

Hello L.I . Flyrodders;

Well, its been a long time, but I was a kid when this club started. Glad to see your still going strong. I used to hang out at Merrick Tackle in Bellmore where Jimmy Watts & Ron Prawicka introduced me to fly fishing. This was back in the early 80's. Me and my buddy Glen joined the club when the meetings were held at Newbridge Road Park. We learned how to tie from Jimmy & Ron back then. We were probably around 13 or 14. We learned a lot from the older guys including Gian Padovani, Roger Mimms, Danny Hannish, & others. We got good at tying, so the club had us tie at the booth during the Sportsman Show at the coliseum. (we had good teachers!) We had some great outings back then too. Grew up, moved away, & got busy with life - you know the story. Was kicking around the internet & found you guys. I figure non of those old time members are around these days.

Hey, read this at the next meeting & let everyone know that I owe a lot to the L.I.F.R.'s & those founding members. They kept a couple of kids on the right track back then. Those old timers freely gave knowledge & wisdom about fishing and life which I have carried with me all these years.

- Fellow Fisherman, Mike Shishkowsky .