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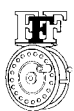
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*Farmington River Camping Trip - June 12 - 15*  
*See Susan Solomon's article on page 4*

*Guest Speaker:*  
**Capt. Joe Mattioli**  
"Fly Fishing the New York Bight"



God Bless America



## President's message

Our club trips are an important aspect of LIFR activities to our membership, with camping being the predominant element. Of course, it wouldn't be a LIFR camping trip unless it rains, as was the case in our mid June trip to the Farmington River, in Riverton CT. But this time we had two things in our favor: it only rained between 11PM and 6AM each day so our fishing, eating and campfire activities were unaffected, and we had a new free standing awning courtesy of **Bill and Sue Gordon!**

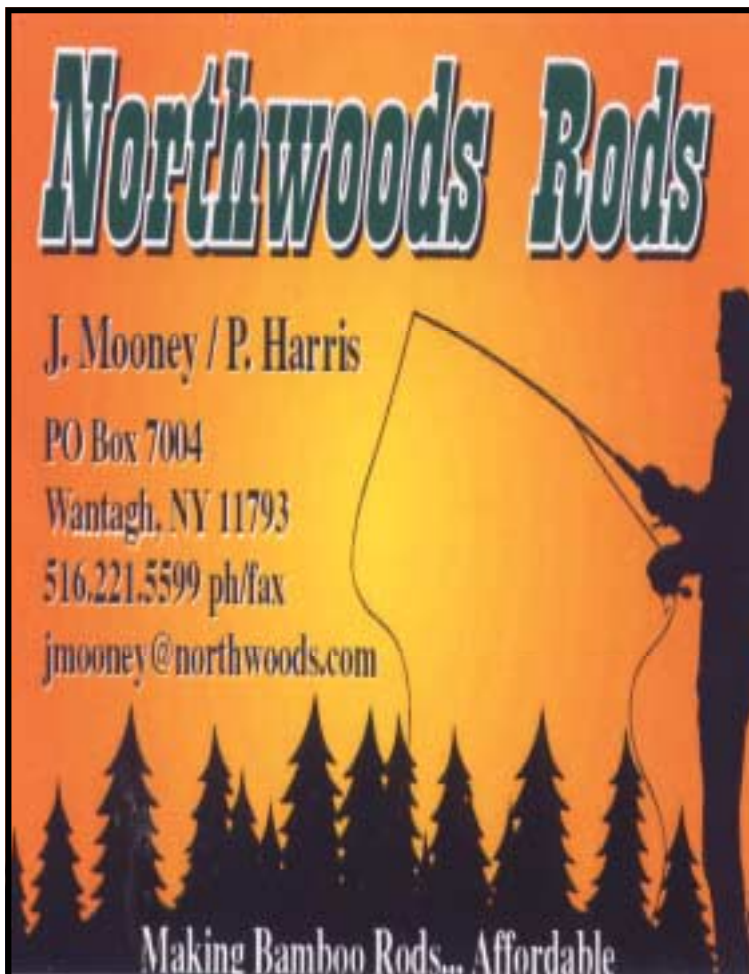
Bill and Sue have donated a 10' X 20' X 7' high free standing awning complete with galvanized poles and side curtains. This is a very serious and professional grade enclosure that Sue and Bill had used for their antiquing business, and is essentially in like new condition. The LIFR Board of Directors had been considering purchasing a new enclosure to provide shelter from the rain to members during meals etc, and as Bill is a board member he very generously offered his awning saving the club both money and time. So my special thanks to the Gordon's for their generosity, and

if you go on any club camping (or not), please show your appreciation to them as well.

One thing the new awning couldn't protect was the Farmington River from being swelled and muddied by the rain making fishing difficult. This problem was overcome by fishing upstream of the confluence of the Farmington and Still Rivers where the water was clearer. Most members caught their fair share of trout, and a few 16" plus browns were caught as well. And for our wildlife enthusiasts, we also had the company of Bald Eagles and Beavers on the river as well as new families of Mergansers and Wood Ducks. All this, coupled with the great food prepared by **Paul McCain**, with support by **Sue Solomon**, made this yet another successful and memorable LIFR trip. I urge all LIFR members to participate in our trips where it's not just about the fishing, but about the camaraderie, fellowship, and, oh yeah, the fish stories!

*Tight Lines, and I'll see you on the water.*

*Joe Otterstedt*



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# FoFYour Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



## Remember When

I remember when I caught my first trout. In fact, I'll never forget it. It was 26 years ago at Beat # 12 on the Connetquot. It was a rainbow; 14 inches, and it took a Muddler Minnow. I was totally enamored with the way that fish fought, and the beauty of it.

I remember when I watched three bucks enter the river one evening in September as I sat watching fish rise on the far bank from the dock at Beat # 15. I had already caught enough fish to be able to stop and appreciate the drone of the bees hovering in the branches of the fragrant bush next to me, and the deer were a special added blessing.

I remember when I caught the first big trout of my life. It was a brown with a big kype; 27 inches long and chromed in the glory of his sea-run attire. He took a Texas Rose. It was in the middle of a storm on the Connetquot.

I remember when I took my dad with me to see the wonders of the park; to see the beautiful fish that lived there. And the first time I took my friend Laura there and watched her catch her first trout, passing on the gift of the Connetquot. She in turn passed it on to others. We shared the paradise that was the Connetquot, and took from it memories and peace that we would always cherish.

I remember when I believed that it would never change. It was the one constant in my life that always welcomed me back when I needed a

sanctuary and a place to heal. The strong, healthy fish were a testimony that gave me joy and inspiration. I remember when I held my rod in the hand of a man named Charlie who was stricken with cerebral palsy and saw the excitement in his eyes; though he was unable to speak I could understand him completely. And I remember Drew's Crew – the group from AHRC who in spite of their having Down's syndrome were able to break me out of my funk after September 11<sup>th</sup> with their exuberance as they caught the brightly colored brook trout that were always there to provide a day of happiness. And the ladies of Casting For Recovery, able to catch their first fish after a crash course in flyfishing with a minimum of skills.

I remember when I truly believed that the people empowered to be stewards of our natural resources would act with the responsibility to protect and manage the few precious fisheries we have left. I remember when I believed they would be guided with wisdom and jurisprudence and not make hasty decisions without consideration of the repercussions and effects.

I remember when I believed the Connetquot would never succumb to the machine that is called bureaucracy and that my heart would never be broken by watching her fall victim to poor decisions and complacency.

*I remember when .....*

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## STRETCHING THE LINE

By John P. Manz

We all know how trying to place a dry fly next to a trout's feeding zone is very much like a golfer trying to hit a long ball into the middle of the fairway.

Line control may look very easy and graceful to an untrained eye. As simple as it may seem—in reality it can be quite frustrating especially when you throw in a little head wind, steep drop offs, multiple currents and fly snagging tall grass / branches.

Unlike learning to walk—the perfect cast can quickly turn ugly and bad habits can quickly materialize with the adrenalin rush caused by a near by rise! So it was that I brought all this together with me on a recent visit to Big Pine Creek in North Central Pennsylvania.

To put everything in perspective—we had been pounding the water 8 to 12 hours a day for about 4 days to secure a tight line on one trout a day. So in the dwindling daylight I was content to cast my line 15 feet to some rising Creek Chubs, while brothers Al and Joe observed the water from the comfort of their camp chairs situated directly behind me. Fifty yards downstream from me “No Pots” (Bruce Kraebel) cast a more serious line trying to attract the attention of an unseen trout.

While I played with the Creek chubs—Joe observed a trout rising just past mid stream and encouraged me to try to get my fly out to him. I gave it my best shot which landed a good 15 to 20 feet short. I quickly stripped off 50 feet of line, but when I com-

pleted my cast all 50 feet landed within 25 feet of me followed by my dry fly!

Al encouraged me to wade out closer to the trout, but as the water started to kiss the bottom of my vest I had only gained an additional 5 feet. Over the past 17 years I have managed to drive more than one guide to drink in frustration—when they tried to improve my casting. Al and Joe continued to encourage me as I tried to input what our recent guides had told me. Dave advised me to slow down my arm action and Mike had stated that my false casts were fine but I was dropping my rod down to far on my delivery. I reeled in line to where I could control it and than worked on trying to stretch it out to the trout. I inched closer to my prey—I caught grass on the bank—I slapped the water behind me and I piled line in front of me.

Somehow with Al and Joe's encouragement I managed to get my fly to drift over the trout's feeding area but nothing happened. I worked into a routine of 12 casts for one good drift. Bruce listening to all the chatter—shouted upstream, “it's only a Creek Chub!”—and drops the gauntlet! As my dry fly drifted over the trout in the encroaching darkness the surface of the river suddenly exploded as a 16 ½” Brown Trout sucked in my size 16 Cahill—all the encouragement and effort extended to me was suddenly vindicated—it was my moment in time when I finally stretched the line!



### Farmington River, CT - Camping Trip

After skipping a year, the Flyrodders returned to the Farmington for a weekend of fun and fishing. This year's trip brought the challenge of a rain swollen river. Plenty of fish were still caught by those who persevered. Others had a good time just relaxing and enjoying each other's company.

There's no need to mention the rain, we had it. But thanks to **Sue and Bill Gordon**, the club now has a 10x20 shelter to protect us from the elements. And thanks to **Tom DiMauro**, the club has a place to store the shelter.

Hungry club members were treated to epicurean delights by **Paul McCain**. He spent almost the entire weekend attending to everyone's ravenous appetites. Unfazed by the weather, Paul kept the coffee brewing and the meals flowing.

It was great to see new members as well as the old stand-bys sharing their love for the outdoors and fly fishing. Thanks to everyone who participated for being a part of another pleasant Flyrodder adventure.

## Fishing Reports



Dan Van Buskirk (L) and Gil Padovani (R), with two nice brookies, caught below the Brassua Dam on the Moose River, near Rockwood, Maine. Many more brookies and landlocked salmon were taken that evening on dry flies and streamers. The Kennebec and Penobscot Rivers were also fished, during the first week in June, with equal success.

### ELDRED FISHING TRIP JULY 26 – 27, SUNDAY & MONDAY

We have been running this trip four years in a row and it always turned out to be a nice trip every time. We caught a variety of fish – bass, big blue gills, big crappie, pickerel, as well as some nice trout. The accommodations were very good and the food was excellent.

Eldred is located approximately two-and-a-half hours from New York City and it is a pleasant ride. This is also a great trip to bring family and friends and to introduce children to fishing.

The cost of the trip is as follows: We have a boat package, which includes a room, double occupancy, and the use of a bass boat for \$135.00 tax included. If you do not want to enter the bass contest then the cost of a room, double occupancy, is \$96.00 tax included. If you share either package with someone it will cost you half the price. If you need an extra cot in the room the cost is an additional \$8.00. Gordon Mueller and Joe Caroleo are running the trip. If you are interested in going on the trip or need further information, please contact us at any membership meeting or call us: **Joe Caroleo, (718) 845-4225 or Gordon Mueller, (516) 850-3689.**

On Sunday we will be fishing at a local lake. You can rent a row boat or fish from shore. You can also picnic or swim at the beach area. A pass for the day costs \$3.00 for nonresidents. You can also fish other local waters which are nearby. You have the Delaware River, Mongaup Pond and Rondout Reservoir. Early Monday morning we will have a bass fishing contest. As part of the package we will be using bass boats for the bass fishing contest.

Eldred has two large trout ponds. One pond is Catch and Keep. It is stocked with trout. You will have free access to this pond. Whatever trout you catch you keep but you must pay \$6.25 per pound for the trout. You can have your trout cleaned and packed in ice for your trip home. The cost for this service 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.

They also have computerized gambling at the Monticello Raceway, which is only minutes away, if you want to try your luck.

## DEC CONFIRMS PRESENCE of DIDYMO IN ESOPUS CREEK

### Aquatic Algae Discovered in Popular Recreational Waterway

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Pete Grannis today announced that didymo, an invasive species, has been confirmed in the Esopus Creek in Ulster County.

This is the first known presence of this aquatic algae, also called "rock snot," in the Esopus and the third confirmed location in New York State. The Esopus is a popular recreational waterway for fishing, kayaking and tubing, and is a drinking water source for New York City. DEC collected samples and confirmed the presence of didymo in the vicinity of several public access sites along a 12-mile stretch of the Esopus from the "Shandaken Portal" (which transfers water to the Esopus from Schoharie Reservoir) to New York City's Ashokan Reservoir.

**Didymo Impact:** Unlike many other aquatic invasive plants, didymo (*Didymosphenia geminata*) grows on the bottom of both flowing and still waters. It is characterized by the development of thick, gooey mat-like growths - which can last for months - even in fast flowing streams. In addition to making footing difficult, didymo can impede fishing by limiting the abundance of bottom dwelling organisms that trout and other species of fish feed on.

There are currently no known methods for controlling or eradicating didymo once it infests a water body.

Didymo mats look like brown or white fiberglass insulation or tissue paper (photo at: [www.dec.ny.gov/animals/50272.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/50272.html)). While didymo appears slimy and stringy, it feels rough and fibrous, similar to wet wool and does not fall apart when handled. Previously, didymo had been confirmed in the Batten Kill in Washington County near the Vermont border and in the East and West branches of the Delaware River.

"The presence of didymo in another popular New York waterway highlights the crucial need for people to be diligent in preventing the spread of invasive species," Commissioner Grannis said. "Invasives can have a devastating impact not only on the environment but also the economy. I urge all outdoor enthusiasts to help out by adopting the **"Check, Clean and Dry"** method for limiting the accidental transport of didymo and other invasive species from infected waterways to other water bodies."

Anglers, kayakers, canoeists, tubers, boaters and others engaging in water-based recreation can unknowingly spread didymo. The microscopic algae can cling - unseen - to waders, boots, boats, clothing, lures, hooks, fishing line and other equipment and remain viable for several weeks under even in seemingly dry conditions. Absorbent items, such as felt-soled waders and wet suits, require thorough treatment as outlined below. Water recreationists are urged to use the "Check, Clean and Dry" method to limit the spread of invasive species.

**Check** - Before leaving a river, stream or pond, remove all obvious traces of algae and look for hidden clumps and leave them at the affected site. If any is found later, it should be disposed of in trash receptacles, not washed down drains.

**Clean** - Treatment varies. The solution needs to completely penetrate thick, absorbent items such as felt-soled waders and wading boots.

**For non-absorbent items, try these methods:**

- *Detergent or salt:* Soak or spray all surfaces for at least one minute in a 5% solution (by volume) of dishwashing detergent or salt (7 ounces of detergent or salt added to a gallon of water).

- *Bleach:* Soak or spray all surfaces for at least one minute in a 2% solution (by volume) of household bleach (3 ounces of bleach per gallon of water).

- *Hot water:* Soak for at least one minute in very hot water (140 degrees F - hotter than most tap water) or for at least 20 minutes in water kept at 115 degrees F (uncomfortable to touch).

**For absorbent items,** longer soaking times are required. Use these methods:

- *Hot water:* Soak for at least 40 minutes in water kept above 115 degrees F.

- *Hot water plus detergent:* Soak for 30 minutes in hot water kept above 115 degrees F, containing 5% dishwashing detergent.

**Dry** - If cleaning is not practical, after the item is completely dry to the touch, wait an additional 48 hours before contact or use in any new waterway. Check thick, absorbent items closely to assure that they are dry throughout. Equipment and gear can also be placed in a freezer until all moisture is frozen solid.

NOTE: If cleaning, drying or freezing is not practical, restrict equipment use to a single water body. DEC encourages anglers to consider alternatives to felt-soled waders such as rubber studded boots.

ALSO, it is especially important that any gear used out of state be treated before use in New York waters.

**Contact:** Yancey Roy (518) 402-8000

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**Congratulations,  
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**"Club Fly Tying Night at Pancho's"**  
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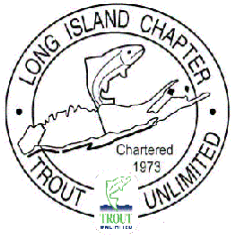
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Thanks, Morty



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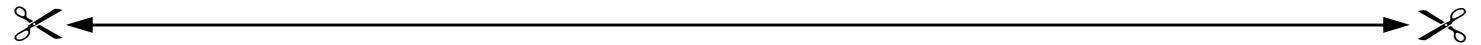
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CONNETQUOT RIVER TRIPS - 2009

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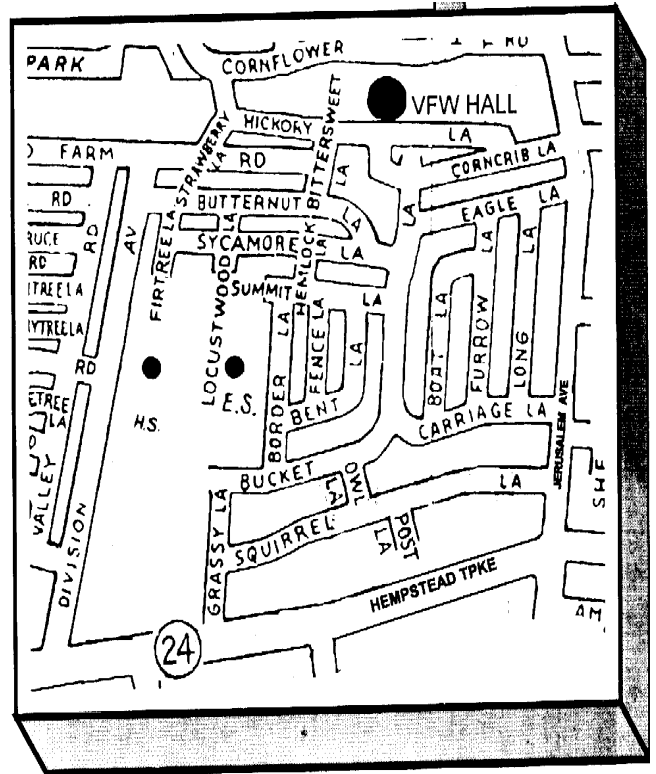
**You must have a creel in your possession to fish in the park and on the stream**

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

**LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS**

**July - 2009**

- July 7      **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**  
Speaker : Capt. Joe Mattioli  
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*Barbeque with Paul McCain* before the meeting  
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- July 10 - 12      **Casting for Recovery**  
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- July 20      **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**  
Contact: Lee Weil (516) 997-6743
- July 26 - 27      **Eldred Preserve Trip, NY**  
Contact: Joe Caroleo (718) 845-4225  
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Details & Info on Page 5
- July 28      **Board Meeting**  
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