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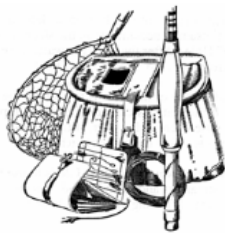
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God Bless America



Vice President Susan Solomon looks on as Past President, Paul McCain, (r), congratulates President Joe Otterstedt. 2008 election results on page 6.



Open House & Used Tackle Sale

*The Long Island Flyrodders will host
its annual open house and used fly fishing
& tackle sale at its April club meeting.
Please note that only current club members
may sell used tackle at this meeting.*

*Non-members are welcome to attend the meeting to talk with club
members and learn more about the club, enjoy refreshments
(coffee and doughnuts) and take part in the used tackle sale.
Additional club information can be found at the LIFR website*

www.lifr.org

Fellow Flyrodders: We had a well attended March club meeting, and it was good to acknowledge and welcome new members. **Gordon Mueller** did a great job with his presentation "The Finger Lakes, NY's Best Kept Secret"; thanks Gordo.

We covered a lot of material at the meeting, including the introduction of the Officers and Board Members, Clarence Ware of Caleb Smith and Barry Bova of Friends of the Nissequogue, spoke of their upcoming events. The upcoming CFR and TU Banquets were also mentioned. Presentations were made to "Uncle" **Joe Bryant**, winner of the Fly raffle, and to photo contest winners **Jim Foley** and **Pete Yuskevich**; congratulations to all. A special congratulation was made to **Herman Abrams** for coming in sixth place out of 200 competitors in an ACA sponsored casting competition in February; well done Herman.

With all of the above going on, and it being my first presiding meeting as president, I forgot to allot time for the door prizes, which is a customary club meeting event. At the April meeting, we will double the amount of door prizes to make up for my oversight, my apologies to all.

The April 1st meeting will be our tackle swap/sale. Only current club members may sell merchandise, purchasing however is open to non-members as well. Bring your friends, as this is an open house meeting.

President's message

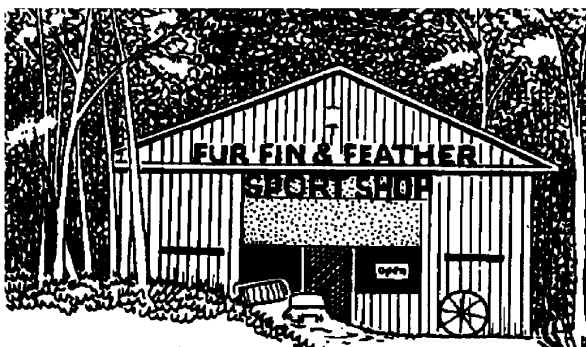
Herman Abrams will be giving casting instruction outside at 6:30, weather permitting, and **Paul McCain** will be giving an impromptu presentation at 6:00 on Salt Water Fishing on LI.

May I remind the membership that club dues for 2008 are now overdue. Club bylaws require that all dues be paid not later than March 31st, after which time your membership is invalid. If you have not already done so, please pay Jim Foley at the April meeting, or mail your dues to him, immediately. Remember, valid current membership is needed to participate in all club trips, Connetquot fishing, tackle sale etc. Dues are a significant part of club revenue, and pay for the VFW hall rental, club insurance and many other overhead expenditures, without which we can't operate.

We had a great club turnout for the club's Orvis day in Greenvale despite the inclement weather on Saturday March 8th. We were able to sign up three new members, and connect with a few perspective ones as well. Speaking of new members: I ask that you kindly go out of your way to provide any assistance they may need in their flyfishing pursuits, be it help with equipment selection, fly tying, casting instruction or fishing technique. I personally am grateful for the tutelage provided to me by members over the years to make me a better angler, so lets pass our knowledge on!

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For Your Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



Spring is a time of renewal, a time when the longer days and warm sun encourage the crocus sprouts and green buds to poke their heads out. It also gives fly tyers the urge to step into a river and try out the patterns they created at the vise during the cold days of winter. There have even been reported sightings of fly rods being waved on Carman Avenue in Westbury; a sure sign of spring.

While I truly enjoy tying up new flies, I believe I enjoy teaching new tyers just as much, if not more, especially when it comes to young tyers. There is a sense of excitement that a teacher feels when they see their student grasping new skills. When you see a kid tie their first woolly bugger and the smile on their face when they take it out of the vise you can't help but smile yourself.

I recently had the pleasure of giving a lesson to one of our top raffle ticket sellers, **Anna Paulin**. We went through the series of patterns covered in the Junior Fly Tying class, and watching her master each step reminded me of why I enjoyed teaching kids to ride. Every accomplishment brings them closer to their goal, and where adults think about what they cannot do yet, young people celebrate each new gain. Perhaps that's why they seem to learn faster.

Anna graduated with flying colors, completing five patterns, and I had a great time. I certainly hope to tie with her in the future and maybe share a table at

one of the shows one day.

Another sign of spring is the return of our **Ladies Casting Clinic**, to be held on Saturday, **April 12th** at Field 5 in Eisenhower Park. This will be our fourth year, and once again Chef **Mike Gelber** will be preparing a hot lunch, free to the attendees. We will begin at 10:30 a.m., with instruction available for beginners and advanced casting. Anyone who does not have equipment will be provided a rod, but you must let me know when you sign up.

Sign up deadline is the April 1st General Meeting, or you may call in your reservation to **Lee Weil** at **516-997-6743**. All ladies are welcome to attend, so this is a perfect opportunity to get your friends, sisters, wives or daughters out and involved in learning a new skill and sharing a great day with some of the club's best casters. Last year we even had a cameo appearance by a red tailed hawk who decided to crash the party and grab Herman Abrams yarn marker on his back cast. The look on his face was priceless when he realized he couldn't eat it.

Just a reminder, guys, this clinic is for **LADIES** only. So, ladies, I hope you can join us and get acquainted with some of the other gals in this club. Even if you don't think you need a lesson, you can always use the practice!

Tight Lines & God bless, Lee

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"Merchandise Corner"
operated by Jim Foley.

"Fly Tying at Pancho's" is completed for the winter season and will continue in the fall.

Green Fishing

By Linda Macy

This is the first in a series of articles on fishing with the environment in mind. We must all do “a little something” to protect our fishing areas. There are some serious diseases that are affecting our fishing areas in almost every state. The newer threat is “Didymo”.

Q: What is Didymo ?

Didymo, also known as “Rock Snot” is a single-celled, freshwater alga. While the individual cells are invisible to the naked eye, *Didymo* can form large colonies or mats that attach via a stalk to rocks and plants smothering the bottoms of streams and rivers with a thick yellow/brown layer of growth. The massive blooms can form distinctive flowing ‘rats tails’ that turn white at their ends and look similar to tissue paper. Since the 1980s, this once rare species has been expanding its geographic range and forming excessive growths covering miles of stream areas.

Q: Why is Didymo a problem?

These massive nuisance growths may impact freshwater fish, aquatic plants, and important aquatic insects. *Didymo* blooms can reduce the amount and availability of suitable habitats. When large mats are present impacts can include: reduced size and density of some larval aquatic insects (caddisflies, stoneflies, and mayflies), increased populations of invertebrates typically associated with degraded stream habitat (midge larvae,

oligochaete worms), a reduction of clean substrate for fish nesting and egg laying, and a decline in large, adult fish.

Economic impacts include fouling of water intakes and, in heavily infested areas. *Didymo* may be linked to a decline in freshwater angling and related tourism. Impacts to aesthetics are common, with reports of unsightly masses that appear like strands of toilet paper leading to concerns about sanitation and sewer malfunctions. The heavy, slippery brownish mats degrade swimming areas and also foul fishing gear.

Q: How does Didymo spread?

Human-assisted movement of *Didymo* is the most likely culprit in many introductions. Clumps of *Didymo* as well as single microscopic cells can be moved around by boaters, anglers, hunters and other aquatic recreationists. *Didymo*, like other aquatic invaders, can be transported on wet felted soles and boots, damp wading gear, and in any standing water associated with boats or other types of gear.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- 1. SOAK ALL CLOTHING, WADING BOOTS, SANDALS, ETC, IN HOT SOAPY WATER FOR 30 MINUTES.**
- 2. WASH ALL HARD SURFACES LIKE TUBES, KAYAKS, AND FISHING GEAR WITH HOT SOAPY WATER AS WELL.**
- 3. A 5 % DETERGENT SOLUTION IS EFFECTIVE. USE 3/4 CUPS OF ANY DETERGENT (DISH SOAP, ANTISEPTIC HAND SOAP, OR LAUNDRY DETERGENT) PER GALLON OF HOT TAP WATER TO KILL THE ALGAE.**
- 4. Go on the web and LEARN MORE ABOUT DIDYMO ALGAE.**

WHEN FISHING don't be LAZY

- USE SOME COMMON SENSE
- CLEAN YOUR EQUIPMENT
- and KEEP ROCK SNOT OUT OF OUR STREAMS

NOTICE(Aug 2007) The invasive freshwater algae **didymo** was recently confirmed in the BattenKill River(VT, NY), the upper Connecticut River (VT, NH) and in the White River (VT). **Trout anglers** should be sure to **Check, Clean and Dry** their waders prior to reuse. Cleaning for 1 minute or longer in hot water (140°F, much longer period required for felt soles) or a weak solution of bleach is most effective.

MARCH MEETING



Pres. Joe Otterstedt presenting our Fly Raffle winner, Joe Bryant, with the prize, about one thousand flies, mostly tied by our members.



Super Raffle Seller Extraordinaire, Anna Paulin, with her grandfather, Cliff Dies. What a team!



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*(l to r) Wolfgang Porté,
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Pres. Joe Otterstedt,
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Jeff Farrell	Dave Minassian	Howard Solomon
Mike Gelber	Gordon Mueller	Dan Van Buskirk

Welcome, New Members 2008

Ken Arstark	Michael A. Berghofer
Edward J. Ciano	Tom Cooleen
Linda De Santis	Nick Del Vecchio
Bill Gordon	Jim Hofrichter
Ed McGovern	Ralph Napolitano
Jennifer Robinson	Ed Schaefer

We're Invited...

On April 7, the Salty Flyrodders are showing a 20 minute documentary produced by Rich Siberry (you know him from Camp-Site).

Rich has captured on film the drama of surf casting at Montauk. The short piece is a work in progress and will be part of a planned feature film about the people who make surf fishing at Montauk an experience like no other.

We are invited to join the Salty Flyrodders at their April meeting to view Rich's work. The Salty Flyrodders meet at Queens Botanical Garden in Flushing. Rich's presentation will begin at 8 pm. If you're interested in attending, please call:

Bob Skoy at 379-7600 for further details.

LIFR PHOTO CONTEST RULES

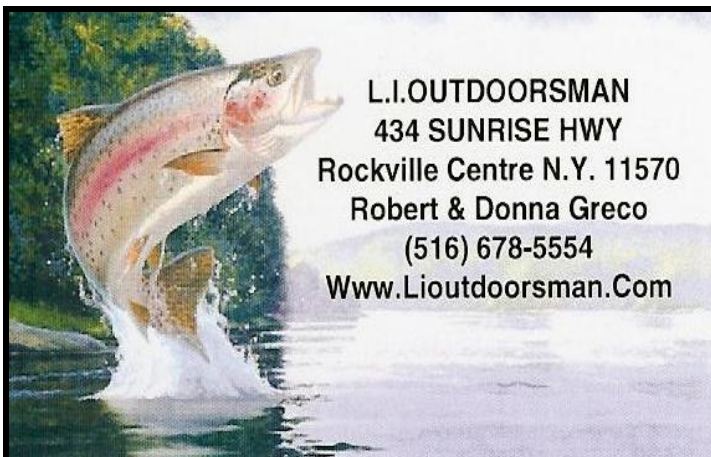
- 1a. Contestants must be LIFR members.
- 1b. Subject must be related to Fly Fishing.
- 1c. Prints, (no transparencies), size 4" X 6" in color or black & white.
- 1d. Digital photos, minimum size 800 X 600 megapixels.
2. Put your name and phone number on back of the prints in small letters
3. All photos submitted may be used by LIFR. (e.g., Fly-rodder 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
- 9a. Submit photos at the meeting or send them to:
Joe Caroleo, Chair
88-25 155th Ave, Apt 3-H,
Howard Beach, NY 11414.
- 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.

LEFTY KREH EVENT POSTPONED

Please note that the May 3 appearance by Left Kreh, which was to be held at Caleb Smith Park, has been postponed.

Lefty fell, and although he is OK, he is not ready to give a full day presentation.

We will be informed by Friends of the Nissequogue when the event is rescheduled.



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**MASTER YOUR FLY CASTING....
and have fun doing it.**

By Herman Abrams

There are lots of great books, videos, web sites and casting instructors that teach the basics of fly-fishing. The problem is, most hopefuls learn to cast well enough to catch some fish, but many put away that fly rod until the next fishing trip. This could be weeks or months away.

The learned lessons, of casting strokes, timing and narrow loops dissolve into a lazy memory. The answer: Practice.

This holds true not only for novice casters but also intermediate anglers and even experts. Amazingly, the top 10 fly casters in the world practice casting on a continuing basis. I practice casting almost every day for about 15 to 25 minutes. Make practice fun. Casting practice on the lawn or pond soon becomes like playing a game. Many of you will find these games not only fun but perhaps addictive. You may even want to compete in a local tournament for fun. I remember, many years ago we held a contest in distance casting at a picnic. The year was 1996 and I was the winner of that contest.

Remember, the most important ingredient of fly fishing skill is the ability to put the fly exactly where you want to. Master your fly-casting and have fun at the same time.

**FLY FISHING FILM TOUR - MARCH 2008
Dan Van Buskirk**

At least 10 club members attended the Fly Fishing Film Tour in New York City on Monday or Tuesday, March 17/18. Six club members met at Penn Station and went to eat at Hill Country a Texas Bar-B-Q across the street from the Ultra on W 26th ST. where the show was held. There were enough ribs, brisket, chicken, sausage and Lone Star long necks to satisfy even our crew. Check it out if you're ever in the area.

Prior to the show club members got to talk with members of Angling Exploration Group (AEG) makers of the "TROUT BUM DIARIES" series of video's (Vol. 1, Patagonia and Vol. 2, Kiwi Camo) and the people running the tour. With our show tickets came raffle tickets, a \$400 give shopping spree at The Urban Angler, local sponsor of the NYC event, and a copy of their latest DVD. In fact Susan Solomon club V.P. walked away a winner of one of the raffles.

WAY TO GO SUSIE, hubby Howie got to pay.

The show consisted of 8 videos, one a great coming attraction for AEG's next release "FISHBUM 1, MONGOLIA - RIVER WOLF"; you will never wet wade again. Other films covered Alaska including the Pebble Mine debate, Steelheading, fly fishing in Slovenia, Tarpon and Bonefish, to name a few.

If the tour repeats next year, and I'm sure it will, make plans to attend, I know we'll be back.

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.

Congratulations, Herman!

The Flyrodders are very proud to learn that Herman Abrams placed 6th in the American Casting Assoc. competition held recently in Dania Beach, Fl. Herman competed against two hundred people from all over the globe in distance and precision casting.

Doris and Herman were on vacation in Fl. when he was invited to join the prestigious contest. With no time to practice and using borrowed equipment to compete, Herman was still able to earn a high score.



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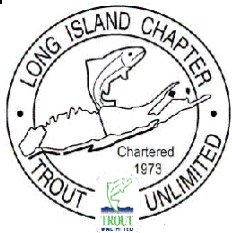
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to be paid at the general meeting or at the park for call-in reservations. Anglers fishing the morning sessions must be at the park by **7:30 a.m.** Cancellations must be made by 7:00 p.m., the Saturday before the session.

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CONNETQUOT DATES - 2008

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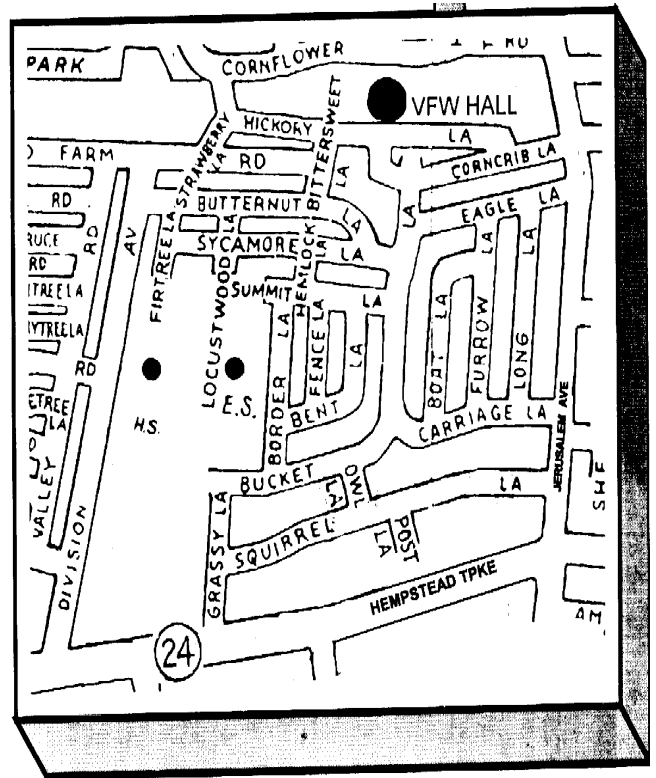
You must have a creel in your possession to fish in the park and on the stream

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

LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS

April - 2008

- April 1 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
Open House & Used Tackle Sale
Non-Members Welcome
Casting on the lawn with Herman - 6:30 pm
- April 1-4 **Oak Orchard Trip**
Salmon & Steelhead
Contact: Gene Stephens (631) 462-5688
- April 8 **Board Meeting**
7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- April 12 **Women's Casting Clinic at Eisenhower Park**
Contact: Lee Weil (516) 997-6743
- April 26 **Willomemoc River Cleanup**
Meet at Catskill Fly Fishing Museum
Contact: Dan Van Buskirk (516) 561-8939



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