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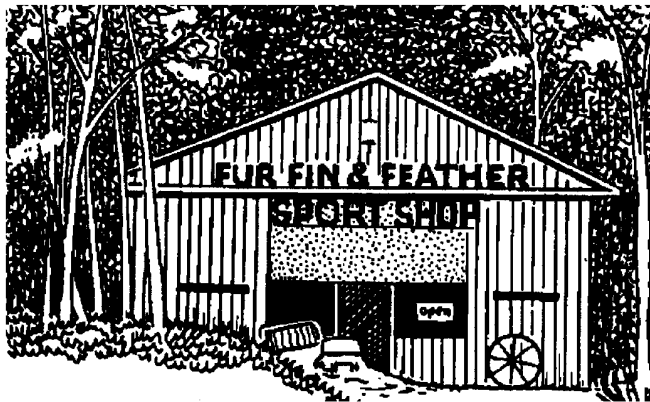
## President's message

The February President's column is normally the thank you to all the officers and board members, as well as all the folks that work behind the scenes that make this club tick. Well, this one is no different. Over the past two years, I have been blessed, or maybe just plain lucky to have such a great group of people to help us keep the "Flyrodders" running as one of the foremost fly fishing clubs in the area. If you look at the people that have been on the board of directors over the past two years; **Herman Abrams** with his casting clinics, **Nick Friedman** as good will, **Herb Schneiderman** doing his fly tying classes that we miss since he moved to Florida. We had **Stu Minsky** running the handicapped fishing days and **Dennis Aron** taking care of newsletter circulation. **Wolfgang Porte** for taking care of the new members and now running the handicapped fishing days, **Gordon Grimes** doing goodwill and all those millions of name tags. A big thanks to **Al Westbrook** and **Joe Otterstedt** for the great dinner dances and all the other stuff that just seems to get done. **Jeff Farrell** for taking care of the store, **Susan Solomon** and **Jerry LeBoyer** helping out and to **Bob Skoy** for keeping us legal. Then there's **Morty Schneiderman** our ever cheerful editor. I

can always tell when this column is due...I get that phone call from Morty. He promises to continue calling me each month so I don't feel neglected. **Paul McCain** with his endless list of speakers and **Dan Van Buskirk** for dealing with all those videos. **Gil Padovani** for keeping the web site as exciting and informative as it is. **Al Battistelli** and **Cliff Dies** have kept our money in order over the past two years as Treasurers doing the hardest job in the club. Our Secretary over the past few years has been **Lee Weil** who takes care of so many things like Connetquot, Casting for Recovery, ladies casting clinics along with keeping up with the correspondence for the club and writing a monthly column. **Jim Foley** has been a great help to me over the past two years as Vice President. He has been a great sounding board and kept me organized along with keeping up with our raffle prizes. My thanks to every one of you for helping make the past two years a lot easier for me than I ever thought it could be.

When I sat down to write this, I went back and looked at the picture on the cover of the March 2004 "Flyrodder". Paul McCain had a real big smile on his face when he turned this over to me. At the February meeting, I'll have the same smile as I turn it over to the next President, comfortable knowing that I'm leaving the club in such capable hands.

See you on the river... Mike



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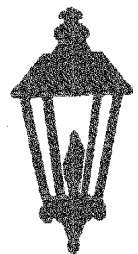
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# FoF Your Nymphomation

by Lee Weil



## READ THIS !!!!

This month's meeting will feature our Annual Elections for the Long Island Flyrodders Officers for 2006. Ho, hum – another boring election with pretty much the same old horses running for the same old positions. I recently found myself wondering why that is the case. Here are some of the reasons I came up with, so suffer me to stand up on my soap box, if you would.

1. Ninety percent of the work in most organizations is done by ten percent of the membership. This is fine, until you take into consideration that the ten percent are :

- A) Not getting any younger.
- B) Perhaps getting a little tired of being taken for granted and expected to continue their performance just because "he always did that job".

2. The rest of the General Membership feels that their dues pay for the benefits that the club offers, so why should they volunteer to do any work?

3. The "Old Faithfuls" continue to pull more than their fair share of the weight just because that's their character – which is why they volunteered in the first place.

I would just like to take this time to inform the rest of you guys what it takes to keep this club run-

ning and to offer it's members the great trips, events, meetings, speakers and clinics. We wouldn't be able to carry on without the hard work of these guys. If I should neglect to mention anyone, please don't hesitate to give me grief about it.

Our Treasurer, (who has the job of keeping our financial affairs in order); our Coffee Break manager (you guys all know how important THAT is!), our Speaker Coordinator, our Newsletter Editor, our Ads Manager, our Distribution Manager, our Merchandise manager, our Secretary, our Show Coordinators, our Trip Coordinators, our Connetquot manager, our Legal Counsel, our Casting Instructors, our Fly tying instructors, our New membership committee, and Dinner coordinators.

Where do all these people come from? From the membership – from people like you. Maybe this is the month to step up and offer to help the club and give a little bit back.

You may not be able to commit to a seat on the Board, but how about working as a helper at one of the casting clinics, handicapped fishing days or manning the booths at a show or a fishing festival? Believe me – if you approach the President and offer your services we will be able to find a place where you can lend a hand. And I've got another plus to tell you about – you'll make some great friends along the way.

*Tight lines and God bless, Lee*

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**Eldred Preserve Fishing Trip**  
*By Joe Caroleo*

**GREAT NEWS:** We are running the **Eldred Preserve Fishing Trip** again this year. Bill Farrington and I ran it for the last two years and it was a great success. We all caught a variety of fish – largemouth and smallmouth bass, really big bluegills, pickerel, crappie up to two pounds and, of course, trout. (I got Bill Farrington to promise to give everyone who goes one of his Crappie Killer Flies.)

This is a great trip to bring family and friends. It is also a great opportunity to introduce children to fishing. The dates are **September 19 to 20, 2006**. The Preserve is located approximately 2 to 2 ½ hours from New York City.

Each year we participated in Sporting Clays – it was a lot of fun. You can also go trout fishing nearby at Mongaup Pond, Rondout Reservoir or the Delaware River.

They also have two trout ponds. One is Catch and Keep where you pay for the trout by the pound and the other is Catch and Release, barbless hooks only.

Horseback riding is also available nearby, as well as Racino, which is computerized gamb ling, only minutes away from the Resort.

In addition, we are going to run a Bass Tournament at one of the two lakes available for bass and panfishing. Current New York State fishing license is required.

They have an excellent restaurant with a big variety of food to suit everyone, as well as a Sportsmans’ Lounge where you can trade fish stories at the end of the day.

Every year at this time they set up the rates for the various activities they provide. As soon as we have the rates and packages they have available we will let you know. If you have any questions about the trip **Bill Farrington** and I, **Joe Caroleo**, will answer them as best we can.

*You can call me between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at (718) 845-4225.*

***Hey, Fellow Flyrodders!***

**Jeff Farrell here! Now that the cooler weather is upon us, it’s time to start thinking about adding extra layers. How about a new club jacket, custom embroidered with your name (or nickname) and the LIFR logo? These are “three season”, fleece lined quality jackets. To keep the prices low I would need to order a minimum of 5 jackets. If you are interested, please let me know at the next meeting or call me: Jeff Farrell at 516-997-6743.**

**CONNETQUOT RIVER TRIPS - 2006**

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 - 2006**

<b>February 27</b>	<b>March 20</b>	<b>April 17</b>
<b>May 15</b>	<b>June 19</b>	<b>July 17</b>
<b>August 14</b>	<b>September 18</b>	<b>October 16</b>

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



**Danbury Fly Fishing Show  
January 2006**

*L to R: Jeff Farrell, Jerry Berkson, Cliff Dies, Paul McCain, Dan Van Buskirk, Gil Padovani, and Lee Weil at Paul's house at Candlewood Lake, CT*



*Paul McCain's family house on Candlewood Lake, CT*



*Pres. Elect Paul McCain at the vise*



*L to R: Dan Van Buskirk, Cliff Dies, Jeff Farrell, Morty Schneiderman, & Pres. Mike Gelber  
Seated: Gil Padovani & Lee Weil*



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**Long Island Flyrodders Club Trips  
2006**

DATE	LOCATION	COORDINATOR	PHONE NO.
April 15	Croton Watershed, NY	Herman Abrams	(516) 593-6024
April	Willowemoc Creek, NY (Project Access)	Dan Van Buskirk	(516) 561-8939
May 19-22	Ausable River, NY (Hungry Trout)	Gil Padovani Dan Van Buskirk	(732) 972-2617 (516) 561-8939
June 15	Peconic River, Riverhead, NY (Bass & Pickerel)	Lee Weil	(516) 997-6743
June 23-26	Farmington River, CT (Camping)	Tony Agnese	(516) 822-3353
July 21-23	Housatonic River, CT (Camping)	Mike Gelber	(516) 221-9508
July 27-30	Finger Lakes, NY	Gordon Mueller	(516) 850-3689
August 11-13	Yellow Breeches, Boiling Springs, PA	Joe Otterstedt	631) 361-8145
September 11-12	Susquehanna River Bass Trip, PA	Jeff Farrell	(516) 997-6743
September 19 -20	Eldred Preserve - Eldred, NY (Cast and Blast Trip)	Joe Caroleo	(718) 845-4225
October 26-28	Oak Orchard, NY (Browns & Salmon)	Wolfgang Porté Jim Foley	(516) 741-2342 (516) 766-4531

## Rainbow Trout By Scott Davis

The rainbow trout, *Oncorhynchus mykiss*, is common throughout New York State even though they are not native to New York. Their original range was from Mexico to Alaska. They naturally occur in only two or three places east of the Continental Divide. Rainbows have been stocked in New York since 1874 and are stocked in many waters on Long Island.

Rainbows live in a variety of habitats, ranging from moderate flowing streams with gravel or rocky bottoms to cool water lakes and ponds. They can even live in the ocean. As long as the water temperature remains under 70 degrees Fahrenheit, the rainbows will survive through the summer. There are actually two varieties of rainbow trout. The inland version may reach a length of 24 inches and a weight of 4 or 5 pounds. The lake or sea run variety, otherwise known as a steelhead, may reach a length of 30 inches and weights over 25 pounds. The current state record is 26 pounds 15 ounces from Lake Ontario.

The body of the rainbow is elongate and robust. The widest part of the body is forward of the dorsal fin. The fins are considered primitive compared to other fishes because they only have soft rays. There are no spines in trout fins. The anal fin is located on the stomach positioned mostly ahead of the adipose fin, while the pectoral fins are set low on the body below the gill covers. The mouth is at the end of the snout and reaches past the eye. Teeth are present on the jaw, head and shaft of the vomer (top of mouth), palatines and tongue. Their general coloration ranges from dark olive to blue green above, lighter on the sides, and pale yellow gray or white on the belly. The head, back and upper sides, dorsal and caudal (tail) fins are densely spotted. There is a black margin on the adipose fin. Adults have a bright pink or red stripe along their sides, although it might appear faded. This stripe combined with their other coloration gives the rainbow its name.

Rainbow trout differ from other trout and salmon in many ways. They differ from Pacific salmon in that they have less than 13 rays in their

anal fin. Rainbows differ from brook and lake trout in that brookies and lakers have light spots on a dark background while rainbows have dark spots on a light background. Rainbows differ from brown trout in that rainbows have no pale halos surrounding their spots and no red spots on their sides like browns do. Rainbows also have many more spots in their tails than browns.

Rainbows, unlike most trout and salmon, spawn in the spring when the water temperature reaches 50 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit. This usually takes place in March or April. Like other trout species, rainbows spawn in the riffles of streams and rivers. The eggs are relatively large. 3 to 5 millimeters in diameter, and pink or orange in color. Between 200 and 1000 eggs per pound of the female's weight are produced and take about 18 days to hatch at 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

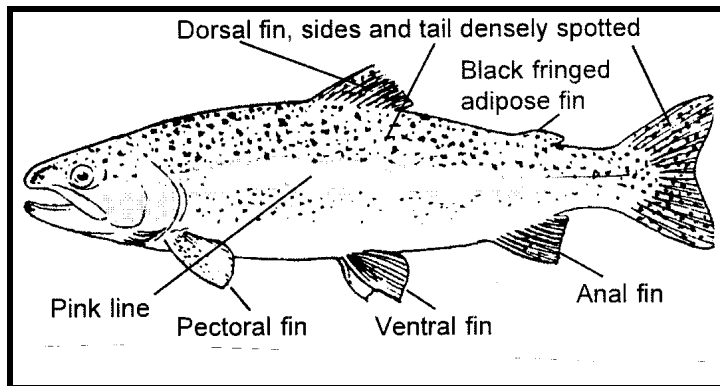
Rainbows eat a variety of insects, plankton, snails, crustaceans, and small fishes like sculpins and shiners. Due to their feeding habits they can be caught on a variety of baits and lures. Worms and minnows work well as, do small spinners, spoons,

plugs and flies. Rainbows are strong acrobatic fighters and are excellent to eat. However, rainbows are very susceptible to live bait, and a local population could be depleted very quickly. If you do not intend to eat what you catch, please release the fish unharmed. Also, please read the regulations guide carefully as different bodies of water have different regulations, and regulations may change from year to year.

*Scott Davis is a Region 1 Fish and Wildlife Technician for the NYSDEC.*

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## THE FLY FISHING SHOW

By Nick Friedman

It's the end of January and my impatience to fish is zooming skyward. I want to be out on the water hooked onto a big beautiful trout, or perhaps a not so beautiful bass. Instead, I'm tying that boring but successful nymph pattern for the hundredth time. Why is it that I always seem to lose so many? I've cleaned all my lines and I've finished reading all my fly fishing magazines that were lying around since last summer. I've even washed my waders! What else is there to do?

Fortunately, just when things seemed most desperate, I got a mailing for the annual Fly Fishing Show held every January in Somerset, New Jersey. This year it would be from Jan. 28th to Jan. 30th. I received these notifications in years past and despite good intentions, one thing or another kept me from attending. This year I was determined to go. I bought a discount ticket at the January club meeting (\$2 off the regular \$12 daily admission.). Since this would be my rookie year and I wanted to spend lots of time there, I made a reservation at the Somerset Holiday Inn, across the street from the Exhibit Center so I could stay for two days. I was all set.

On Jan. 28th I gassed up my car, threw some clothes into an overnight bag and headed down the Turnpike. An hour and a half later I was walking through the doors of the show. The scene was incredible. Lots of clubs and organizations, including the Flyrodders, had their booths right in the entry lobby. Gil Padovani did a great job of setting up our display. It felt good to get a warm welcome from Gil, Al Battistelli and Ron LaChase who were already there. Over the course of the weekend many other Flyrodders came by while visiting the show to say hello and to help out by selling raffles and publicizing our club. Being there and helping out with the other members really made me feel good to be a part of the club. It was gratifying to see how many people purchased raffles, especially after learning of the services our club provides to the angling community, such as Project Access and Casting for Recovery. It was fun to speak with people coming up to our table. We'd talk about where they were from, what the fishing was like, tell them about fishing the "Conny" and sell them a raffle or two. For some reason Gil's approach worked well with the women.

Next, I exchanged my ticket for a red hand stamp in the shape of a Royal Wulff and off I went into fantasyland. The exhibits were an unbelievable sight and experience. Anything and everything to do

with fly fishing was on display for viewing and trying out and, of course, buying. Top tyers were demonstrating their special patterns and techniques. All of them were available for questions and advice. Workshops and seminars with all sorts of experts on when, where and how to fish both locally and far away took place every day. There were some really good buys on equipment, notably the Elkhorn rod and reel combo that just about flew off the display racks by themselves. It was really fun to try out lots of nifty new stuff like the Korkers wading boots with a convertible sole that lets you switch from felt to studs or other sole patterns in a matter of seconds. I cast lots of rods and the trust factor was amazing, considering we were in the NY/NJ area. A rod maker let me walk off with a \$1500 bamboo rod to test cast after knowing me for only 5 minutes. I found this level of trust and friendship to exist throughout the show. It speaks well of the kind of people we anglers are.

Even with staying for two days there were far too many things to see and do than there was time for. I highly recommend the show. I'll definitely return next year - after a good season's fishing of course!

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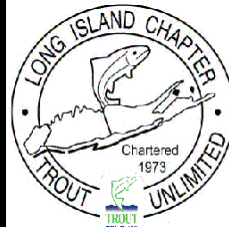
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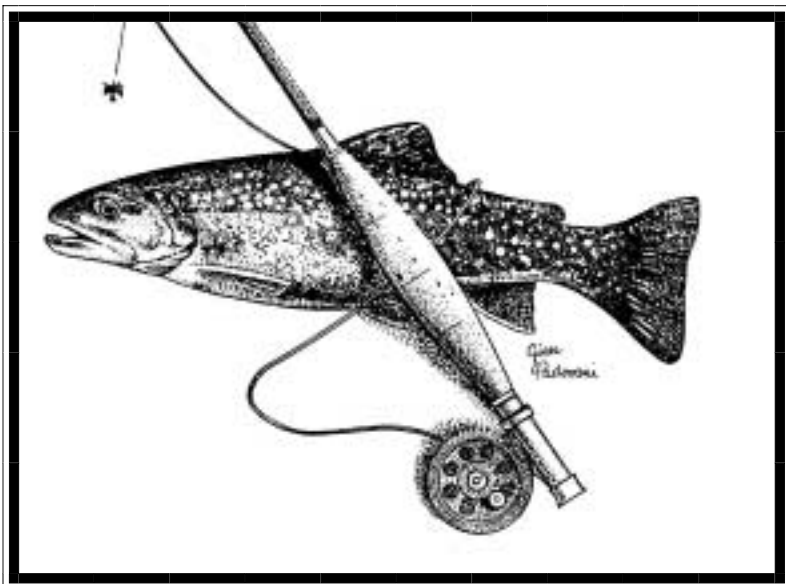
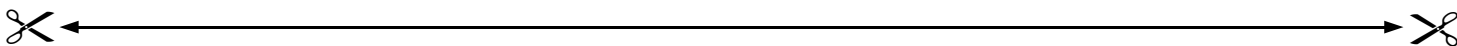
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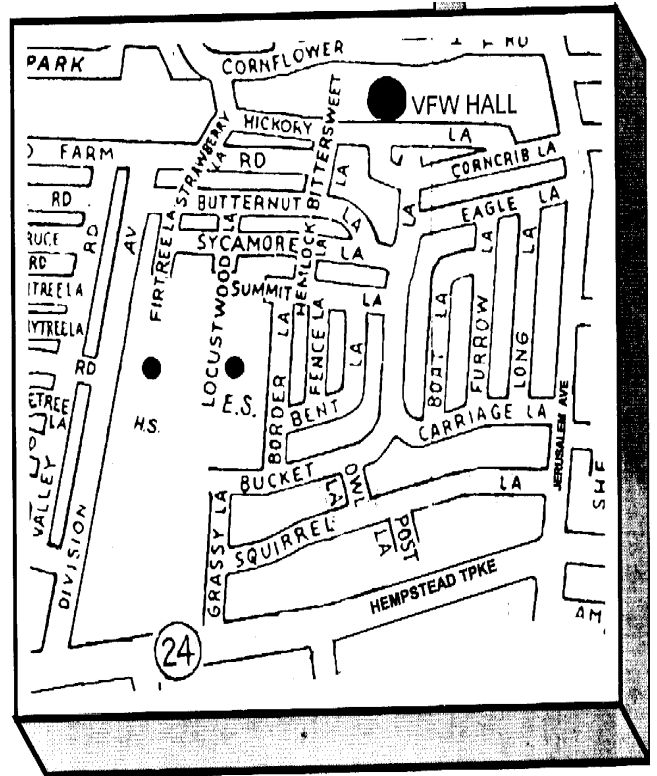
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**February - 2006**

- February 4 **Guest tyer Lee Weil - winner FOTM**  
11:30 a. m. at ORVIS, Greenvale, NY
- February 7 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**  
Annual Elections for Officers & Board  
2006 Trip Presentations
- February 16 **Board Meeting**  
7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- February 27 **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State**  
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