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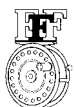
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Open House *&* *Used Tackle* *Sale*

The Long Island Flyrodders club will host its annual open house and used fly fishing tackle sale at its April club meeting. Please note that only current club members may sell used tackle at this meeting. Non-members are welcome to attend the meeting to talk with club members and learn more about the club, enjoy refreshments (coffee and doughnuts) and take part in the used tackle sale.

Additional club information can be found at the LIFR website

www.lifr.org

“Give a man a fish and he has food for a day; teach a man how to fish and you can get rid of him for the entire weekend.” - Unknown



As I write this, the date on the calendar would leave me to believe that Spring will arrive in two days. As I look out the window, I wonder if my daffodils will ever have the strength to burst through the layer of frozen snow that now covers them. If it has to snow in March, then at least it could snow on a school day. A very fickle season, sometimes Spring starts on the 21st of March (my birthday) and sometimes it officially begins on the 20th of March (my mom's birthday). The days may be longer, the calendar may say that it is the first day of Spring, but for me, Spring starts with Paul's first fishing trip. He stands waist deep in ice cold water. I put the kids to bed, take a hot bubble bath and surround myself with magazines and my favorite movies.

Spring also means cleaning. Much to Paul's dismay, I love to give things away or throw them out. Getting rid of something that I no longer use or that has broken brings me a lot of pleasure. Unfortunately, this Spring I had to spring for a new car. A week ago, my trusty mini van decided to call it quits. Paul and I went shopping and I treated myself to a new car for my birthday. An unavoidable treat, but a treat nonetheless. I bought a basic version. I don't need a lot of luxury

when I drive. However, like all new cars, it has its fair share of bells and whistles. Paul, the good hubby that he is, starts my car for me in the morning to make it all nice and toasty. For an entire week I have listened to him complain about which button to press to get the heat going. “Why is there a screen that reads temperature? Why are there two temperatures when the passenger and driver sit so close to each other anyway? What happened to just turning a knob?” I kind of understood his point. I wondered if I would have time to read the manual and figure it all out. Then, just yesterday, Paul asked, “Why do the car makers think that we need all that stuff? Why can't they just give you what you need to drive from one place to another?” I started to agree with him when I looked closely at the setting of this conversation. We were in our basement, aka, “The Man Cave.” We were surrounded by more fishing gear than is presently marketed in the Cabela's catalog. I eyed Paul's fishing vest, which has its own special hook. It must weigh at least 20 pounds because of all of his fishing paraphernalia. This does not include the metal fly box that he also wears around his neck when fishing. That box opens up in six different directions and contains many more flies than I could count. The fly tying material covers every inch of floor space. Spools of thread, beads, feathers and fur carpet our basement. I guess it looks better than the concrete floor, but I don't think that Paul meant to scatter them about like throw rugs. It only gets cleaned when Trout, our yellow lab, goes down there to do some good old-fashioned chewing. The lesson here is that people who have a basement full of stuff to catch one fish should not “cast” aspersions.

Paul wants you to know about a few important dates:

April 3rd is the open house used tackle sale. Only members can sell, but anyone is welcome to buy. (Please do not sell anything to Paul)

April 13th is the Trout Unlimited Banquet. (I hope to see you there)

April 14th is Orvis Club Day. There will be discounts for all members. (Can't this club go to the Gap and have Gap Club Day? You need clothes don't you?)

April 14th Women's Only Casting Classes. (Great idea!)

April 21st Housatonic River Clean Up. See Paul for details. (This is very ironic to me)

April 28th Beaver kill River Clean Up. See Dan for details. (Okay, so Paul will be cleaning two gigantic rivers. Will he clean up the back yard? He really should. There might be a river under all those leaves.)

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by Lee Weil



I'm sure anyone reading this has already been made aware of the situation at Connetquot State Park concerning the discovery of Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis (IPN) in some of the trout. While harmless to humans who handle or consume affected fish, the virus can cause mortality in fingerlings, thus the cause for concern. There will be more information on the steps to be taken to resolve the problem, but I sincerely hope that the powers that be will take into consideration the integrity of this hatchery operation and it's traditional methods. I have visited hatcheries in other places including upstate NY and North Carolina, and there is no comparison between those fish "factories" and the quality environment that the Connetquot fish are raised in. Anyone who has fished the Conny can attest to the health and vibrancy of these fish, and can surely appreciate the devastating effect this situation could have on not only the club anglers, but groups such as Casting For Recovery, AHRC and others who benefit from the excellent fishing experience the Park provides.

That being said, we would like to let the members know that at this time our club fishing trips will be scheduled as usual. In spite of chilly temperatures, the March outing was typical fishing, with the usual sharpies landing a good number of brookies, browns and rainbows that ran up to 4 lbs. Fish were taken on dry flies as well as the customary nymphs and streamer patterns. Paul Granger received the award for getting the most mileage out of one fly; although it

didn't even resemble it's original form he continued to catch fish after fish on it. I was blessed to be able to watch an osprey perform an aerial ballet with a gull, and witness an altercation between two muskrats, which I believe was a real estate dispute.

The Third Annual LIFR Junior Fly Tying Class was held at Pancho's restaurant, although we only had three students due to the Long Island Stomach Virus (LISV), which, by the way is harmless to fish or other aquatics exposed to humans. The graduates, ranging from 9 to 13 completed five different patterns, with one-on-one instruction from **Wolfgang Porte, Mike Gelber and Jim Foley**. Thanks for all your help, guys! As always, we couldn't do it without you.

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On Saturday, March 10th, we hosted our annual Junior Fly Tying Class at Poncho's Border Grill in Bethpage. Unlike the 2006 class, which was large, this year's event was quite small – only three participants showed from the six who signed up. Therefore the class became an intimate one in which each participant had one-on-one instruction.

Lee was the "master instructor" with assistance from **Wolfgang Porte, Mike Gelber and Jim Foley**. The small class allowed Lee to instruct the youngsters in tying the following five flies: Inchworm, Caddis Larva, Woolly Bugger, Squirrel Nymph and the March Brown (wingless).

Brothers David and Daniel Cisek and Jake Farino attended and each of them will be sent "Junior Fly Tying" diplomas for their efforts.



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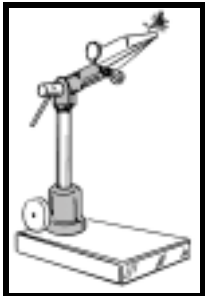
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The cost for the trip is as follows: The room is \$75.00 plus tax, double occupancy. This means you would split the cost of the room with someone. An extra cot in the room costs an additional \$8.00. Dinner is a la carte – you pay for what you select. The restaurant is excellent. They will provide coffee in the rooms. We will provide some Dunkin Donuts in the morning or you can make arrangements to provide your own breakfast.

We are going to have a Bass Tournament on September 19. The cost of the bass boat is \$80.00 plus tax, again, double occupancy, so you split this cost, also. There are two people per boat. The entry fee is \$10.00 for each angler and the entry fees collected will be distributed to the First, Second and Third longest bass caught. Further details will follow.

They also have two large trout ponds. One is Catch and Keep. It is stocked with trout. You have free access to the Catch and Keep pond but must pay \$6.25 per pound for whatever you catch. They will clean the fish for you and pack it in ice for your journey home. The cost for the cleaning is fifty cents per fish.

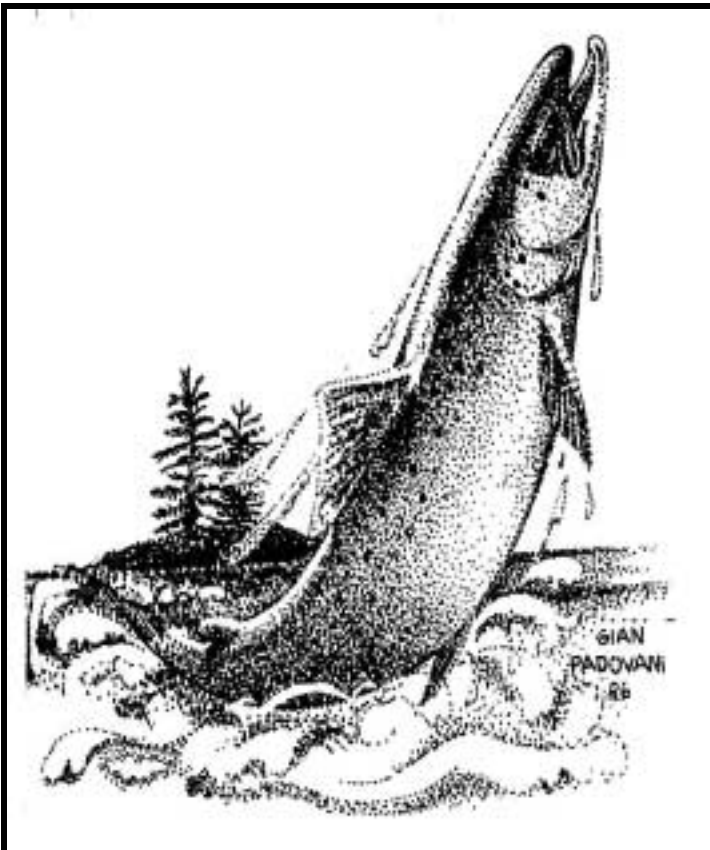
The other pond is Catch and Release. It is stocked with trout and big catfish. It is for fly fishing only, barbless hooks only. The cost for this pond is \$12.50 per person and you can fish all day.

You can also go fishing nearby at Mongaup Pond, Rondout Reservoir or the Delaware River.

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They have a computerized gambling casino only minutes away if you want to try your luck.

You can sign up at any meeting with Bill Farrington or me, Joe Caroleo, or you can call me at (718) 845-4225 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.



LIFR Merchandise Corner

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and continue receiving
'the FLYRODDER'**



Please Join The Long Island Flyrodders as we support Casting For Recovery at their 4th Annual Fundraiser, Dinner, Chinese and Silent Auction

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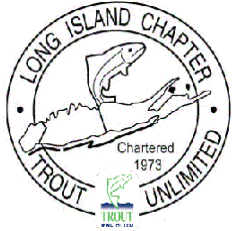
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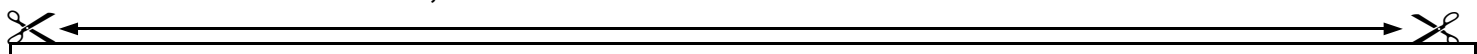
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No advance reservations will be accepted.

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

April 16	* May 21	June 18
July 16	August 20	* September 17

You must have a creel in your possession to fish in the park and on the stream

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

LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS

April - 2007

- April 3 **General Meeting - 7:00 P.M.**
 Used Tackle Sale and Open House

- April 14 **LIFR Day at the Orvis Store in Greenvale**
 Contact: Wolfgang Porté (516) 741-2342

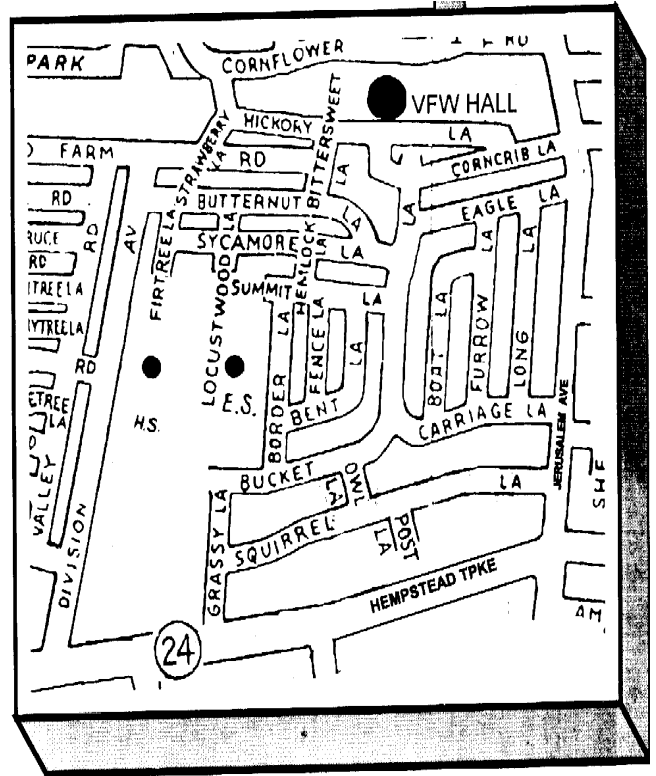
- April 14 **Women's Casting Clinic at Eisenhower Park**
 Contact: Lee Weil (516) 997-6743

- April 16 **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**
 Contact: Lee Weil (516) 997-6743
 See Page 9 for details & info

- April 21 **Housatonic River Cleanup**
 Contact: Paul McCain (516) 536-1418

- April 24 **Board Meeting**
 7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall

- April 28 **Willowemoc River Cleanup**
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