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***This Month's Meeting:
March 4, 2025 - 7:30PM***



Howie Solomon and granddaughter Abby

GUEST SPEAKER:

John Horner

"Fly Tying Presentation and Live Tying Demo"

Members Used Tackle Sale at 6:30PM



Presidents Message for March 2025

Firstly, myself and the Board of Directors, want to thank the membership for their vote of confidence in nominating and electing us to our offices and directorships. We are there to keep things running smoothly, find ways to make things more efficient, and most of all, make you glad that you're a member! Never hesitate to ask any of us a question, if we don't have the answer, we'll track down who does!

March is always an exciting month; we're like bears coming out of hibernation! We have the Ward Melville Show, The Long Island Fly Fishing Expo, and the first day of Spring. We'll have a ton of sign-up sheets; from trips to dinners, so bring your checkbook to lock in your reservation. Bring some cash as well, because it's our annual membership used tackle sale, which means anyone can buy and sell, the club doesn't take a cut. I'm already hearing rumors of some very nice deals. Spring is around the corner. We are fortunate to live in an area that offers a variety of fishing options, so go out and explore!

Lastly, I want to thank our outgoing President Ed Kohler, for doing a great job and being a pleasure to work with as Vice President. Ed has promised to still be involved and I look forward to continuing what we started last year, I just wish he would stop reaching for the gavel at the board meetings!

Shawn Sullivan, pres.

Dues are Due - 2025



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March 2025 Newsblast



Our Annual Members Used Tackle Sale begins at 6:30, before the meeting starts. All paid up members may sell, no charge! Guests are welcome to buy as well, it's also an open house. All bartering has to end at 7:30, you will have one more chance to buy during the break.

*** LIFR Newsblast*** Hey Flyrodders here's your events calendar for the month of March 2025

*** The LIFR Board has decided to raise dues starting in January 2025 (this is not another April Fools joke!) Yearly membership will be \$60.00 and Family membership will be \$70.00 This will allow us to continue the activities that we all enjoy, such as guest speakers, barbecues, picnics, raffle prizes, etc; We thank you in advance for supporting this great club! We will have printed out renewal and new membership forms at the meeting.

**** We are bringing back the door prize award to people who sign in. Print your name on the list as soon as you come in to be in the running. We will have one prizewinner drawn, so we have enough time for our guest speakers. We also need to get a head count of how many are in attendance, so please sign in even if you have everything already that we could possibly buy! Joe DiClementi will be at Peter's desk with the sheet.

*** Morty could use some donations for his used tackle sale. Do your spring cleaning early and donate that rod or reel that's taking up space.
3/1 Ward Melville HS Fishing Show. We will have a table.

3/4- Meeting at 7:30, Guest speaker John Horner, "Fly Tying Presentation and Live Tying Demo"

*** Members Used Tackle Sale (see above) ****

Sign up sheets will be out for day and weekend trips. If you want to go on a trip that's sold out see Shawn for some options.

3/8 Long Island Fly Fishing Expo, not to be missed!

3/9 Daylight Savings Time begins, more time to fish after work!

3/13 Fly tying meetup, 6:30 at VFW, bring your own equipment and materials, chip in for pizza (not a class)

3/17 Connetquot River Club Day, there will be 2 sessions, 8-12, and 12-4. The park has a new policy, we have to pay for no shows, so members will be charged. Call or text Ted Bany at 631 513-5875, or email Tedbany@yahoo.com. Morning session pay at the park, at the booth as Ted checks you in. Please do not drive down to the hatchery until Ted gives the okay. Afternoon session pay in advance by mailing a check for \$25.00 made out to Ted Bany. Mail to 11 Yorkshire Avenue, Stony Brook, NY, 11790
Only Kelly Green flies will be allowed on that Day!



March 2025 Newsblast



3/18 The club will be making a presentation to the Riverhead HS fishing club.

3/20 First Day of Spring, many lakes and streams may already be stocked so keep your ear to the ground!

3/25 LIFR Board Meeting 7pm

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

3/1 Ward Melville HS Fishing Club Show (we will have a table and could use volunteers)

3/8 Long Island Flyfishing Expo, hosted by members Paul McCain and Ken Arstark, we will have a table and we could use volunteers to take a turn at the table.

3/21 LITU will be having a Conservation Fundraising Dinner at 7pm, Flyrodders can attend, there will be raffles and auctions, \$50.00 per person, see Peter Harris for details

4/12 and 4/17, Connetquot will be hosting High School students for a day of fishing and exploring the park. We have volunteered in the past, along with TU, it's a fun day, see Rich Cosgrove for info.

4/26 Cold Spring Harbor Hatchery Festival 10-3, we will have an outside table, and a table inside for fly tying, see Ed Kohler, Bill Smith, or Shawn for info.

5/10 Catskill Cleanup, we will be meeting at Dett's Fly Shop and having a lunch at the Quickway rest stop, more details to follow.

9/7 Club Picnic at Belmont Lake State Park (great panfish popper lake!)

9/25 Awards Night Dinner at Domenicos

be there or be square! Still only \$50.00 per person!

***If you know of anyone who is not receiving the Newsblast or Newsletter have them contact Shawn Shawnsul8@aol.com, 516 236-6554

Many thanks and Tight Lines-

Shawn Sullivan, Pres.
Long Island Flyrodders

Website : www.liflyrodders.org



February Meeting

Vice Pres. **Andy Murad**, former Pres. **Ed Kohler**, Pres. **Shawn Sullivan**



Fly Phishing

By Shawn Sullivan

Remember that little running stick figure? You would try to get on the internet, or internet, as they called it then, and AOL would have this little stick figure whose arms would move as it was loading. A lot of times the little man would freeze up or disappear altogether. I wasted a lot of time screaming at that little man. I stuck with it, despite myself, because I figured maybe something good might come out of it. I had just started flyfishing and I was starved for information.

The first time you tried to sign on you had to come up with a name. I couldn't think of anything, so I used my dog Isis's name. It turned out that name had already been taken, so I changed it to Fat Isis. That name resulted in my getting requests from a lot of lonely men, and a few women: some sent pictures. This wasn't what I had signed up for. I changed the name to Fly2Bass. Yay, no more weird messages. People communicated on message boards. Someone would make a post, and others could comment on it. Apparently, there were a lot of fly fishers from all over the country looking to connect with others who had the same obsession. I didn't know about any of the clubs that were around, and I wanted to talk to people who were more experienced.

I found this one group who had a message board. The name was ROFF, which stood for Recreational Outdoors Fly Fishing. After meeting them, I wondered if they hadn't come up with the name because it sounds like the noise you make when you're puking after drinking all day and night, which seemed to be their main activity. I decided to go to one of their meetups at Penns creek. We would be staying at a nearby fishing lodge, and the rooms would be randomly assigned. I'm not a light sleeper, but my room mate snored so bad that the sound traveled through wax ear plugs and two pillows wrapped around my head.

They slept until midafternoon, and I never saw any of them actually fish. They seemed amazed when I told them that I had been on the water by six and had caught a huge brown trout on a fly called a "Green Weanie". It was fun to listen to them swap stories from all over the country, but I was disappointed that I wouldn't be getting any practical tips to improve my fishing. These guys were truly "trout bums" before the term had come into wide use. They invited me to join their "caravan" but I didn't have a trust fund or any means of making money, other than working.

Like some of my friends, I had a lot of misgivings about the "golden age of technology". When I decided to give Facebook a try, I didn't use my real name. Once again, I used my dog's name, Cash. I would post pictures of my dog sitting in my art studio in front of one of my paintings. Cash would have interesting things to say about the artworks. I had so many friend requests that I couldn't keep up with them. I started to become jealous of my dog. Why should he get all the credit for my hard work? As far as I knew, he couldn't even hold a brush. I deleted my dog's account and started using my own name. The friend requests slowed to a trickle. If I had to do it all over again, I probably would have stayed with the art dog identity. Who knows how far it might have gone. Cash might have ended up showing in high end art galleries. Maybe he would have even been given a show in a museum. Stupid dog.

You are cordially invited!

**Event: The Long Island Trout Unlimited
Conservation Banquet and Auction**

Date: March 21st, 2025

Time: 7 PM – 9:30 PM

Venue: The Bristol

117 Post Ave, Westbury, NY

Join us for an unforgettable evening at the **Long Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited Conservation Banquet and Auction!** Enjoy a night filled with exciting auctions, raffles, fine wine, and a delectable dinner prepared by an award-winning chef .

Tickets are **\$50 per person.**

RSVP: Please RSVP by March 10, 2025. Limited seating available, so its first come, first served!

Payment: Send checks by March 10, 2025, to:

LITU c/o Tom LoProto

68 Murray Drive, Westbury, NY 11590

This fundraiser is a significant event that will greatly support our educational programs such as **Trout in the Classroom** and the **Annual Kids Fishing Day** at Connetquot State Park or sending a deserving **Young person to DEC summer camp for a week.**

We look forward to seeing you there!



RAFFLE

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for two (2) rods on skiff OR
Contender fish where the fish
are, talk to David

<p>\$10/ticket or 3 tickets for \$25 Raffle drawn May 6,</p>	<p>BobSkoy, LIFR flyline@hotmail.com 516 330-2610</p>
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Attn:Flyrodders: The next meet-up of the fly-tying group (not a class) will be at the VFW hall (where we hold our meetings) on Feb. 13, Thursday at 6:30 pm. We plan on meeting the second Thursday of each month, through March. This is not a class, materials won't be provided, and you need your own equipment. If you want to come watch, that's fine too. We will be chipping in for pizza. Please let Susan Solomon know you are coming, by emailing mrssolomon0704@aol.com or texting 516 330-5731

January Fly Tying Night Proposal from Bill Smith

Bill has an idea he would like us to consider for our annual fly tying night in January. He sent it in the body of an email so I will paste it below.

Members can tie their own patterns as in the previous Fly Tying Night and/or participate in the instructional sessions. 3 or 4 members will volunteer to lead participants in tutorials. Each instructor will demonstrate a specific fly. In the interest of simplicity I would suggest that all demonstrated flies should use the same hook (in this case a size 8 3xl nymph/ streamer hook). The demonstrations will be shown on the screen using the clubs projector. I do a similar demonstration weekly at the Northport VA Hospital and have all of the necessary equipment and wiring.>

Due to the wide range of member abilities (beginner to intermediate to expert) the demonstrated flies should be simple yet interesting- Sully's, Black Nosed Dace, Cypert Minnow, Shenks Minnow, Woods Special, etc. >

Once the patterns to be demonstrated are determined by the instructors kits can be put together and sold to participants. I have the club materials at my house. I also have funds that were collected years ago during fly tying sessions that I can use to purchase any additional hooks and materials. Each kit will contain 6-8 hooks (2 hooks per fly) plus all materials. \$10 per kit - any left over kits can be sold at the end of the night or at future meetings for \$5. I would recommend opening this session to non-members as a recruiting opportunity. Please contact me with any questions or suggestions.

Thanks for reading it. See you later, Shawn

LIFR Instagram Page

Joe Coccaro, has volunteered to manage an Instagram page for the club. He would like to encourage our members to submit fishing pictures to him for inclusion on the page. Please include your name, location, type of fish and any other info you think important with your photos. Photos can be emailed directly to Joe:

jvcoccaro@gmail.com Or text : 516-818-6265



LIFR MONDAYS AT CONNETQUOT

Because of changes at Connetquot River State Park, the Club is now required to pay the park at 9:30am, for all members fishing that day, morning or afternoon session.

In order to accomplish this, effective immediately, if you want to fish the 12 noon to 4:00pm afternoon session, you must send a check in advance, for \$25, made out to Ted Bany, at:

11 Yorkshire Ave, Stony Brook, NY 11790

If you are fishing the morning session, you may pay at the park on the day you fish.

Text, email, or call Ted Bany at [\(631\) 513-5875](tel:6315135875) to make your reservation. Your check must arrive no later than the Saturday before fishing day. If you need to cancel for any reason, please do so by the Saturday before fishing day. I will hold your check aside for future visits to the park.

**Unfortunately, no-shows who do not cancel,
will forfeit their payment.**



Monday Fishing at Connetquot River State Park - 2025

March 17

2 Sessions: 8am - 12pm and 12pm - 4pm

@ \$25 per session

LIFR Connetquot Fishing -

March 17, 2025

Good news members, our Board approved fishing for this month. Please observe the rules listed below so all our members can safely enjoy their day on the river.

Please do not enter the park before 7:10 AM.

We will be restructing the number of fishermen on the river to 10 members per session.

All members that want to fish must register with **Ted Bany** by phone, email or text; **first come first served**; he will confirm your reservation. If you need to cancel please do so 72 hours prior to **Monday, March 17th** so that your reservation can be offered to another Flyrodder on the wait list. Please call, text, or email Ted at (631) 513-5875 or tedbany@yahoo.com

Members are restricted to one fishing session in order to give more LIFR members an opportunity to fish. You might be able to fish a second session if we fail to get 10 fishermen at each session. Ted will keep a waiting list to advise of another fishing session opportunity if requested.

At the park please place \$25.00 in cash in an envelope with your name on it. There will be a box available for collection.

Stewards for the day will be **Ted Bany.**



The Long Island FlyRodders now have a Group Facebook page (LIFR Group). This page can be used by LIFR Members to post fishing info, pictures, invitations, etc. Andy Murad and Bill Smith are the Admins for the page. If you haven't been added to the page already, just log onto LIFR Group and request to join the page.

Night/Sport Fishing Permit: The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation – Long Island Region - will be accepting dashboard permit applications until March 31, 2023. They will go back on sale **September 7 through December 31, 2024**. There will be no mail-in or in-person sales. One application can be used for multiple permit requests for the same vehicle. Permit(s) will be mailed to the address indicated on the application. For questions, please call the Permit Department at (631) 321-3770.

To purchase a 2023 Dashboard Permit Apply online through DocuSign: visit parks.ny.gov, Long Island Region to apply. Valid credit card is required for payment. Permit(s) will be mailed once processed.

Fees are as follows and determined by issuing state of the applicant's driver's license:
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CAMP HERO FISHING \$40 (NY resident), \$75 (out of state)
NIGHT/SPORT FISHING \$35 (NY resident), \$60 (out of state)

To purchase a Night/Sport Fishing permit.

YOU MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WHEN APPLYING:

1. Valid e-mail address
2. Valid driver's license of the applicant
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4. Valid NYS DEC Recreational Saltwater/Marine Fishing Registry ID # (required for fishing dashboard permits).

How to register with the DEC for the free MARINE REGISTRY:

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If you can spare a little of your time, please see Pres. Ed Kohler or any Board Member for information. Thank You

Project Healing Waters Update

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, PHWFF, based in Northport VA, has **new fishing dates**. The Veterans will be fishing Connetquot on the **first Monday of every month**. And, as before, they look to LIFR for volunteers to guide and assist. If you would like to guide, assist and teach a Veteran fly fishing at Connetquot, call:

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Online Hatch Guide for Club Members

I've been dealing with **Trident Fly-fishing**

(www.tridentflyfishing.com) out of Massachusetts and found an interesting hatch guide for multiple states and streams within each state that might be useful to club members.

The webpage URL is <https://flyshack.com/HCState.aspx>. You scroll each state to find the stream you're interested in. I referenced the Schroon River in Lake George as my wife and I will be up there in early June. Thanks. Tight Lines.

Don Ghee

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How to stay in the fly fishing game for a lifetime

Many members have found the following blog post, "**How to stay in the fly fishing game for a lifetime**," posted January 29, 2020, by Domenick Swentosky," on his blog, troutbitten.com, to be meaningful.

We include the link below:

<https://troutbitten.com/2020/01/29/how-to-stay-in-the-fly-fishing-game-for-a-lifetime/>

Thanks, Mike Postol

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**LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS, INC. (LIFR)
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
or RENEWAL AND RELEASE**

APPLICATION FOR YEAR 202 ____

The undersigned hereby applies for membership or renewal, in the **LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS, INC. ("LIFR")**. The Undersigned verifies that I understand the inherent risk in participating in the activities and fishing or other trips (**Trip**) of the LIFR. I am physically fit, and I am aware of, and have sufficiently prepared for, the rigors of all such activities and Trips. I understand that a Trip may take me into remote areas, and that I may not be able to be promptly evacuated or receive proper medical care in the event of injury or disease. I further understand that I am solely responsible for all costs of medical treatment and transportation. I assume the risk of undertaking the **Trip**, including traveling to and from the Trip destination.

I am fully aware of risks of contracting an infection and/or disease, including but not limited to Covid-19 and its variants, as a result of participating in such activities. I will comply with all CDC Guidelines.

The undersigned, intending to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, ("Releasor") waive and release any and all rights and claims for personal injury, infection, disease, death, and property damage or loss ("Damage"), that the Releasor may have against, and hold harmless, the Long Island Flyrodders, Inc. ("LIFR"), its Officers, Directors, Trustees, Trip Leaders, and Members, VFW Post 9592, and any of their agents and representatives ("Releasee"), for Damage suffered by the Releasor, arising out of or connected in any way with the LIFR, the Trip, or related activities.

In case of emergency, when reasonably feasible, contact:

print name: _____ **relationship:** _____ **cell phone:** _____

By signing this Membership Application or Renewal and Release, I waive the right to recover money damages in the event I am injured, die, contract an infection and/or disease, or suffer the loss of property while participating in LIFR activities.

Annual Dues: Individual \$60.00 / Family including children up to 16 yrs \$70.00 / Junior (up to 18 yrs) \$15.00

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Applicant / Releasor: signature:	
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Long Island Flyrodders

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL AND RELEASE

PLEASE NOTE: If you change your PO or email address, you must notify LIFR by sending an email to webmanager@liflyrodders.org OR by writing to: LIFR PO Box 8091, Hicksville NY 11802. This will ensure our correct records and your timely receipt of your Flyrodder.

IF YOU PREFER TO PRINT OUT, FILL-IN, AND MAIL-IN THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE HAVE EACH MEMBER AND FAMILY MEMBER SIGN, AND MAIL WITH THE APPROPRIATE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Long Island Flyrodders PO Box 8091 Hicksville, NY 11802

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Answering or not answering, or how you answer has NO bearing on your eligibility.
- The Club places no restriction on its membership other than a boundless enthusiasm for the fly rod, its literature and traditions and a willingness to participate in the free and unhampered exchange of fly fishing information among its members.
- The following answers gives the Board information about the makeup of the membership.
- Knowing your expectations helps us to create the programs.

Print Name: _____ Age: _____

Occupation: _____ Retired []

Do you use a fly rod now? YES [] NO [] How many years: flyfishing: _____ How many years salt _____

Where do you fish regularly? _____

If you own a boat, Describe: Length: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Do you kayak-fish? YES [] NO [] If you own a kayak, Make/ Model _____

In which committee would you like to help?

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