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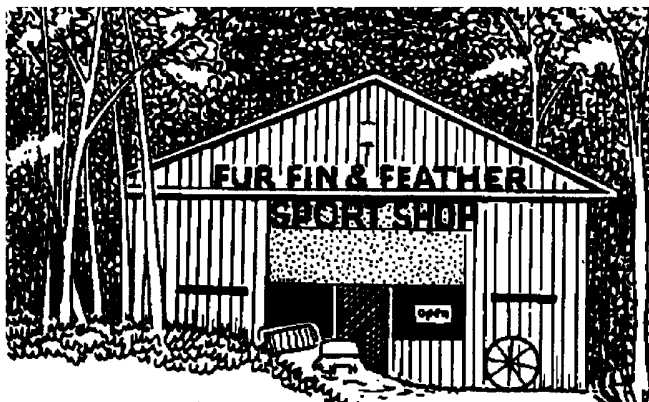
President's message

The holidays are over, it's a new year and fishing season is around the corner. Life is good. Prior to our January meeting, we had the trip planning session for 2005. I was happy to see the regular trips back again but also some new and exciting outings planned for this year. There is going to be a great variety, so I think we should have something for everyone. During the February meeting, we'll have a presentation by each trip leader with an outline and some handouts. **Lee Weil** has the dates for the Connetquot Monday fishing sessions all set. February is the first session of the year and of course it's catch and release. Remember, that when you sign up for Monday fishing, it's rain or shine. If you wake up Monday morning and it's raining or snowing and you turn over and go back to bed, don't come looking for a refund, since the money is already spent. Look for a list of the fishing dates and a reminder of our rules for club days at the park.

Besides the kick off of the fishing season,

February is also our election night. With over 200 members, you'd think we would not have a problem getting candidates on the ballot for the Board of Directors and Officers but it seems some of you are afraid to make a commitment. It only takes one Thursday night a month and a desire to keep the Long Island Flyrodders one of the premier fishing clubs in the Northeast. There are quite a few of you that have been members for many years and have never taken a turn on the board. If my mother was here, she would make you feel guilty and you would run so she would stop giving you that look. Since my mom's in Florida, I'll try something else. For any member who has their name put on the ballot, the club will give them a paid pass to fish Connetquot on a regular club Monday. Think about it...or I'll have to get my mother involved.

See you at the meeting....Mike



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For Your Nymphormation
by Lee Weil



It's hard to believe, but it's February already, and we're looking forward to our first club fishing day on the Connetquot. This year's kickoff date is **February 14th** Valentine's Day. What better way to celebrate a day of love (for fishing, that is!) As we head into the 2005 season I would like to take this opportunity to remind all members of the LIFR rules concerning the "No Show" policy.

1. Cancellations **MUST** be called in *by phone* prior to the deadline, 7:00 pm Sunday before the fishing day.
2. Anyone who calls in a cancellation by the required deadline will receive credit for the **next month ONLY**.
3. Members who have phoned in a reservation and not paid at the meeting are responsible for fees if they are "no shows". Fees for those sessions **MUST** be paid prior to signing up for another day's fishing.
4. All members must be present at the park 15 minutes prior to the start of the session to check in and receive their tickets. **NO ONE** is permitted to begin fishing without a valid ticket.

If you do not have a current list of the Connetquot rules I will be glad to provide one for you. See me at the meeting or call me:

(Lee Weil) at 516-997-6743.

On behalf of Casting For Recovery I would like to thank those of you who purchased the fly box assortments. If you did not get a chance to purchase one of these great selections, good news! I have a new shipment and will continue to have them available at the general meetings, or you may order them by mail. Simply send your check for \$20 to :

Lee Weil
57 Cobalt Lane
Westbury, NY 11590.

I would also like to thank Hank Gevedon for his kind donation of flies at the Danbury show.

ATTENTION: JUNIOR FLY TYERS:

The LI Flyrodders will be setting the date for our third annual Junior tying event, to be held in March. Ages for this class will range from 10 to 16 years of age. At this time I would like to ask for anyone interested in attending this class, or has someone in mind, to please contact me at the number above so we may begin to make the necessary arrangements. Last year's class was a great success and I'm looking forward to it again this year. If we receive a good response, we may divide the group to provide a more advanced class for last year's graduates. Stay tuned!

Tight Lines and God bless! Lee

CONNETQUOT RIVER TRIPS - 2005

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

Members 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. Reservations are available for 32 anglers for each session; 64 for both sessions. The cost of each session is **\$20.00**. No checks will be accepted;

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to be paid at the general meeting or at the park for call-in reservations. Anglers fishing the morning sessions must be at the park by **7:30 a.m.** Cancellations must be made by 7:00 p.m. the Saturday before the session.

No advance reservations will be accepted.

Hours: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

For Details call Lee Weil - (516) 997-6743.

CONNETQUOT DATES - 2005

February 14	March 14	April 18	May 16	June 20
July 18	August 15	September 19	October 17	

Only members with 4 weight rods or larger will be allowed to fish on the Monday Sessions

2005 Long Island Flyrodders Club Trips

DATE	LOCATION	COORDINATOR	PHONE NO.
April 23	Housatonic River, CT (River Clean-Up)	Paul McCain	(516) 536-1418
May 20-23	Ausable River, NY (At the Hungry Trout)	Gil Padovani Dan Van Buskirk	(732) 972-2617 (516) 561-8939
June 3-5	Schoharie Creek, NY (Brown Trout)	Ken Battcher	(516) 795-6543
June 14	Peconic River, Riverhead, NY (Bass & Pickerel)	Lee Weil	(516) 997-6743
June 24-26	Farmington River, CT (Camping)	Tony Agnese	(516) 822-3353
July 15-17	Eldred Preserve – Eldred, NY (Cast and Blast Trip)	Joe Caroleo	(718) 845-4225
July 28-31	Windmill Farm – Cortland, NY (Bass Ponds)	Gordon Mueller	(516) 850-3689
August 12-14	Housatonic River, CT (Camping)	Mike Gelber	(516) 221-9508
August 26-28	Yellow Breeches River, PA (Trout)	Joe Otterstedt	(631) 361-8145
September 9 -11	Beaverkill, Horton, NY. (Riverside Lodge)	Mike Lackey	(631) 269-6713
Dates To Be Announced	Montauk Point, NY (Bluefish and Stripers)	Nick Friedman Morty Schneiderman	(631) 751-7085 (718) 846-5960
October 15	Jones Inlet, NY (Bluefish and Stripers)	Bob Skoy	(516) 379-1111
October 16-20	Oak Orchard, NY (Browns & Salmon)	Al Battistelli Jim Foley	(516) 826-1640 (516) 766-4531

*All participants of club trips must be current members of the Long Island Flyrodders
For detailed trip descriptions, information and travel directions, please access our website at www.lifr.org*

2005 Hungry Trout Trip

Arrangements have been made for our annual May trip to the Ausable, a fantastic river nestled amid the beautiful Adirondacs Mountains in the Lake Placid area. As in past years, we'll stay at the Hungry Trout Motor Inn and Restaurant, a top notch facility that offers comfortable clean rooms, gourmet meals and the use of the famous "Dream Mile", a private stretch of the Ausable River available only to the Hungry Trout guests.

While the core dates of this trip are from Friday, May 20 to Monday, May 23, you can opt to either extend or shorten your stay. Room accommodations can be three to a room or two to a room, depending on your preferences.

If you are interested in going, it is suggested that you book as early as possible. Last year all rooms were taken by the beginning of April and we had to turn people away.... **So, don't wait: Book now!**

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ANOTHER ADVENTURE WITH BRO AL *By John Manz*

Joe and I have lived through many an adventure with our brother Al. In a grocery store none can compare to his daring do. Alas, however, if you give him a fly fishing article he is drawn to it like a moth to a flame. Of course, he will always want Joe and I to join him in his latest sure-fire fishing experience where great expectations are a guarantee.

So began our adventure to the Deerfield River in Massachusetts. Al made all the arrangements, Joe provided his brand new van to tow our camper and all I had to do was to keep my pack light! Our first challenge came when we arrived at Dick's store to obtain our three-day fishing license, only to find it didn't open till 10 AM. We had left early to beat the New York traffic and Al forgot to check on what time the store opened before we left. Fortunately an employee finally showed up at 8 AM and told us to try the town hall in Greenfield. When we arrived, Joe's status as a NYC Fire Dept. Battalion Chief helped us secure a premium parking spot and swift service from the town clerk. Within minutes we were back on schedule and on our way to the Campground Al had reserved for us. Our campsite on the Deerfield River resembled something out of the Old West before frills were invented. Our fellow campers were a mix of Hell's Angels, party boys, families and retirees. We set up our camper about 100 yards from the Deerfield River and suited up to try to entice some of the resident trout with our wide assortment of nymphs and dry flies. We all saw some action but when the skies began to grow dark, Joe and Al left to secure our camper.

While they were securing the camper, one of the grounds keepers instructed Joe to move his car because of a tornado warning. The sky turned black and the first crack of lightning had me on my way to join Al and Joe at the camper. The sky opened up and the wind began to howl. Since I was still suited up, Joe and Al volunteered me to go to the nearby bar for ice (the boys always keep their priorities straight), while they struggled to keep the camper canopy from being blown away!

The storm eventually passed without too much damage and we all enjoyed a cocktail or two along with Joe's famous clam linguini. The cocktails helped me forget their lack of recognition of the tight lines I had on some nice size rainbow trout. In fact I soon forgot everything and they sent me to bed.

Our guide stopped by the next morning to cancel our walk-wade, due to high water, but he gave us some spots to try our luck along with some of his hand tied flies. He also advised us to use 3X, but I felt that

my 4X would be more than enough to handle anything I would have the fortune to hook into. Wrong! The Rainbow Trout on the Deerfield River have a wide girth and a matching attitude which combined to swiftly remove the fly from my line. We all enjoyed a tight line or two as we worked our way along a beautiful stretch of the Deerfield River and had the joy of sharing our tight lines with the use of the walkie talkies that Joe had purchased. They especially came in handy when Al came across a Black bear and her cub! We topped the day off with "T" bone steaks Al got on sale!

On our final day Joe and I took one more walk-wade downstream as Al set about organizing our camper for our return trip back home (next to shopping Al excels in organizing, the only problem being that he can't remember where he organized it to!). Joe soon regretted the day he bought the walkie talkies, as I delivered a blow by blow description (including drag noise) of my battle with a beautiful 16" Rainbow Trout back to Al. And so another adventure with Al drew to a close with Joe looking for the off button on his walkie talkie while Al tried to figure what the He** I was screaming about into my walkie talkie and my heart filled with joy of a tight line!

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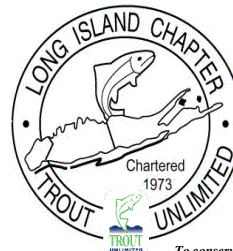
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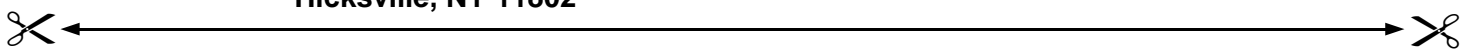


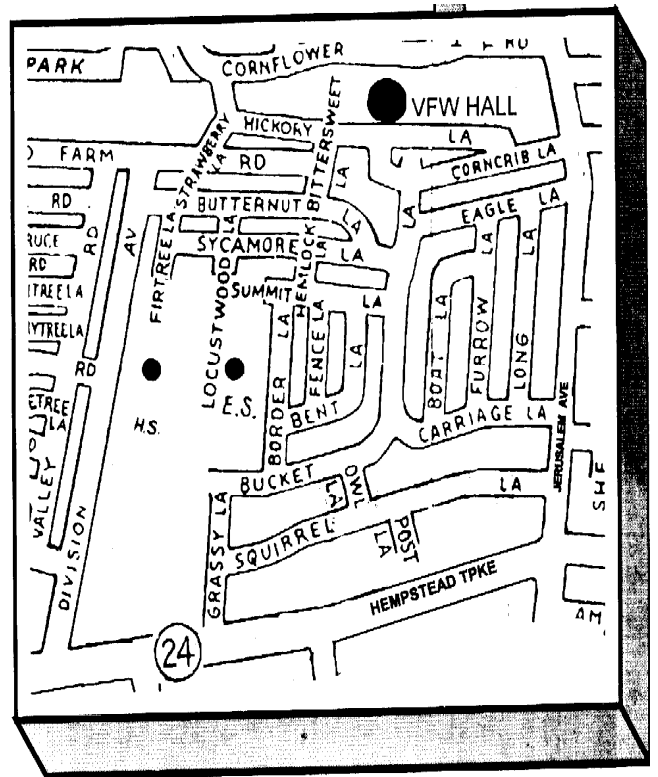
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1. **PRINTS ONLY 4" x 6" (color or black & white); subject fly fishing**
2. **Put your name and phone number on back of the photo in small letters**
3. **All photos submitted may be used by LIFR, e.g., *Flyrodder* and lifr.org**
4. **There will be play-off contests at each Club meeting June through October**
5. **Three winners will be picked by members present at each of those meetings**
6. **All winning photos will be entered in the Dinner Dance GRAND CONTEST**
7. **Members present at the Dinner Dance will select the three Grand Prize winners**
8. **In case of a tie or dispute, the decision of the Chair will be final**
9. **All photos are to be handed or mailed to:**

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LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS
February - 2005

- January 28, 29 & 30 **Somerset Fly Fishing Show**
 Somerset, NJ
- February 1 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
 Election Night - Annual Elections
 for Officers & Board of Directors
 Also Trip Captain Presentations - 2005
- February 8 **Fly Tying Night - 7:00 P.M.**
at Pancho's Border Grill in Bethpage
 Contact: Paul McCain (516) 536-1418
- February 14 **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**
 Contact: Lee Weil (516) 997-6743
 See Page 3 for details
- February 17 **Board Meeting**
 7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall



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