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*Morning mist on the Farmington River, Connecticut*  
*June 25, 2005*

*GUEST SPEAKER:*

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**“Fishing Long Island’s  
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## President's message

### THE CURSE IS LIFTED!...

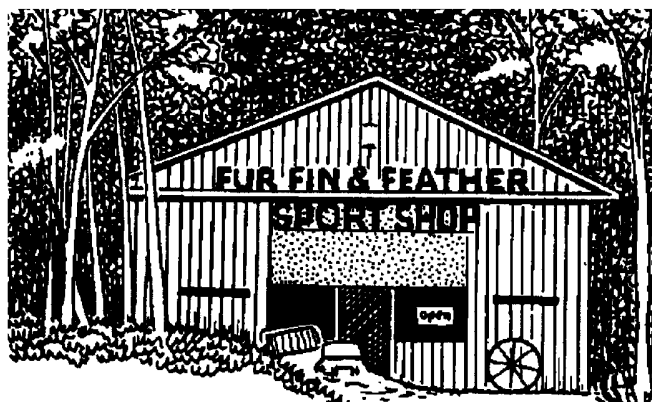
Tony and Karen Agnese must have paid off a Gypsy and had her lift the curse from the Flyrodders. For the first time in recorded history, or maybe as far back as I can remember, we had a camping trip with no rain. The Farmington trip came off perfectly, with great food, an excellent campfire, both Friday and Saturday nights, and we even did some fishing. I don't think Tony and Karen had anything to do with the all day hatches, but it sure gave us something to do between all the eating. I had some great dry fly action during the day and at night, just below the camp ground, there were fish splashing all around me. Tying on a size 16 White Wulff in the dark was the only thing that slowed down the hits I was getting.

In mid July we found some Flyrodders helping out at a **Casting for Recovery** (CFR) retreat at Connetquot State Park. With the help of our friends at Trout Unlimited, we hosted 12 participants at the park. CFR was the recipient of the **Order of the**

**Angle** at our dinner dance last November and they are living up to their reputation. It was a pleasure to see such a well organized event, they even managed to have the fish cooperate. There was a lot of laughing and screams of "I got one" all up and down the river and we even managed to keep the rain away most of the day. If you are interested in getting involved with CFR, contact **Lee Weil** or check them out at [www.castingforrecovery.org](http://www.castingforrecovery.org)

At our July meeting, we had a great presentation from **Captain Rob Thompson** on flats boats and some of the bargains available. For all the frugal members (frugal sounds better than cheap), he really gave us some great pointers on where to look for those price conscious deals on some flats boats. For those quick get aways, I like to hit the local ponds here on the Island. For our August speaker, we have **Tom Schichter** with a presentation on "**Fishing Long Island Ponds and Lakes**". Don't forget our summer barbeque meetings with **Chef Paul McCain** manning the grill, starting at **6 pm and ending at 7:30**, before the meeting. What can be better? A fun night out talking about fishing and we'll even feed you.

See you on the river,  
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# Two's Company, Three's a Crowd

*By Susan Solomon*

When Howie asked me to go bonefishing on Grand Bahama to celebrate our 20 anniversary, we had no idea that Dennis would come along, too. Howie's plan was to go wading on the flats so that I could get used to handling a heavier rod. He told me the water was calm like a lake and crystal clear. He told me that most of the time there was very little wind. That was before Howie and I met Dennis. It is very rare for a hurricane to strike in July, but while Dennis was pounding Florida with wind and rain, we were feeling his effects on Grand Bahama. The water lost its clarity and you couldn't walk on the beach without getting pelted with sand.

The fishing gear sat in the closet while we found other things to do and see. The island is still recovering from last year's hurricane that hit hard. The airport is rebuilt (on higher ground) and a lot of hotels and businesses are still closed. The old casino was flooded and a new one has taken its place.

The day before we had to return home, the wind

died down and we seized the opportunity to go bonefishing on Capt. Phil's boat. On the lawn back home I was able to cast 40 ft. and hit a target. Add water, anxiety and a rocking boat and everything changes. I gave it a shot, but knew I wasn't ready. I switched places with Howie and watched how bonefishing was supposed to be done. From high atop his perch, Capt. Phil called out the numbers of a clock as he spotted bonefish and told Howie where to cast. This is no sport for the analog clock-challenged. When Capt. Phil says, "nine o'clock", you have only one opportunity to lay your fly down in the nine o'clock position. Bonefish spook easily.

On our ride around the island we saw rays, permit, shark, shad and of course, bonefish. To eyes that are used to trout and bass, this was quite a treat. Although I wasn't able to catch a bonefish, I take solace in knowing that the fly I tied, did. At some future date Howie and I will go bonefishing again... but we're not inviting Dennis.



## Annual Club Dinner & Awards

Given the success of last years LIFR dinner, we will again hold our annual gala at the Stuart Thomas Manor in Farmingdale. The annual LIFR club dinner is an opportunity to share the camaraderie of our club members with your spouse, significant other or friends. It's also an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions and hard work of our members thru awards for their service to the club. This year's dinner will be held Saturday, November 19 at the Stuart Thomas Manor, 2143 Boundary Ave. Farmingdale NY. The \$45 per person cost will cover hors d'oeuvres and a five entrée' buffet, beer and wine, soft drinks, tea, coffee and desert. A cash bar for those wishing liquor will also be available. Music will be provided via CDs, and our private room will have a dance floor. Members and their guests wishing to attend may send the attached reservation form along with their payment to either Joe Otterstedt or Al Westbrook at the addresses listed on the form. You may also signup and provide payment at the club meetings. Please set aside the date so you can join us for dinner, dancing and good company; it'll be a great night out!

### Annual Club Dinner & Awards Reservation Form

Saturday, November 19 at the Stuart Thomas Manor, Farmingdale NY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment (@ \$45 per person) Amount by Check Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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J. Otterstedt, 14 Cambridge Drive, Smithtown NY 11787

## *What... No Rain?*

*By Gil Padovani*

This year's camping/fishing trip to the Farmington River was not only a success but also a very unusual one, at least for me.

On Sunday afternoon, Peter Van Buskirk and I set out for our secret and usually productive river location (known only to us and about five hundred other people). On the way there, we saw a group of guys, all bunched up together, standing on the downstream side of a pool. I swear they were so close to each other that they could have danced like the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall. At first, I forgot where I was and I thought it was opening day in New Jersey's Manasquan River but then both Peter and I assumed they were there to get casting lessons. We were wrong on both counts. What these people were doing was watching a huge black bear less than four hundred feet upstream cooling off in the water. We stopped the car and sat there watching this big bruin with a yellow tag in its ear eyeing the fishermen downstream as if to say "I wonder if they taste good". The bear then turned its eyes toward us, decided he had enough nightmares for the day and slowly retreated to the security of the woods.

It was also a very unusual Flyrodders trip in that the Almighty forgot to tell Saint Peter to turn the spigots on. I'm not sure how that happened but this had to be the first LIFR camping trip in a decade that not a drop of rain fell on us. None appreciated this more than Linda Macy on Sunday night. She bravely took her cot outside and decided to sleep under the stars. When I asked her how she slept, she replied "Oh fine!" Of course, while she was saying this, she was scratching her legs, neck and arms where the Connecticut air force (AKA mosquitos) had left those little red bumps.

On Monday, I was the last of our group to leave the campgrounds. Actually, I should have said, "attempted to leave," because my Jeep wouldn't kick over. That's what you get when you forget to close

the hatch and leave it open for six hours. Of course, the ever-present ladies at the office were nowhere to be seen so, I walked around the premises looking for a good Samaritan willing to give me a jump-start. There was only one other occupant on the campgrounds and she was in her car ready to leave. I ran to her and said, "Excuse me, I'm on site 26 and my battery is dead. Can you please give me a boost?" Just as she said "No problem", this big black dog in the back of her car started to bark at me all the while showing me a set of teeth that could crush an elephant bone.

"Get in the car, I'll drive you there" she said. "No, that's OK" I replied. "I need the exercise and the walk will do me good". Of course, I would have preferred riding in the car but the sight of that dog gnawing on my arm gave me the incentive to walk. I got to my Jeep, hooked up the jumper cables and the engine kicked off on the first try. I headed for home and almost ran over a porcupine crossing the road by the entrance of the campgrounds. From there on, it was smooth sailing home. When I reached the Tappan Zee Bridge it started to pour. I looked up, smiled and said "Too late Saint Peter. The camping trip is over!" Let's just hope, he won't get even with us in August at the Housatonic.

Kudos are in order for the entire **Agnese family**. **Tony and Karen** did the planning, made reservations, assigned campsites, cooked and fed three meals a day to 27 members and did all the after-meals clean-ups. Not to be excluded is Tony and Karen's son, **Anthony Agnese** who, as in past camping trips, took charge of starting and stoking a roaring campfire the size of a burning barn. Come to think of it, our club provides name tags to some of our members showing their names and positions. For example, mine says "Gil Padovani, Webmaster". Why not make one for Anthony that says "Anthony Agnese, Club Pyromaniac"?



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*Tony, Karen & Anthony Agnese. Great Job guys!*



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The club is putting together a book of club members and their favorite flies. See Paul McCain at the meeting for details.

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS !**

The August 15th Connetquot trip will be coordinated by Wolfgang Porté. Please direct your requests for reservations to him at 516-741-2342.

**CONNETQUOT RIVER TRIPS - 2005**

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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**No advance reservations will be accepted.**

**Hours:** 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**For Details call Wolfgang Porté - (516) 741-2342— Before 9:00 pm**

**CONNETQUOT DATES - 2005**

August 15	September 19	October 17
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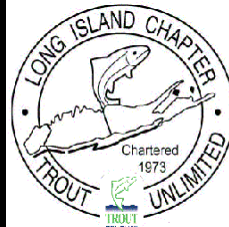
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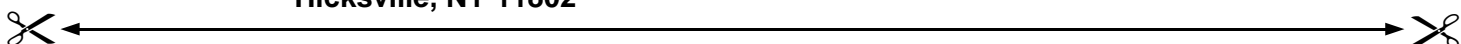
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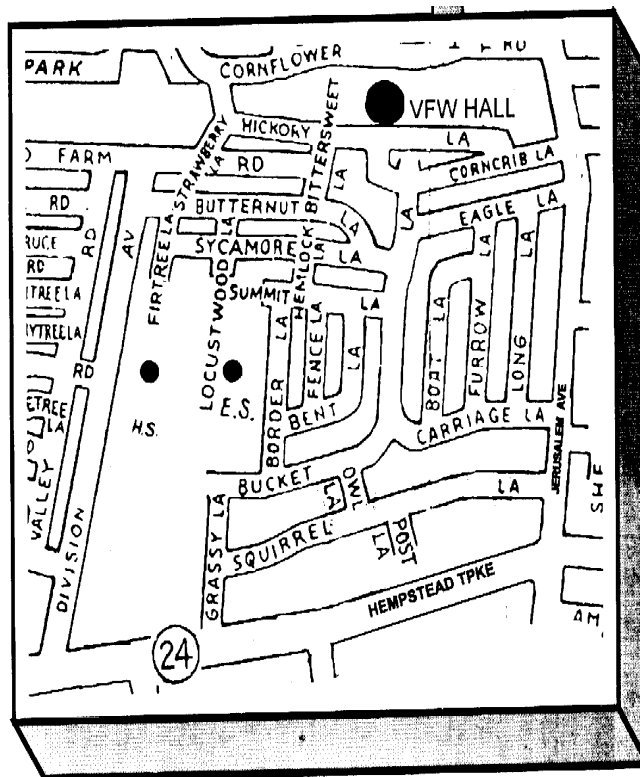
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2. **Put your name and phone number on back of the photo in small letters**
3. **All photos submitted may be used by LIFR, e.g., *Flyrodder* and [lifr.org](http://lifr.org)**
4. **There will be play-off contests at each Club meeting June through October**
5. **Three winners will be picked by members present at each of those meetings**
6. **All winning photos will be entered in the Dinner Dance GRAND CONTEST**
7. **Members present at the Dinner Dance will select the three Grand Prize winners**
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**LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS**  
**August - 2005**

- August 2     **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**  
**Cookout on the lawn at 6:00 to 7:30**  
 Speaker: Tom Schichter  
 "Fishing Long Island Ponds and Lakes"
- August 5     **Housatonic River , CT- Camping**  
 to Aug. 8     Contact: Mike Gelber (516) 221-9508  
 See details on website
- August 12    **Casting for Recovery Retreat**  
 to Aug. 14    Contact: Lee Weil (516) 997-6743
- August 15    **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**  
 Contact: Wolfgang Porté (516) 741-2342  
 See Page 7 for details
- August 18    **Board Meeting**  
 7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- August 26    **Yellow Breeches, Boiling Springs, PA**  
 to Aug. 28    Contact: Joe Otterstedt (631) 361-8145  
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