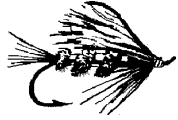


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*Early Sunday morning breakfast, June 27, at Austin Hawes
Campground, Farmington River, CT. See Lee's article on Page 3.*

GUEST SPEAKER:

Gill Bergen

"Connetquot State Park"



God Bless America

As we go into the dog days of summer, the fishing is changing. All those warm water species are looking more and more attractive. Always remember, that along with the hotter weather, there is also more stress on the fish, so keep it short and sweet. Don't play the fish till they can't be revived. There's a great article on catch and release by **Lee Weil** on the web site for those of you new to the sport.

We had a great meeting in July with **Captain John McMurray** and all those hot spots around Jamaica Bay. It's different fishing with a 747 going over your head, a bit louder than a blue heron. Along with a great slide show and some insight to the Jamaica Bay area, we raffled off a trip with Cap-



President's message

tain McMurray. Our big winner was **Bernie Klepper** and I'm sure Bernie's been getting calls from all of his "best buddies" to help him fill that extra spot in the boat.

Coming up for our August meeting, Mr. **Gil Bergen**, manager of one of the truly magical places in New York State, will bring us up to date on Connetquot State Park. I know I feel very special every time I pass through the gates and can really appreciate the work that goes into managing a facility like that.

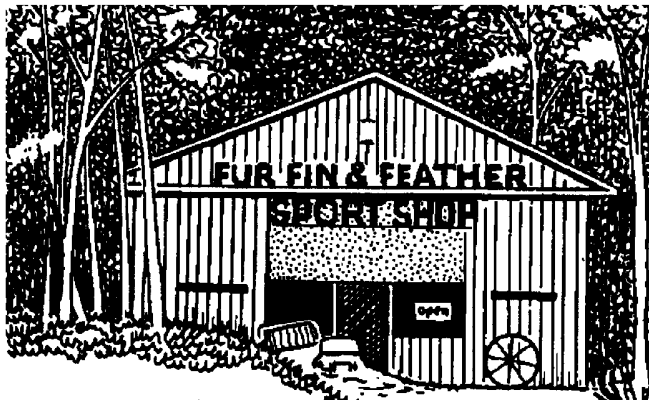
There's another retreat for **Casting for Recovery** coming up in September and

"river helpers" are always needed. See **Lee Weil** for further information on helping out.

We have a few more trips lined up for the year, **Mike Lackey** and **Peter Yuskovich** have a great trip planned for the Beaverkill in September. Don't wait for the last minute and get closed out. A lot of these trips are very popular and can only accommodate a set amount of participants.

It's not too early to start thinking about next year's trips; the January meeting is when the trip planning happens. As they say...the more the merrier.

See you on the river,
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For Your Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



The Long Island Flyrodders Annual trek to the Farmington River in Connecticut took place on June 25th. We rolled into Austin Hawes Campground and pitched the tents just before the first drops of rain began to fall. Dinner on Friday night consisted of marinated chicken breasts and spanish rice, served after a slight delay due the late arrival of the pots, plates and charcoal (resulting from weather related traffic problems.) We managed to keep the members from rioting until **Frank Chin and Anthony Agnese** got the cooking done, and somehow fed everyone under 2 canopies in the pouring rain. After dinner the fishing reports given were promising, with several members having taken fish in the afternoon. The river was in good shape and hatches of Caddis and Sulfurs had come off as expected.

On Saturday we awoke to a steady rain and served mess once again under the tarps, toasting bagels on the grill. By the time we got the breakfast gear cleaned up and put away it was 10:30 and the skies were already beginning to clear. That afternoon some of the sharpies came back to report some very big fish landed, and some broken off. **Peter Van-Buskirk** did especially well with Prince nymphs and Gil Padovani also did some damage with a Tom Baltz parachute pattern. **Andrew Watkins** went touring and found fish at Greenwoods. **Tony Agnese and son Anthony** (our fire chief) fished up by the ball field and took fish on wooly buggers. The sun began to shine and things were definitely looking up.

Saturday night's dinner went off on time and the hungry angler's had plenty of London Broil and corn on the cob. **Mike Gelber's** propane monster had the water up and boiling in no time and we were all back on the river well before sunset. Jeff, Andrew, Jessie and I opted to drive to Greenwoods where I was blessed with a nice 13" rainbow on a Sulfur parachute.

The stars were out for the traditional campfire and we enjoyed the fair weather, with **Jeff Farrell and Danny Van Buskirk** designated as the two final "survivors".

Sunday morning promised to be a beautiful day, and later in the afternoon we headed to the Beaver Pool on a tip from **Joe Otterstedt**, who had fished previously. As the fish began to pop on Sulfurs we all said "Thanks, Joe!" After a close call with a huge beaver who swam over my tippet I landed a very good brown; an honest 16". The water temp was 48 degrees and the pool waist deep, so when we got back to camp the cookfire was most welcome.

Later that night **Linda Macy** defended her title as record holder for bats on 7X tippet by landing her second consecutive bat in as many years. This one was taken on a White Wulff, #12. She's gonna be hard to catch if she keeps up at this rate.

Joe Otterstedt provided on-stream fly deliveries and netted several good fish for those of us who don't carry nets (but will do so in the future). Dominos Pizza ain't got nothing on Joe! He is now bestowed with the title of "Net Man", and receives all the honors that go along with it. I owe him for saving me two big rainbows – also taken on a White Wulff. He even had time between netting fish for others to land a chunky football brown for himself.

I'd like to say thanks to all the great guys who helped make this trip a success; our **President Mike Gelber** for schlepping my cooking gear in his truck and lending us his mega-stove, **Frank Chin** for juggling 12 London Broils on one grill, Joe Otterstedt "Net Man" for making ice and milk runs, Anthony Agnese for tending the fires, and most of all my husband **Jeff Farrell** for convincing me that it could be done -

(for the third time)!



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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS :

Connetquot sign up and reservations for the August 16 Fishing Trip will be taken by Wolfgang Porté. Phone reservations will be taken at 516-741-2342. PLEASE - No calls after 9 pm or on Sunday. Cancellation deadline will be Saturday, August 14, 7:00 pm as usual. Details on Page 7.

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Eldred Fishing Trip Report

by Joe Caroleo
and Bill Farrington

To sum it up in one sentence, "It was a great success." We had a party of eight members and their guests. No one had any trouble finding the place, except me. I was busy swapping fish tales with my partner, Bill Farrington, and I missed an exit. It cost us about twenty minutes extra but we still arrived at Eldred in good time. The rest of our party showed up and we had lunch.

After lunch a group of us shot a couple of rounds of Sporting Clays. It was a lot of fun. After looking at our scores, I suggested that we better stick to fly fishing. We had a couple of hours left, so we did some fly fishing in the Catch and Release pond.

Prior to dinner some of us had a cocktail or two at their well-stocked bar. The dinner menu made it hard to select from the many entrees they had. I never knew you could cook trout in so many different ways. Since I had some trout in my freezer at home, I opted to have the duck l'orange, (my computer said I spelled it wrong, but that's about as close as I can get.)

After dinner they had some entertainment. It

was a one-man band and comedian all wrapped up in one. We had nice music and some good jokes. He ended the night with a score of patriotic songs, which we all enjoyed.

Next morning, "bright" and early, we all set out to catch fish. Lee, Jeff and their guest, Andrew, went out on a bass boat. They caught a total of 63 fish. They had bass, pickerel, perch, crappie and some humpback blue gills - all of which were released. John Masie and his guest, Matt, caught their share of fish, including a three-pound Smallmouth Bass and a two-pound Smallmouth. Bill Farrington, Jesse Lilly, a guest, and I went to the Catch and Keep pond. We caught some nice trout. I was real lucky. I caught a two-and-a-half pound Golden Rainbow trout. I caught the fish on my interpretation of Joe's Hopper.

If you want to see some of the fish we caught, look us up on the website. As pictures become available they will appear on the website.

PS: We are looking forward to planning another trip next year.

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Debbie's First Rainbow by Lee Weil

My friend Debbie possesses an inordinate amount of nervous energy, so much in fact that we have christened her the "Taz Brat" after the Tazmanian Devil cartoon character. Thus, on her first trip fly fishing with us we expected a challenge and were not disappointed.

Her initiation took place at Connetquot, a perfect river to begin on and where so many of us hooked our first trout. She was armed with my faithful old Cortland, my old patched-up L.L. Bean waders and the joyful enthusiasm of a Labrador puppy.

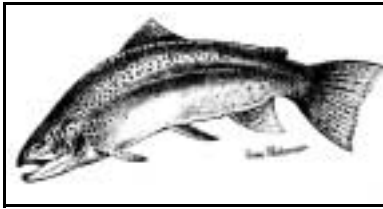
Our initial endeavors with streamers produced hits but no hookups. I switched her over to a nymph and applied a small ball of pink strike indicator putty. She found this substance most amusing, referring to it as "bubblegum" and following it's progress in the current with rapt attention.

I came upon a revelation about fly fishing instructors that day. I now believe there is a universal vocalism that all guides, no matter what their mother tongue may be, use to express their immediate desire for their pupil to set a hook. The best way to describe it is a frantic expulsion of a two syllable phrase; something like "Dah! Aargh!" I observed this phenomenon shortly after I decided to take a break. I had been "Dah-arghing" for over two hours with no success. Debbie would note the disappearance of her bubblegum but couldn't seem to set the hook. Mary, another fly fishing convert and angling companion, came by to see how we were doing and I suggested she play guide for a while. I sat on the bank to watch and lo and behold! When Debbie missed the next take, I heard Mary emit a "dah-argh!" much like my own. I was so entertained by this that I stayed to see if it would be repeated, and indeed it was, until Mary conceded defeat and I was tagged back into the ring.

At this point, I decided to change the game plan and tied on a huge Light Cahill with the theory that it would be visible enough for both Debbie and the fish to track. Unfortunately, by now Debbie had a very itchy trigger finger and each time a fish would poke it's nose up to take, she would pluck the fly away, often right out of it's expectant jaws. I tried to impress the idea upon her that it is necessary to leave the fly on the water in order to catch fish, but her ea-

gerness would not allow her to keep it there for more than 3 or 4 seconds.

Finally, I managed to distract her long enough



to allow a trout to grab the elusive Cahill. When the fly disappeared in a swirl, I joyously exclaimed, "FISH ON!" and Mary followed up with a comment of, "Thank God!" The fish made a couple of complimentary runs, bent the rod impressively and then came politely to the net. It was a beautiful rainbow of 14" and it inspired a huge round of applause. Debbie beamed proudly as she held it up for photos. She'd finally broken the ice with only 15 minutes left till the final bell.

First fish victories are always remembered by the angler and not so often by the guide, however, there are some that stand out so vividly that we can conjure up their image at will. I believe I'll always remember the look on Debbie's face, smiling in the afternoon sun, on the day when she took her first rainbow.

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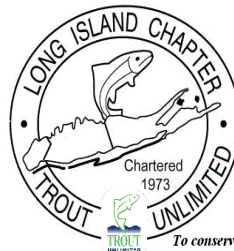
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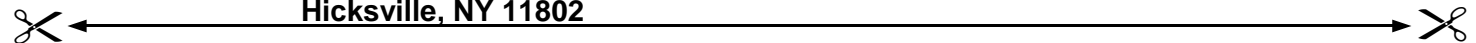
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- August 16 **Connetquot State Park - Monday Fishing Trip**
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