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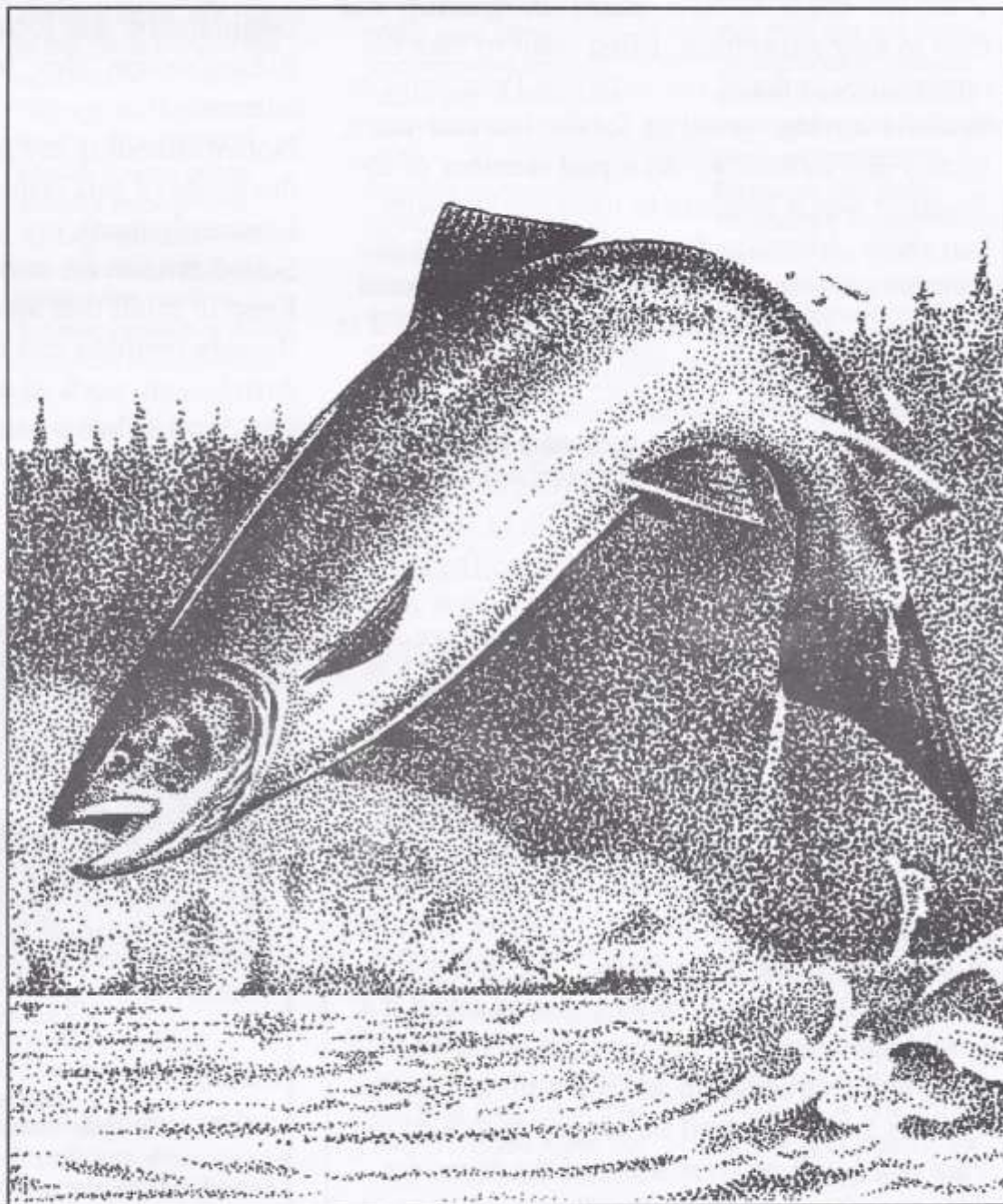
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President's message

As we begin a new phase in guiding our club to new adventures, I first want to take the opportunity to thank our outgoing President Lee Weil for having served us for the last two years, loyally and faithfully. As a past member of the Board, it was a pleasure to have worked with her. Now, I hope and trust that I will carry the banner in the same spirit as your newly elected President. Thanks again, Lee. At this time, it is my pleasure to congratulate the following officers and newly elected Board members. To the office of Vice President, Paul McCain. Secretary, Al Westbrook and Treasurer Cliff Dies. The newly elected Members of the Board are as follows; Ron LaChase, Wayne Becker and Mike Gelber.

D.E.C. Report: I attended the meeting at Stony Brook on Jan. 31, 2001 and would like to report the following: Captain Larry Kelly is the newly appointed head of Region 1 Law Enforcement Division. Captain Otterstett was promoted to the rank of Major and is now in charge of Region 1, 2, and 3. The *Spring Fishing Festival* will be held on April 21, 2001 at Belmont Lake State Park. The hours are from 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. I was asked if I would again assist in the program of casting, fly tying and instructing in general with tackle, etc. Lee has turned over all of her paperwork to me. Paul and I will go over some of the items for the coming year, prior to the Board meeting. In the meantime, good fishing - Herman



FROM THE EDITOR'S CLUTTERED DESK

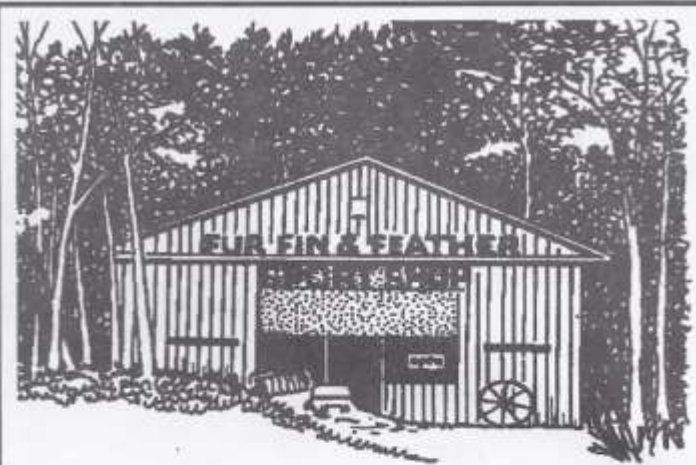
As some of you may know, on January 17th, I had a heart attack which almost put me out of commission. Thanks to God, I am still around, although operating at half a tank. I am not complaining, and look forward to the new fishing season. Hey, just consider the alternative!

Notwithstanding my problem, I have tried to fill the pages of this issue as much as possible, and I sincerely thank my good friend Morty Schneiderman for completing the job.

Keep in mind that an editor's job can be simpler if every member can contribute something.

Articles, art work or even tips. If you have an idea for a column you would like to see, let me know.

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the LOCAL FLY SHOP

by Gian Padovani

Usually I stop at the shop during the week. Almost a routine, if you will, after I get into Waynesville from Fines Creek, NC. Once at the shop I do not buy much of importance, if I buy anything at all. I just stop in to see the guys and "shoot the breeze" as some people say. To talk shop. Strange how you can say "talk shop" and it means one thing but if you say "talk store" it means nothing at all. At any rate I go in to reminisce about a good trout, a funny incident or a valuable experience. I am talking about our own fly shop here in

Waynesville, NC., owned and operated by Roger Lowe. Yeah, I know, his wife Diane, his dad Frank, and a couple of buddies occasionally help with the store, but Roger is the force behind the success of the shop. Strange as it may sound, he can also fish and knows how to guide anyone through the Smoky National Park for the jeweled fish that inhabit the pristine brooks, replace a faulty guide on a dilapidated cane rod or be instrumental for ordering something that went into oblivion many tackle years ago.

To be honest, once in a while I buy something. Nothing expensive mind you: A new leader, a couple of flies or a box of hooks. Little items I may not even need or want, but feel I should get. After all, the shop is a place of business! But when you have reached my stage of life, you have accumulated enough tackle and incidentals, to open up YOUR own shop.

For its size the shop contains an amazing quantity of items. All the necessary equipment to make your own flies and cast them to hungry fish. Outdoor leisure clothing, maps, magazines and the lot. You can even get a cup of coffee "mountain style" without cream or sugar, but for that you must get to the shop early in the morning. No, the reason why I stop at the Lowe's Fly Shop is to talk to Frank and to Alvin and to Dave and listen to Dennis or to Kelly as they spin yarns about that big one that got away at the Tuckaseegee. We discuss the rising costs and quality of the new products or prognosticate how the next season trout fishing will be. We can also commiserate about the time Don fell in the French Broad River but held on to both rod and fish! Or reminisce about the day during a summer spell when the Nantahala got so dry, the trout began evolving into amphibians!

It is a time when I like to be together with a few

guys that share the same interest. It is amazing how a bunch of fellows can become friends simply because they share the same love for trout fishing. Wouldn't it be nice if everyone was an angler? You listen to their stories or share their experiences and realize that they are not sensational or unique; stories that have been told before and I am sure they will be continue to be recounted again. Maybe not tomorrow, but certainly the next time, next week or next year. I like to recount my fishing escapades in South America, and listen to Charles Gaddy's fishing tales of Alaska. Exotic places, but I also like to hear about the saucer-sized crappies Diane pumped up from a Georgia's lake the previous summer. From fishing tales we may diverge into politics, religion and the going trends, but not matter how you slice it, the conversation always goes back to the same topic: Trout fishing, and how many people enjoy the sport of catching them. As some sage man once remarked, "Fishing is not a matter of life and death; it's much more serious than that!" Yeah, I guess we need this fly shop in town.



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Nassau Coliseum and Somerset, NJ Shows

by Lee Weil

Once again the shows at Nassau Coliseum and Somerset, N.J. were a success, thanks to the teamwork of the volunteers who put in the man-hours to get the job done. The sale of raffle tickets at both events helps the club to pay for our rent, raffle prizes, speakers, refreshments, etc.

But more important is the opportunity for other anglers to learn about our organization and meet the members face-to-face. This gives them a chance to ask questions, about the club itself or just fishing in general. Many of our members had never fished with a fly rod before they joined the club, and learned about the L.I.F.R. through exposure at one of the shows. Some of our younger members have been introduced to the club through the gift of a fly tied at the booth table and have returned to join as a family. Older members, perhaps retired and looking for new interests, have stopped at the booth, wind up joining, become involved and develop new friendships along with newly learned skills.

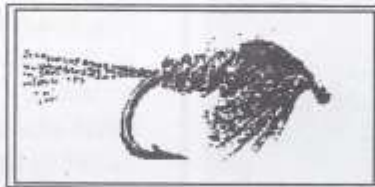
I find myself looking forward to working the show each year, as it is sort of a family reunion. I get

to spend time with some great guys, tie some flies for the coming season, and meet a lot of new people. I especially enjoy talking to the kids; they bring back the pure intensity with which we all enjoy the sport of fishing; be it catching bluegills on a pond or casting for stripers. Spending a few minutes talking to a youngster may give them the inspiration to pick up a rod instead of a video game, (or worse). The sport shows are a good place to help nurture their love for the outdoors, and as Martha Stewart says "It's a good thing".

This year we were blessed with plenty of help at the booths so the guys had time to wander around, see the sights and go shopping (which made the custom rod maker a happy man!) We exchanged fishing stories and tying tips while working for a good cause. I would love to list the names of all the volunteers, but would undoubtedly leave some out, so I'll just say "Thank You" from all of us to all of you who make these events possible. Once again, you came through with flying colors when we needed you.

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Herb Schneiderman



Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear Nymph

#1

- **Hook:** #3906B, Sizes 10 - 20
- **Thread:** Black
- **Tail:** Brown hen hackle
- **Rib:** Fine flat gold mylar
- **Abdomen:** Hare's ear dubbing
- **Thorax:** Hare's ear dubbing, Full
- **Wing Case:** Slate gray Mallard wing
- **Legs:** Brown hen hackle

#2

- **Hook:** #3906B, Sizes 10 - 20
- **Thread:** Brown
- **Tail:** 3 - 4 Pheasant tail fibers
- **Rib:** Fine copper wire
- **Abdomen:** Hare's ear dubbing
- **Thorax:** Hare's ear dubbing, Full
- **Wing Case:** 6 - 8 Peacock herl fibers
- **Legs:** Picked out hare's ear, or Brown partridge hackle, palmered and clipped on top

The most popular nymph around, and one that can be tied in many varieties is the G.R.H.E. nymph. It seems as if every tying book I own has a different version. I've included two "classics" in this article; the second is from Gary Borger. They both are very effective, and look very realistic when wet. You can tie the G.R.H.E. in black, dark brown, olive, gray, or mix and match. My favorite nymphs are my brother Morty's nymphs, which are very "mix and match", but catch a lot of fish. So, use your imagination, be creative with your materials, and it might work for you too. Have fun tying and enjoy catching with your own creations. — Herb

Jack Hingher takes up the challenge

Through the years I have received small packages in the mail from fellow Flyrodder Jack Hingher. Although I barely know him "in persona" I can tell you that Jack has always accepted the challenge of fly tying, especially as a compliment to me.

Whenever I have posed a theoretical question about how a fly would behave if tied in different color combinations or materials, Jack obliged by tying the variations and sending them to me.

This last package arrived shortly after I wrote "After the Moosehead Belle What?" Well, if I

had any questions, Jack made it a point to answer them. In fact, make it 20 answers, the number of fly variations he tied up. Each fly was properly labeled and included: 1- Wooly Bugger Belle (2 var..), 2- Beadhead Belle (2 var..), 3- Clouser Belle (2 var..), 4- Big Eye Belle (2 var..), 5- Muddler Belle* (3 var..), 6- Rabbit Strip Belle, 7- Double Bunny Belle, 8- Wooly Bomber Belle (2 var..), 9- Llama Belle, Number 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 although unnamed, are also variations of the basic Moosehead Belle and include at least one



by Gian Padovani

dry fly version. Interesting that a few days before Jack sent me the flies I had spent a week at the hospital following a heart attack, and to spend time I began to think about the joy of fishing. I also thought about possible variations on the Moosehead Belle but was only able to come out with one. However Jack beat me to it with his Big Eye Belle, though we approached it with different materials. (Once I have tied my version, I'll print the recipe in the Flyrodder).

Together with the flies there was a note from Jack that said, "Since we now have approximately 10" -12" of snow on the ground and the temperature outside at 26 F. I felt it was a good time to sit down behind my vise and experiment with some variations of your infamous Moosehead Belle. Due to construction problems, some of these flies may not quite resemble your original Moosehead Belle, but I tried to adhere to the original color scheme and recipe."

Connetquot Rules For 2001

In response to the demand for the limited spaces available for our Monday Connetquot River State Park trips, the following guidelines are in effect :

Paid-up, LIFR members, with valid 2001 N.Y.S. fishing licenses, 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. Sign up is during the coffee break only. No mail-ins or advance reservations will be accepted.

Reservations are available for 32 anglers per session; 64 for both sessions. The cost of each session is \$15. No checks will be accepted - Cash Only - to be paid at the general meeting or at the park for call-in reservations.

For the morning session, you must arrive at the park by 7:30 AM.

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Women and Fly fishing

by Gian Padovani

"I take it as a personal insult to my intelligence" said a female friend of mine, obviously a little upset.

The cause for this flare-up was something to do about fly fishing. She is a "petite" fisher and I asked if she had encountered any problems finding waders, or other fishing apparel to fit her size.

She answered that the waders were no problem, but that some shops had the audacity to carry vests and jackets in "feminine" fashion colors. I

could well sympathize with her outburst since the men's tan or green vests are deemed best to blend with the background, and less threatening to trout.

My friend takes fishing very seriously and if anything, she is better and more dedicated to the sport than several of the guys I know. Insofar as I can see, the major drawback is her small size, which presents a problem when wading the deeper water.

The same stretch that would be waist high for me, becomes chest high for her.

Every so often, national fishing magazines publish articles mentioning that now, more than ever, "Women are taking up fly fishing." To confirm their statement, they even include photographs of women in the middle of a stream, clad in waders and brandishing a fly rod with as much enthusiasm as any male counterpart.

Fly fishing tackle is very light, practically every stream has stretches that are easily waded, and today's waders are as comfortable as they are light. Someone told me that some women feel the sport is "male dominated" and resentful against any intrusion from the opposite sex. Maybe so, but all of my male fishing friends do not feel this way.

Recently, a national fishing publication included an Internet web page for those who are interested in finding out about specific fly fishing clubs that cater to women. A few weeks ago I met an angler in a local creek and we started chatting about the different hatches. He introduced himself as Gary, and I figured him in his middle thirties. He had returned recently from a fishing trip to Montana with his wife, where they had experienced great fishing.

"Actually," Gary said with a smirk, "she



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oufished me!" Through the years I have met a few married couples that shared a passion for fly fishing and I wondered if they had a great life together as well. I would assume they did.

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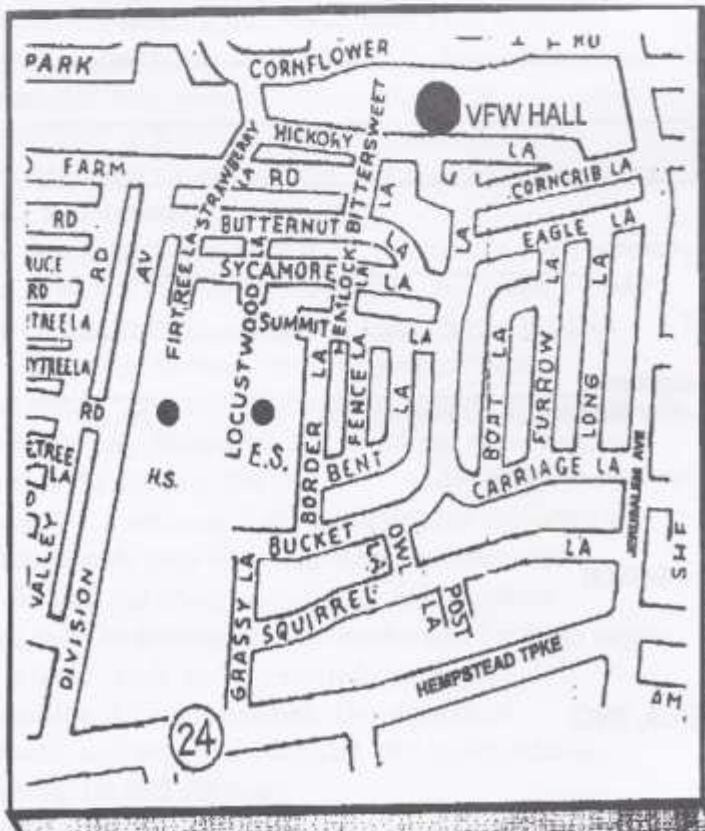
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