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# President's message

Here I am writing my last President line and I am thinking how the club has grown in my 16 years as a member. In those years, I have seen the club go from a bunch of guys going fishing to a respected teaching and fishing club. As president, I hope I had something to do with that. But you know what they say, you are only as good as the people behind you. I must have been good because I had great people helping me and I want to say thank you to them. To **Wayne**, for all the years of service and great dinners; to **Ed and Dennis**, for making sure everyone got a news letter; to **Morty**, a great editor; to **Herb** for teaching fly tying; to **Stu** for running Handicap Fishing Day; to **Gordon** for mailing the happy and sad cards; to **Ron** for running the Monday fishing days; to **Jim and Wolfgang**, for making new members feel welcome; to **Al**, for running a well stocked club store; to **Bob** for your legal advice and all around help; to **Herman** for always being there and teaching casting; to **Danny** for handling the videos; to **Cliff** for making sure we didn't run out

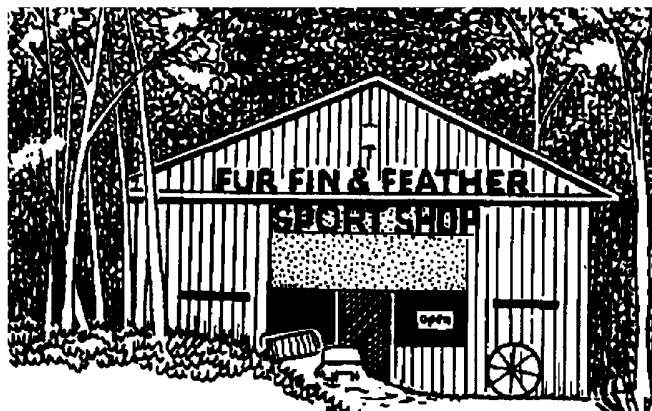
of money; to **Jeff** for running a fine fly raffle; to **Albie**, for writing all those letters to our fund raising sponsors ; to **Mike** for being a great VP; to **Allan** for always giving me advice; to **Don** for helping on all the trips; to Gil for a great job with the web site; to **Lee** for all her hard work and keeping me honest; to all the members that worked at the fishing shows; to all our sponsors; Cold Spring Outfitters, Camp-site Sport Shop ,Orvis, Fur fin and feather sport shop, Fir brook Flies, The Fly Zone, Anglers' Den, Housatonic River Outfitters, the Rockland House and Long Island T.U.; for all their support. To all our speakers and fly tyers. To our past Presidents and board members and to you, the members, for your support and fellowship.

*But most of all to my wife, **Julie**, who has always allowed me the freedom to pursue my fly fishing passion.*

Thanks and Tight Lines,  
Paul



*Editor's Note:* And to you, Paul – Thanks, on behalf of all the members, for your years of hard work and devotion, making this great club even better. We hope you'll stay with us and participate as you have in the past. Good luck and maybe someday in the future, (sorry, Julie) you'll decide to do it again.



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Paul with his kids, Owen and Tessa



# For Your Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



It's hard to believe it's February already! This month will begin our 2004 sessions for fishing the Connetquot River. In addition to reminders about the proper handling of fish during the early "no kill" season, I would also like to emphasize the fact that our club has a responsibility to maintain a courteous manner on the stream. As members of the LIFR, our behavior reflects upon the club as a whole and we should conduct ourselves as ethical and responsible sportsmen.

The dates for **Connetquot Fishing Days** are as follows: February 23, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 14, July 19, August 16, September 20, and October 18. Any changes will be posted, well in advance, on the LIFR website and newsletter. For further details, please refer to the Connetquot Information area of the Flyrodder or call **Lee Weil at 516-997-6743**.

This month, I'm pleased to announce that we will be running our **Junior Fly Tying Class** again for 2004. This will be a mixed level class, open to young adults between the ages of 10 and 18 who want to learn to tie their own flies or improve their skills and try new

patterns. The class will run for one day in the afternoon on Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 to 3:00 PM, at:

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4119 Hempstead Turnpike, Bethpage, NY 11714  
516-579-5500.

There is no charge and all equipment and materials will be provided. There will also be a light lunch served. Upon completion, each student will receive a certificate of graduation. To sign up, please call **Lee Weil at 516-997-6743**, or see me at the general meetings on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> & March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Don't forget to check our 2004 Trip List for dates and destinations. Once again, on behalf of the membership, I would like to thank the volunteers who generously give of themselves to run these events. As working stiffs with families and only so much time off, it's a sacrifice for them, and so often in an organization like ours these guys are taken for granted. If it weren't for the Trip Captains the Flyrodders wouldn't be able to provide these trips for you. They deserve a pat on the back and a job well done. *Tight lines & God bless, Lee*

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2004  
  
Trip List

DATE	LOCATION	COORDINATOR	PHONE NO.
February 28	Bus Trip to Cabela's	Peter Van Buskirk	(516) 561-8939
March 20	Beginners Fly Fishing Class Levittown VFW	Herman Abrams	(516) 593-6024
April 24-25	Beaverkill and Willowemoc Project Access on Saturday AM.	Bob Skoy Herman Abrams	(516) 379-1111 (516) 593-6024
May 1	Housatonic River Clean Up, CT	Paul McCain	(516) 536-1418
May 21-24	Ausable River, NY, Hungry Trout, Wilmington, NY	Gil Padovani Dan Van Buskirk	(732) 972-2617 (516) 561-8939
June 8	Peconic River, Riverhead, NY (Bass Fishing)	Lee Weil	(516) 997-6743
June 25-27	Farmington River, CT (Camping & Fishing)	Lee Weil Jeff Farrell	(516) 997-6743
June 30 - July 1	Eldred Preserve - Eldred, NY (Trout and Bass Fishing)	Joe Caroleo	(718) 845-4225
July (TBA)	Family Fun Party Boat Trip	Mike Gelber	(516) 221-9508
July 30 - August 1	Housatonic River, CT (Camping & Fishing)	Mike Gelber	(516) 221-9508
September 24 -26	Beaverkill, Horton, NY Riverside Lodge	Mike Lackey Peter Yuskovich	(631) 269-6713 (718) 962-1722
October 1-3	Montauk Point, NY (Bluefish and Stripers)	Nick Friedman Morty Schneiderman	(631) 751-7085 (718) 846-5960
October 22-24	Oak Orchard, NY (Browns & Salmon)	Al Battistelli Jim Foley	(516) 826-1640 (516) 766-4531
November 6	Jones Inlet, NY (Bluefish and Stripers)	Herman Abrams Bob Skoy	(516) 593-6024 (516) 379-1111



By  
Gian Padovani



The main differences between hunting and fishing is that in the former, once you have pressed the trigger the animal is doomed, but with fishing you have the option of releasing the fish alive to fight another day. Why catch and release? Most sportsmen fish for pleasure, enjoying the challenge of using artificial lures and flies; if a fish is landed, the angler has reached his goal. Before I continue let me stress that I have nothing against eating fish. Let's not kid ourselves; in order to live we must eat, be it meat, fish or vegetables. BUT, there is a big difference between eating a fish that you have caught, versus killing fish because you caught them!

When should one practice catch and release? My opinion is that when on a "commercially" stocked stream, I see nothing wrong in keeping the fish that the permit entitles you to, providing that you, or someone else, are going to eat them. The fish on these rivers are stocked as a put-and-take program and you pay a fee for this privilege. These trout were raised for the purpose of being caught! The situation is very different on a relatively wild river. Here the fish reproduce naturally, in a hostile environment, and a 12" trout is a veteran that had to struggle all of its life, competing for food and cover and escaping predators. If it falls for a deceptive fly, it is because hunger and the skill of the angler have induced it to strike. In short that fish has been tricked, and a SPORTSMAN should make amends for his deception; the fish should be released to fight another day.

The fish illustrated on the Catch & Release emblem is symbolic, representing all species. Catch and release is not a concept to be carried out only on trout streams, but everywhere. I have seen marine species, supposedly inexhaustible, dwindle into nothing because of overfishing by "meat fishermen", for the sake of showing off a catch that probably ended up in the garbage.

No catch & release discussion would be complete without the mention of barbless hooks. They are as effective as those with barbs but make releasing fish an effortless task. My only complaint is that manufacturers have restricted this design to only a couple of patterns. This also surprises me because most hook makers are strong conservation supporters. Barbless

hooks have sharper penetration qualities and some rely on a serpentine point design to hold the fish more securely. The truth is that any fish lost to a barbless hook would have escaped from a barbed one; the fish got off because the angler didn't control it with a tight or loose line, as the situation demanded.

To conclude, practice Catch and Release. The first time will be the most difficult one, but once you get the hang of it, you will discover that there is pleasure in knowing that what gave you such a thrill today, may be there tomorrow for more excitement.

*Reprinted from a previous Flyrodder edition*

### CONNETQUOT RIVER TRIPS

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 **\$15.00**. No checks will be accepted; **EXACT CHANGE, CASH ONLY, NO SINGLES** 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 - 2004

Feb 23	Mar 15	Apr 19	May 17	Jun 14
Jul 19	Aug 16	Sep 20	Oct 18	

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

# Recent Flyrodder Events



Wolfgang Porté and Lee Weil  
Fly tying night



Herb Schneiderman and Bill Medlow  
Fly Tying night



Allan Manz, Peter Dubno and Bruce Greco  
Fly Tying night



Jim Foley, Jerry LeBoyer, Wolfie Porté  
and Bill Medlow at Pancho's



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*Seated:* Pres. Paul McCain and Dan Van Buskirk  
At the Danbury, Ct. Fly Fishing Show



Alan Manz and Pres. Paul McCain at Pancho's



Peter Yuskevich and Jack Hingher at Pancho's

# Three Steps to Fresh Lines

By Steve Schweitzer  
Acadiana Flyrodders of Lafayette

It pays to clean your fly line after every 3 - 5 usages, or when you've fished particularly muddy, dirty, weedy or mossy water. I just had to retire a fly line I purchased some time ago and have used consistently for much of my fly fishing over the years. I estimate the line has seen over 150 outings. But I wouldn't have had such good luck with the line had I not taken care of it.

## How to Tell if a Fly Line Requires Cleaning

It's not too difficult to tell if your line needs cleaning, look for these clues:

- You feel micro-grit on the line as you strip it in
- For floating line, the first 10 feet or few meters of line doesn't float any longer
- The line retains coil memory
- The line has small cracks
- The line feels brittle

If the latter two observations above are noticed, the bad news is that the line is on the last legs of life. The good news is a cleaning and re-invigoration of the line may add another season of use before you have to replace the line.

## Materials

The materials are simple:

- Mild dish soap and a Clean rag
- Fly line dressing (discussion on this topic below)
- Line winder (optional)

## STEP 1 - Soaking

Draw about a gallon or a few liters of hot water in a sink. Add just a few drops of mild dish soap. Don't overdo it! All you need is enough to make a few bubbles and help loosen debris. Too much soap will leave a film on the fly line which may help it sink. (not good for floating lines!)

Strip out all the fly line IN LOOSE coils in the sink, ensuring each coil lies on top of the previous. This will help prevent the line from knotting up as it is cleaned in the next step.

Allow the line to soak until the water becomes luke-warm; about 15-30 minutes or so.

## STEP 2 - Cleaning

Taking a clean, moistened rag in one hand, draw the fly line from the sink through the rag.

Apply mild pressure with the hand holding the rag to ensure the line is being "stripped" of all the de-

bris and dirt. You'll know if you have enough pressure by hearing the line "squeak" through your hands.

Dirt Be Gone! When cleaning the fly line in this manner, the rag shows that a fly line can hold a lot of dirt!

LOOSELY coil the line on the floor at your feet in preparation for dressing the line with conditioner and allow the line to dry for a few moments. TIP: as you draw line through the rag, stretch each arm's length section as you would a leader, to straighten out the coils that have built up.

## STEP 3 - Dressing

Using a line winder, if you have one, makes applying line conditioner easier, but is not necessary.

Take another dedicated rag, to use for applying line conditioner, and soak the rag with conditioner.

As the line is wound on the winder, apply the line conditioner in the same manner as cleaning the line in the step above.

Don't be afraid to be generous with the line conditioner, it's the stuff that will help protect the line in future uses.

## Fly Line Dressings

Many different manufacturers produce and sell fly line dressings. So, don't be afraid to try any one of them. But, I have found over the years a particular product, not even designed for the fly fishing industry, that works quite well in cleaning and dressing fly line.

I like to use **Rain-X** windshield dressing. It is safe for plastics, as it clearly says on the bottle.

**Rain-X** does a bang-up job of repelling water on windshields for months on end, so why wouldn't it work for fly lines?

I have used **Rain-X** since 1996. Never had I had a fly line become brittle or "melt-away" as some fly fishers may warn you of. I'm a believer in its use. There may be other products on the market that work just as well. Just one word of caution: be sure the product is safe for plastics. If it doesn't say that, they don't even venture in trying it on fly lines. Products that are silicon based are your best bet. Silicon is fly line friendly. Fly lines are delicate, expensive strips of plastics and polymers that won't tolerate chemicals which can break down the coating. Be careful in choosing alternate line dressings not intended for fly lines.



**Gian Padovani**  
**February 7, 1930**  
**January 12, 2002**

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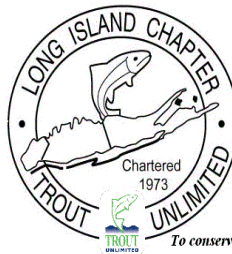
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## LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS

- February 3     **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**  
Election Night - Annual Elections  
for Officers & Board of Directors  
Also Trip Captain Presentations - 2004
- February 10    **Fly Tying Night**  
at Pancho's Border Grill in Bethpage - 7:00 PM.  
Contact: Paul McCain - (516) 536-1418
- February 19    **Board Meeting**  
7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- February 23    **Connetquot State Park - Monday Fishing Trip**  
See Page 4 for Details  
Contact: Lee Weil - (516) 997-6743.
- February 28    **Bus Trip to Cabela's**  
Contact: Peter Van Buskirk - (516) 561-8939

