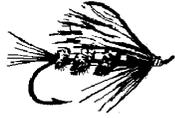


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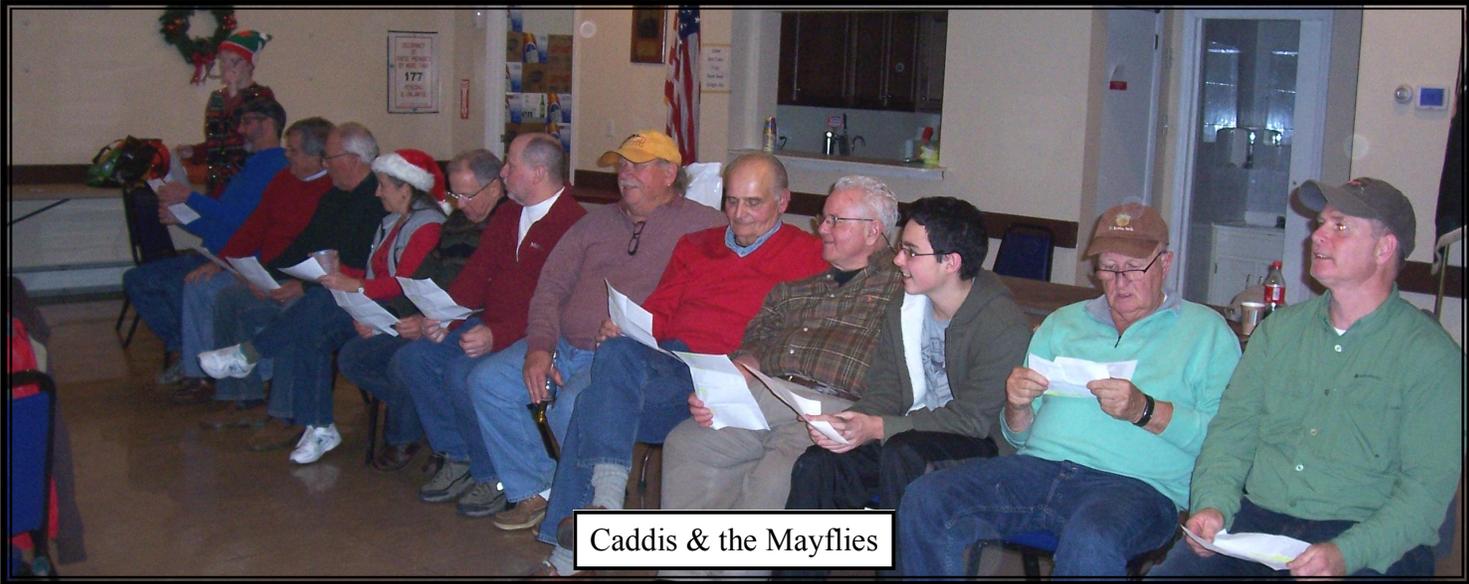
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Lee Weil & Susan Solomon



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January

January; the month for checking out the Fly Fishing shows and trying out new patterns at the vise. Sure, we may have to shovel some snow and drive in some challenging weather, but it also comes as a welcome time to slow down. Once the holidays are over, I look forward to sitting back and mentally reviewing the past year, and naturally my thoughts will move on to the planning of trips for the year to come. Every year I say, "I wish I had more days off." Unless you're independently wealthy, (we aren't) and can spend mega bucks traveling to exotic places to fish, you may feel limited as to your prospects. Take heart, fellow angler! There are many angling treasures right within a few hours drive; we simply have to take the time to find them. One of the great things about being a member of the Flyrodders is that we can exchange information that we have reaped from past fishing trips. Better yet, we can turn those "scout trips" into golden opportunities for others by offering what we have learned and even going the extra mile and organizing a trip.

It's not as hard as you think. I start out by going over the trips we took last year; which ones would I consider doing again? Which ones are suitable for a group? One of my favorite past times on a snowy day is going over the calendar and penciling in tentative dates for different destinations. Each year I say, "I wish we would've fished (fill in your choice) but we ran out of time." Maybe this is

the year to do that trip and cross off another on your "to fish" list. What better way to do it than with some company?

We have a friend who comes to the United States each year simply to fish; it's an annual tradition. I have to say that his visits have compelled us to fish some destinations we probably would not have considered - thus opening new doors for us and adding to our collection of memories. Being members of The Flyrodders has opened many doors for us this way and I have to admit, while the trips I run may require some work on my part, they more than repay my efforts with good fellowship and satisfaction.

Our trip committee meeting is being held before the January meeting and I will be there, to offer to share what I have found to be valuable with others. But we need more people who can open new doors; sharing new places and making new memories. Don't be timid - step up! You'll be surprised at how many of these guys will offer to help you.

This is one of the best ways you can "give back" to the club. Sometimes all it takes is a little push to get the ball rolling. If you have an idea and need help getting it put together please join us at the Trip Committee meeting on January 6, 2015. Believe me, you'll be glad you did.

Tight Lines and God bless, Lee

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It was a good day for bird watching

By Gordon Mueller

Anyone who has fished for a while eventually has one of those frustrating days where all your buddies are hooking up left and right and you're getting skunked. This happened to me last June when I went on a three day walleye trip on Lake Erie, where we were using a spinner and night crawler rig as our bait. How hard can this be, I thought?

Much harder than it looks it turned out, as you were more likely to hook up with a lowly sheephead drum rather than the targeted and tasty walleye. After finally getting the hang of the light biting walleye on the second day of the trip, the last day's charter was a series of missed strikes, spit hooks, snags and a thunderstorm that chased us off the lake early. In the meantime, my buddies on the boat were catching their limits, joking around and drinking cold ones.

Steam was coming out of my ears as we pulled back into the port when I saw a flock of large white and black birds flying in a V formation parallel to the shore. As they got closer, I identified them as white pelicans, which I had only seen pictures of in books before. My jaw unclenched and my mood brightened as I realized, "It was a good day for bird watching"

Once again, a slow day of fishing was salvaged by sighting an interesting bird species while on the water. Once it was a blustery fall day off Montauk where we only caught one bluefish but saw dozens of loons in their winter plumage, brown pelicans (which I had never seen in New York) plus huge flocks of migrating sea ducks and brants. My first drift boat trip down the Delaware was a rainy exercise in how to spook trout until a bald eagle swooped right over our heads out of a tree we floated under. You don't realize how big the wing span of an eagle is until you're only 20-30 feet away from one! There were also several species of mergansers, a lot of mallard families and a pair of beautiful wood ducks, which are my favorite bird.

I first got interested in bird watching at about the same age that my Dad taught me how to catch bluegills with a worm, sinker and bobber. When I was eight years old I got a birding guide book as a birthday present and memorized all the pictures until the pages fell out. I was particularly fascinated by water fowl and shore birds, so when we went fishing, I could quickly identify egrets, herons, ospreys, teal, widgeons, sandpipers, grebes, coots and dozens of other species. Before swans and Canada geese over popu-

lated into nuisance birds, we would stop fishing and just watch and listen as a flock flew high overhead. Sometimes in the walk through the woods to the lake or river, we'd flush a quail, grouse or pheasant.

When I started fly fishing in my 30's, I continued this dual hobby. Sometimes it wasn't a bird that made the day interesting but another animal, like the river otter I saw in the East Branch Croton one trip. Or hearing a beaver slap its tail on the water when I got too close. I remembered being followed by a curious red fox as I was walking back to the parking lot at Connetquot Park, who probably smelled the brook trout I kept. Many of us have lost creeled fish at Connetquot to thieving raccoons or snapping turtles.

So if you ask me on a Monday morning how my fishing trip was and my reply is "It was a good day for bird watching" you'll know two things: A) I probably didn't catch very many fish and may have gotten skunked. B) I still had a wonderful day on the water, thanks to all the other beautiful creatures that I shared that environment with.



Photo by Gordon Mueller

The NYSDEC Bureau of Fisheries issues its 2104 Annual Report

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources, Bureau of Fisheries delivers a very diverse program and annually conducts a wide array of activities to accomplish its mission. That mission being to: *Conserve and enhance New York State's abundant and diverse populations of freshwater fishes while providing the public with quality recreational angling opportunities.*

The 2014 annual report highlights many of the activities and efforts carried out by Bureau of Fisheries staff, as well as their findings and accomplishments. The report provides a summary of significant activities completed during fiscal year 2013-2014 by Bureau of Fisheries staff. The information presented is arranged as follows: nine NYS regional reports; Inland Section; Lake Ontario Research Unit; Lake Erie Research Unit; Public Use Section; Fish Culture Section, Summary of Fisheries, Creel and Angler Surveys; Bureau of Fisheries Reports and Presentations; and a Summary of Permits and Licenses Reviewed or Issued.

This 51-page fisheries report (http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/fshannrpt14.pdf) should be of interest to all and I encourage the membership to set aside some time to read it.

Ed Zero

George Daniel

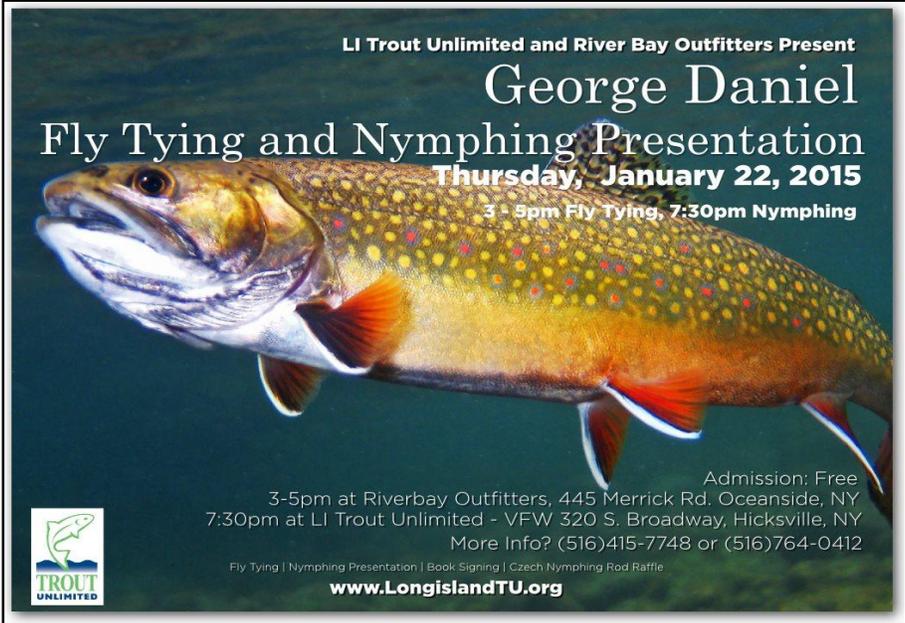
On Thursday, January 22, George Daniel will be coming to our area as the guest of the Long Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited. George is a two-time National Fly Fishing Champion, former head coach of the US Fly Fishing Team, Competitor for Fly Fishing Team USA, fished around the world, and is the author of "Dynamic Nymphing".

He will be demonstrating **fly tying** from 3-5pm at Riverbay Outfitters, 445 Merrick Rd. Oceanside, NY 11572 and then at 7:30pm at the regular TU meeting at the Hicksville VFW located at 320 S. Broadway (Rt. 107), Hicksville, NY 11801, where he'll give a presentation on **nymph fishing**. He will also bring along books for purchase and signing.

Don't miss this rare appearance and opportunity to ask questions and talk to George. There will be a Czech Nymphing rod (donated by Riverbay Outfitters) along with other goodies, that will be raffled off at the evening event. All are welcome.

Tight Lines,

Peter Dubno
President of LITU



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Thursday, January 22, 2015

3 - 5pm Fly Tying, 7:30pm Nymphing

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3-5pm at Riverbay Outfitters, 445 Merrick Rd. Oceanside, NY
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Save The Date - Fly Fishing Film Tour 2015

Friday March 13, 2015
American Legion Hall
730 Willis Avenue, Williston Park
Doors open at 6:30, show starts at 7:00 PM

Tickets can be purchased at:
River Bay Outfitters, 445 Merrick Road, Oceanside
Orvis Westbury, 934 Old Country Road, Garden City
at **Long Island Flyrodders** monthly meetings, at **Long Island Trout Unlimited** monthly meetings
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Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17. at door. Children under 16 are free. Any questions, call 516 510-3521

Long Island Flyrodders will once again be hosting the Fly Fishing Film Tour. Come be a part of the fun. Have a front row seat to fly fishing adventure films and a chance to win raffle prizes and door prizes.

Fly Tying Nights at The Main Event

will resume on January 13th, with the cost of \$15.00 per person including finger food & soda. Sessions will run from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

LIFR will run an Open House for non-members to tie with our members at a future date. If interested, please call V. Pres. Rich Cosgrove for information: 516-369-1711.

The Main Event - 799 Old Country Road - Plainview, NY 11803 - 516-935-5120

The Long Island Flyrodders Fly Tying Classes

We will begin our Fall / Winter fly tying classes in a few weeks, so sign up at the next meeting for Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced tying.

The cost per person will be \$ 40.00, with all materials included, and tools for those who don't have their own.

To sign up please see Lee Weil at the meeting or e-mail her at:

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John Skinner will be appearing here free at the Campsite on January 24th at 1:00 pm.
Save the date and time see you there.

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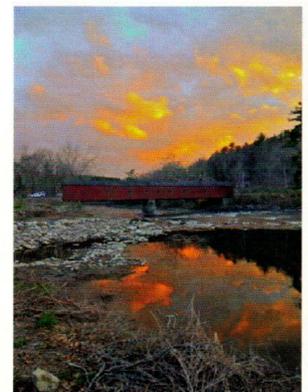
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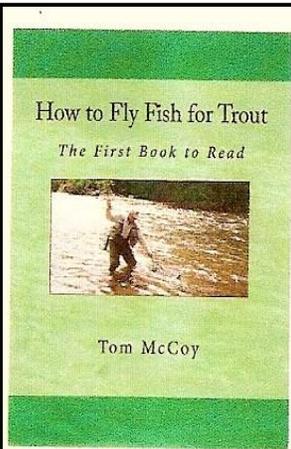
Peter Brower will be collecting your flies or monetary contribution at meetings until January. For each 12 freshwater flies, 10 saltwater flies, or a \$10 donation, you will earn one chance at a special raffle.

LIFR Needs You!

Our club needs volunteers. Please donate some of your time to help out at meetings and for other important club business.

If you can spare a little of your time, please see Pres. Tom Cooleen, Wolfgang Porté, or any Board Member for information.

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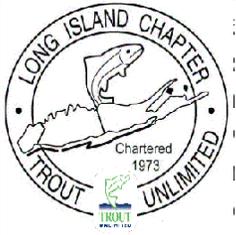
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 See www.longislandtu.org for more info.

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January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

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January - 2015

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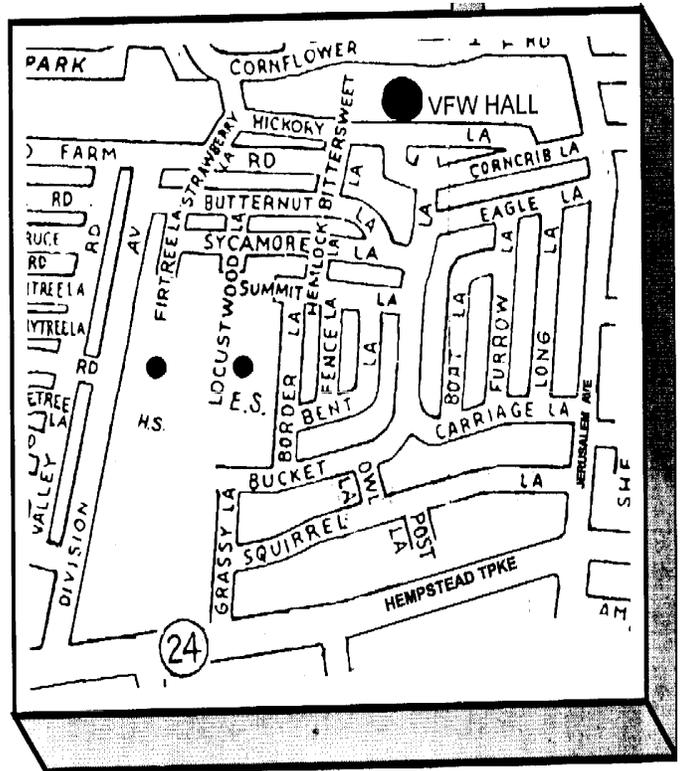
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January 13 **Fly Tying Nights at The Main Event**
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January 23-25 **Somerset NJ Fly Fishing Show**
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January 27 **Board Meeting**



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