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**Connetquot River**  
Connetquot State Park, New York  
*Photo by Dennis Aron*

## GUEST SPEAKERS:

**Jeff Plakis & John Fisher**

“Trout Unlimited Activities”  
“Stream Conservation & Trout in the Classroom”



God Bless America



## President's message

Over the next few months we have two items that are the heart and soul of the Flyrodders. Prior to the January meeting, at 6:00 p.m., we will be having the trip committee meeting. This is an open invitation to any member that would like to run a trip. One of the things that our club is famous for, are our trips. We already know we'll be doing the regular trips, such as Project Access, the Farmington and the Housatonic camping trips but what about some others? I figure there are around 30 weekends that most of us regular folks would go fishing and that doesn't even count the irregular folks that go steel head fishing. We have a lot of members in the club and not every trip will attract people. That's why I would love to see a diversity of trips. The trips do not have to all be bare bones "as cheap as they can be" or to the same locations every year. We have had trips ranging from one day drive ups, for the cost of gas and a hot dog, to country inns where they have tablecloths and the beer is served in glasses. Think about it, get a buddy to help it's not that bad. A few phone calls, a letter or

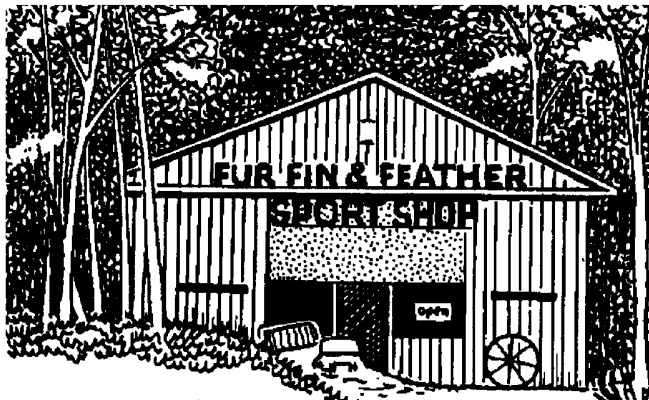
two and keeping a list are really all that's needed to get a trip going. There are a lot of members that have run trips that are more than willing to show you how to organize it. Give it some thought....besides you'll get a nifty "Trip Captain" hat out of the deal.

The other big event is our annual election of officers and board. This is a great opportunity to help steer the direction of the club. We have around 200 members in the club so we should have enough folks to fill 3 positions a year on the board. Even though it's not written in the by-laws it helps to rotate out board members that are leaving. That gets back to that fresh blood thing. The only provision we ask for board members is to attend the board meetings and bring some ideas.

So think about some trips you'd like to do and if you are looking for a place to go one Thursday night a month let me know.

See you on the river

Mike



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# *For Your Nymphormation*

*by Lee Weil*



## **WANTED: A few Good Men and Women**

It's that time of year again; the guys who have served their three year term on the Board are getting ready to step down and turn the reins over to the next regime. This should present the membership with the opportunity to introduce some "new blood" and thus some new ideas and opinions. Unfortunately, it seems that the same names show up on the team roster every year, and the same players simply rotate positions.

I wish I had a dollar for every time I had to listen to a fellow member tell me how this or that should be done; how much better they could do it and how easily it could all be accomplished. My response has been to invite them to the next Board meeting and have them bring their ideas to the table. At this time, I would like to go one step further and ask you, the general membership, to consider how much time and effort goes into the meeting preparations, newsletter distribution, dinner dance, Connetquot program and LIFR trips and functions. The amount of hours and effort spent to keep the club running on all eight cylinders is seldom recognized and most of the members have no idea what it entails. Every year at the January meeting, nominations are accepted for the Board of Directors and other positions of office. At this time, several members will be approached and asked to step up to the plate. I wish I could say that we have no

problem filling the slots, but more often than not we have to twist arms just to make the minimum.

Serving as President, on the Board and in several other capacities, I have had some great experiences and made some good friends to boot. It's been a learning experience in many instances and a lot of fun in most. You make a lot of memories working together and seeing your goals achieved.

If you feel that you can lend us a hand and would like to offer a few hours each month, why not take the plunge? There are many positions to be filled; the job of coffee maker at the general meetings, booth coordinators at the shows, etc. Perhaps you can't commit to serving on the Board of Directors, perhaps the monthly meetings would be too much, however, there are many other ways to give back to the club. Don't be shy, just walk up to President Mike Gelber, or any of the officers and say, "I'd like to help out". I'm sure we can find a spot for you. Believe me, you'll be in good company and don't be surprised if you find that the rewards outweigh the efforts.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you a happy, healthy New Year with just enough good fish to appreciate them and no wind on your days out.

*Tight Lines and God bless, Lee*

## **Fly Tying Night at Pancho's**



*Allan Manz, Dan Van Buskirk & Paul McCain*



*Pres. Mike Gelber, Lee Weil & V. Pres. Jim Foley*

## A Note of Sadness for all Flyfishers

On November 29, 2004, Poul Jorgensen passed away in his sleep at his home on the bank of the Willowemoc Creek in Roscoe, NY. Born and raised in Odense, Denmark, Jorgensen made his home in the United States for over 45 years.

Poul passionately studied fly tying from Chicago fly tyer, William Blades, who became his self-proclaimed mentor during the 1960s. He left his job as a mechanical engineer in 1969 and made fly tying his passion and full-time profession. Poul was without peers in the art of modern fly tying.

As a fly tying author, Poul wrote more books and created more videos than any other fly tyer. In 1973 his first book, Dressing Flies for Fresh and Salt-water, was critically acclaimed. This book brought life-size and clear color photographs of flies, with detailed tying instructions and patterns to the tyer, setting a benchmark for all fly tying books that followed. All of his books took DIY (do it yourself) instruction to a higher level; they were explicit, detailed, and easy to follow. His benchmark book, Salmon Flies: Their Character, Style and Dressing was first published in 1978 and is now available in five (5) different languages since it's reprint of 2000. It began the renaissance of tying classic, Victorian era Atlantic Salmon flies that continues to grow today. Each book he authored brought with it a new dimension to the art and craft of fly tying worldwide with several titles reprinted on other languages.

Recognized the world over, he was once commissioned by President Richard M. Nixon to prepare a presentation selection of flies for Yugoslavian President, Marshall Tito, who admired Poul's work. When the selection was complete, President Nixon then requested that Poul personally present them to Tito, to make the gift even more special. Of course, Poul honored President Nixon's request. Poul was the World Ambassador of flytying.

His innovation never stopped as he remained on the cutting edge of tying throughout his life. He could tie any style or category of

fishing fly and explain and demonstrate his techniques for successful construction to others.

Over the years, he was responsible for promoting and developing substitute materials for endangered and protected bird and animal species. His professional integrity was recognized by many companies here and abroad, which ultimately landed him endorsements to many products, including Partridge Hooks of Redditch, England. In addition to his endorsements, he developed his own signature series of fly tying materials.



**Poul Jorgensen  
1926-2004**

Personally, he freely shared his knowledge with everyone who requested it. There was always time to answer a question or share a story. He continued providing fly tying instruction to students of all ages, from the children attending annual meetings of The Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock, an organization originated in 1940 to expose children to sound environmental and conservation practices while learning the art of fly fishing, to seasoned and skilled anglers as a regular featured tyer at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum and at Catskill Fly Tyers Guild sessions.

Having been recognized and received many honors over the years worldwide, he considered his induction into the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame, located at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum, that which he called home, personally, the most important.

Poul Jorgensen is fly fishing history, a history that will live on.

Poul is survived by children, Paul Naylor, London, England, Peter Naylor, Charleston, SC, Karen Naylor-Riobueno, Newton, MA, and sisters Grethe and Mary, Denmark

Friends may send donations and cards to The Poul Jorgensen Memorial Education Fund, C/O The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum, PO Box 1295, Livingston Manor, NY 12758.

A memorial service will be held at The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum in Livingston Manor, NY, on April 2, 2005.

## Cleaning and Servicing your Equipment During the Off-Season

by *Herman Abrams*

Now that November is here and the fishing season is slowly coming to an end, it is time to start cleaning your equipment in order to be ready for the start of the next year's fishing season. Since no one wants to leave dirty equipment stored over the winter months, we will start first with fly rods.

Wash each section in warm soapy water, rinse in cold water and dry with a soft towel. Now is the best time to inspect the rod guides and reel seat for any damage and wear. Using a cotton swab is one form of looking for rough surfaces inside guides. If you find any type of damage, now is the time to return the rod back the manufacturer for repair. Do not wait until the beginning of the next season comes around, you might not have your rod back in time. If you find nothing wrong and your rod is in good condition, return the rod back in the rod tube and store it in a horizontal position.

We now come to the servicing of the fly line. A good line cost about \$ 65.00, therefore it is important to take good care of it in order to have the use of any line for at least a number of seasons. All lines must be partially maintained during the year, but especially at the end of the fishing season. Strip the line and backing off the reel, attach a small tag at the end of the line with the following information. The type of line, as far as double taper, weight forward or triangle taper and the line weight. It is also a good idea, to label the reel to the line by number. Wash the line in warm soapy water, rinse and dry. Now is a good time to stretch the line in its entire length. The line has a chance to uncoil and untwist and relax after a season on the reel. Now make a 6 inch loop and recoil the line and store it in a plastic zip lock bag.

Servicing the reel is the next important function when storing the reel for a length of time. When cleaning the reel, do not attempt to disassemble the drag mechanism. Release the tension between the drag washers and the brake washer only. This will allow the brake washer to relax. Wash the reel inside and outside using a sponge and a toothbrush. When washing the housing, do not submerge the reel in water. Dry the reel and make sure that all the water is out of the drag mechanism then spray with WD-40. Bearings and the bearing shaft should be oiled using reel oil only. Since metals have a tendency to breathe, moisture can accumulate and rust can form on the bearing shaft. To avoid this problem, place the reel in a box and add a bag of Silica Gel, it will also prevent oxidation between the aluminum housing and the Stainless steel bearing shaft. Another way is to store your reel in an old sock during the off season, air can circulate and the reel will stay clean and dry. This servicing process is the method I use every season.



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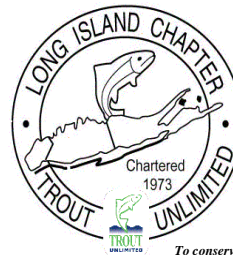
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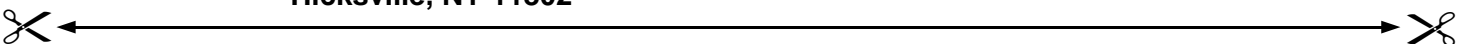
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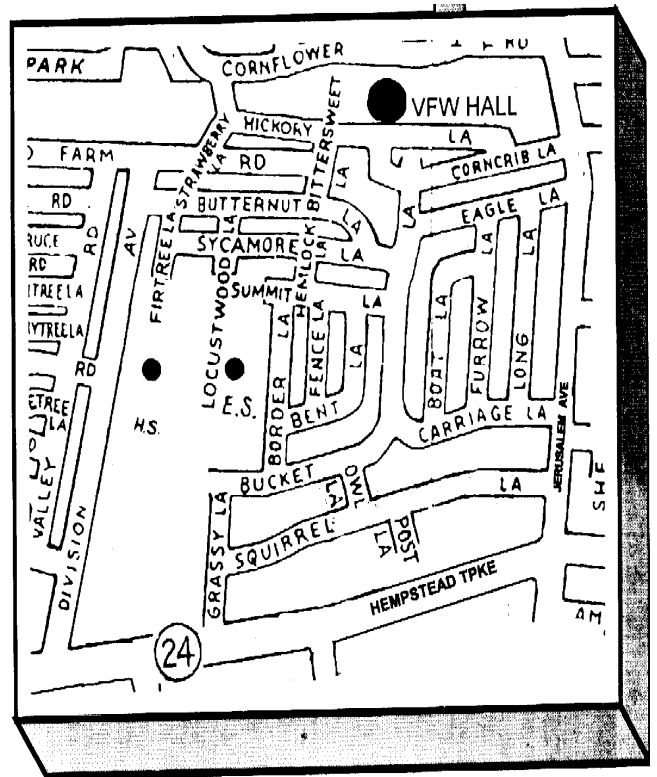
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"Trout Unlimited activities, including  
Stream Conservation & Trout in the Classroom"
- January 11    **Fly Tying Night - 7:00 P.M.**  
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