Annual Blindfolded Woolly Bugger Contest

The January meeting brought out the “animal” in seven of our members as they tried their hand at tying woolly buggers while donning animal themed blindfolds. **Warren Ray of Parkwood Outfitters joined Wolfgang Porte, Lee Weil, Peter Dubno, John Fischer, Paul McCain, Tom Inglese and Mike Gelber** in our first ever Blind-folded Woolly Bugger Contest.

What a hoot! Egged on by the rest of the membership, these brave souls risked their dignity to compete. The audience was held spellbound as they watched in amazement and admired the skill and guts of the participants. Judges **Joe Otterstedt, Dan VanBuskirk and Dave Minassian** had a difficult time choosing the winner. Tension mounted as we waited for the final decision.

Lee Weil came in first place, but all the contestants were winners.

Top Row, L to R: Wolfgang Porté, Warren Ray, Lee Weil, & Peter Dubno

Bottom Row, L to R: Tom Inglese, Paul McCain, John Fischer, & Mike Gelber



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.**

Receive a collection of themed flies and their recipe.

3rd Swap – Rabbit or Hare Fly (Main ingredient must be rabbit or hare). Sign up by February meeting, due at March 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

Where Does it all Go? By Linda Macy

I hope you remember my previous article from the July 2008 issue under **Green Fishing** entitled "Someone Else Will Do It (or What is a Gyre?)". The North Pacific Gyre is getting some attention in TV news. The News Hour with Jim Lehrer had a segment on this very issue in November 2008. Charles Moore is still surveying the ocean and taking data regarding the "plastic graveyard." Spencer Michels, The News Hour correspondent, talked with Moore. To quote Charles Moore: "We're starting to find more plastic than natural food in some of these fish. And, in fact, over 50 percent of over 500 fish we've opened up have had plastic in them."

So you still want to catch fish and eat them or buy seafood in the store?

Moore used a manta trawl to skim the water and is still finding tons of trash. Most of it is plastic. The route he believes is that plastic is washed down rivers into the Pacific and then carried by ocean currents into the gyre. Plastic does not biodegrade. It just breaks down into smaller and smaller pieces and finally into small grains of sand. This is bite-size for fish and birds. In the Gyre there is more plastic than plankton. When he examines fish, he finds plastic.

Still want to eat fish?

A scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association said that this is all exaggerated and that plastic is not getting into the food chain though NOAA is not currently doing most of its own research on plastics. The American Chemistry Association, representing those that manufacture plastics, thinks that recycling is the answer though the percentage of plastics that are recycled is small (3 to 5 %).

Here are Maureen Dolan Murphy's (Citizens Campaign for the Environment) remarks about one item, plastic grocery bags. They are "pointless and worthless products, that entangle wildlife, use massive amounts of fossil fuel and won't break down after their average use of 12 minutes." The styrofoam cup or plastic drink cup must have an equally short life span.

On a more positive note, I bought some Tom's of Maine toothpaste. The company just happens to be involved in the Rivers Awareness Program. About 50% of the drinking water in the US comes from rivers. In 2004/2005, over 30,000 volunteers at approx 30 locations removed about 400 tons of trash from US rivers. This sounds good for the environment and good for fishing. Visit www.tomsofmaine.com/rivers, for more info.

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

Dustin Mora of Hobie Sunglasses

will introduce the 2009 collection of Polarized Sunglasses in a short presentation at the February meeting. Members will be given the opportunity to purchase sunglasses at a discounted rate.

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is holding a blood drive, at the store, on
Feb 21 from 10 - 3:30.

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 recipes 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,

Pancho's Border Grill
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02/21 Join us in welcoming trout and salmon guide Steve Taggart, as he returns to the **Campsite Sport Shop** for the first time in several years. Steve is sure to entertain and inform with slides and videos of his guide trips for Atlantic Salmon in Quebec and wild trout on the Delaware system. Steve will also show how to tie his favorite flies for both his freshwater and saltwater adventures. All are welcome and admission is free, the event will get underway at approx 10am. Call the store at 631-271-4969 for more info.

02/28 Join two of Long Island's best known and most innovative fly tyers, Glen Mikkleson & Capt. Joe Blados for a tying demonstration and fishing discussion at the **Campsite Sport Shop**, 1877 New York Ave. Huntington Station. All are welcome and admission is free, the event will get underway at approx 10am. Call the store at 631-271-4969 for more info.

We will be having a storewide "**Spring Clearance**" tent sale on an as yet to be determined date. Lots of stuff must go. Discounts on rods, reels, waders, lures, lines and more, brands such as G. Loomis, Simms, Shimano, St. Croix, Quantum and others.

Fly tying classes are now forming. Contact us at 631-271-4969 for information on our fly tying classes, taught by professional fly tyer and casting instructor Mark Wayne. Broaden your angling horizons by learning how to create those fish fooling patterns with your own hands.

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 Visitors are always welcome.
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Hey, Flyrodders. How's the fishing been lately?

Let's let our members know.

Send reports and/or pics to

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Thanks, Morty



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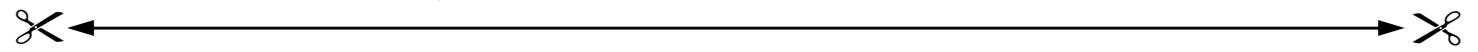
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CONNETQUOT RIVER TRIPS - 2009

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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No advance reservations will be accepted.

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

For Details call: Lee Weil - (516) 997-6743

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Rubber-soled Hip Boots Only

You must have a creel in your possession to fish in the park and on the stream

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

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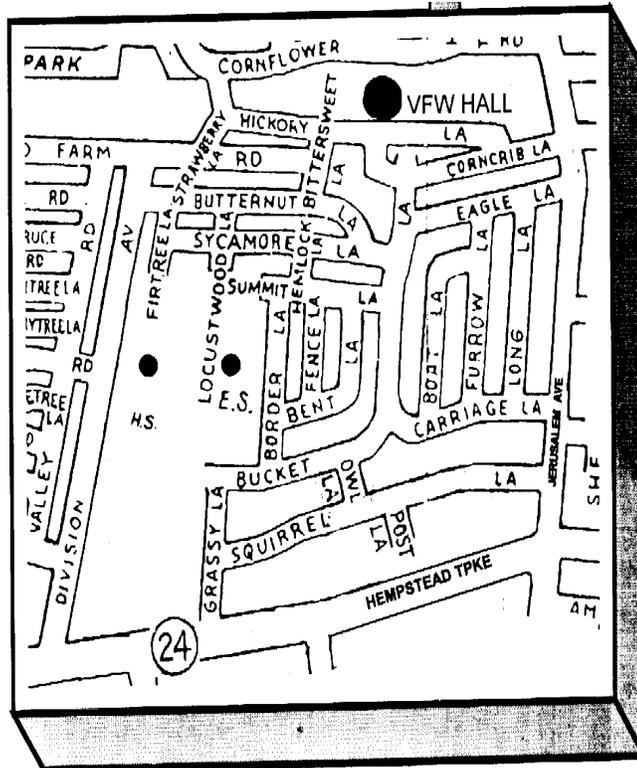
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February 3 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
Annual Elections for Officers & Board Members
Nominations to be taken from floor
Please come out and vote!
Also Trip Captain's Presentation for 2009 trips

Dustin Mora of Hobie Sunglasses

February 10 **Fly Tying at Pancho's**
See page 7 for details & info

February 24 **Board Meeting**
7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall



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