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A day at Connetquot with our friends from AHRC

Guest Speaker:

George Simon

"Fishing the Beaverkill"

Several events happened to me this month to reaffirm my love of fishing, and they had nothing to do with catching fish. This year was the first time that I was a river guide for **Casting for Recovery**. The woman that I was guiding had never fished before, let alone fly fished. My fear was that we wouldn't catch anything. After a few casts and a few fly tangles, I decided it was time to go with my beginner fly – the famous Woolly Bugger. Letting it drift down stream, then following with a few strips, was the best way to go. Within minutes, there was a two pound brookie in the net. There were smiles and high fives all around. With the pressure off, the rest of the day became a lot easier. At the end of the day, I was introduced to her husband as her "guide". Talk about a swelled head. Many thanks to **Lee Weil, Betty Ann Timmermann**, and the rest of the crew from C.F.R. for a very successful retreat.

My wife, Julie and I decided to take the kids out fluke fishing. All the complaining stopped after the first fish was hooked. Then it became a race to see who could land the most fish. When we weren't catching fish, we talked about tides, currents, beach grasses and watched for birds. At the end of the day, we took turns driving the boat and fed the left over bait to the gulls



and terns. We came home tired and happy. We didn't catch a lot of fish, but we did hook some great family time.

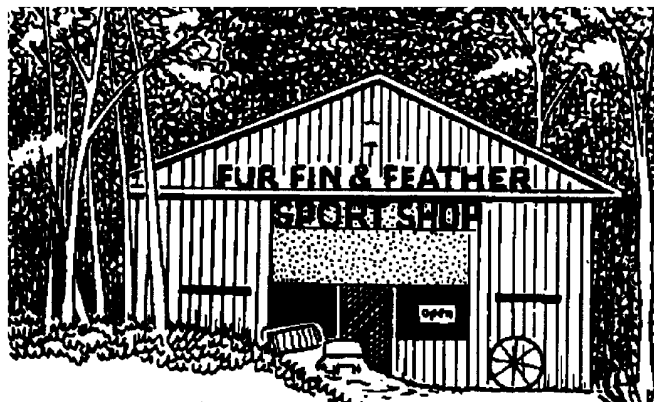
This month we have **George Simon** and the crew from Fly Fishing Arts as guest speakers. During the cook out, (starting at 6:00 p.m.) they will be doing some demo casting. At the meeting, George will be talking about the Beaverkill. So come early, have some grub and watch these master casters.

My wife thought it might be fun to include a recipe each month as part of the news letter. The recipes can be for any type of seafood or for a side dish or dessert to accompany a fish dish. You can e-mail them to my wife at **Jmccain12@Yahoo.com**. If you want to include a story that goes along with the recipe, we will print that too.

On a sad note, a fellow member, **Richard Hann**, passed away on July 13th. I remembered how much he loved the camping trips I used to run. Tight lines Richard and we will meet you on the river again some day.

For me, fishing, whether using bait or a fly, is not about catching fish. It is about family, friends, special places and the time I can spend with each. I know it is time well spent.

Tight lines, PresPaul



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by Lee Weil



The Casting For Recovery Retreat

It's a wonderful thing when a few hours of time volunteered can make a difference in someone's day, maybe even in their life. On Sunday, July 9th some of our Long Island Flyrodders did just that.

The Casting For Recovery Retreat for breast cancer survivors took place on the weekend of 7/7 thru 7/9, culminating in a day of fishing on the Connetquot. After a day and a half crash course in flyfishing, which took place at the Hilton Garden Inn in Ronkonkoma, they headed to the river to experience the real thing. The ladies were each provided with their own River Helper; a guide who accompanied them on the river and assisted them in catching trout. For many of them it was the first time they ever caught a fish, and many of them had never held a rod before the previous day's casting clinic at Caleb Smith Park. So, it was quite an achievement for them to all catch at least one fish, with the high hook being thirteen!

The group of 13 River Helpers was organized by **Mike Gelber**, with an assist from veteran CFR coordinator **Sol Harz**, and was compiled from the ranks of The Long Island Flyrodders, Salty Flyrodders and L.I. Trout Unlimited members. Instead of having to drum up enough River Helpers, they were faced with the opposite prob-

lem – having so many that they had to bank the “extras” for the next retreat, to be held in October. **Joe Otterstedt**, an experienced River Helper himself, gave the gentlemen a quick review of Stream Etiquette rules, in order to be sure they set a good example, and then it was time to assign each participant a partner. As the time went by, we could hear the reactions along the stream from the ladies as they felt the thrill of landing fish, and plenty of photos were taken of that proud moment when they held their first trout, being careful to practice “CPR” (Catch and Proper Release). After the fishing, we all joined in their graduation ceremony, where they received their diplomas and were treated to a bonus surprise – their own fly rod and reel, generously donated by **Michael Kahn of Albright Tackle**. The look on their faces was unforgettable.

As each one came up to receive their diploma they thanked the CFR staff, and one woman said to me, “You guys have changed my life”. I'm not embarrassed to say I had a lump in my throat after hearing that.

I want to express our gratitude on behalf of the Long Island CFR Staff for the guys who came out and helped us to provide these women with a day of excitement and the chance to practice their new skills.

You truly were the *“heroes of the day”*.

God bless & Tight Lines, Lee



ANYONE WHO WANTS TO RESERVE A SPOT FOR THE AUGUST LIFR DAY AT CONNETQUOT :

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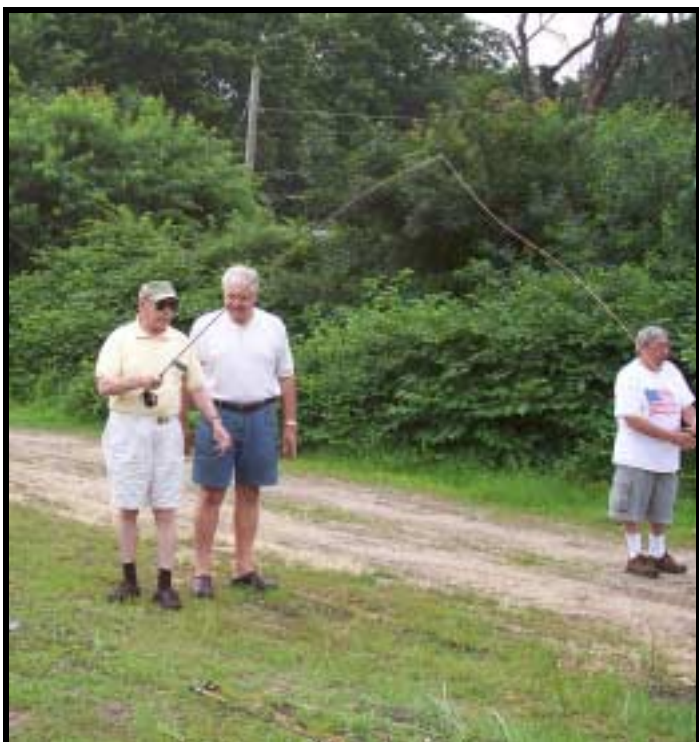
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July Meeting & Cook-Out

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Franks & Beans, Chips, Nachos, Soft Drinks, & etc. All for free. That's what you missed if you weren't at the last meeting in July. But don't despair, we're doing it all over again for the August Meeting. Come early, the cook-out starts at 6:00, and there's also casting demos and instruction on the lawn. The meeting is Tuesday, August 1.



*Mike Gelber & Pres. Paul McCain,
manning the grills*



Master Caster, Herman Abrams instructing



Hey, we're ready for seconds!

PROJECT ACCESS 2006

Dan Van Buskirk

This April 29, members of the **Long Island Flyrodders** joined others at the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum for the annual Project Access weekend. For those of you who are not aware of Project Access, it is a program where various paths are maintained on the Willowemoc and Beaverkill to provide handicap fishermen easy access to the streams. Usually the Long Island Flyrodders maintain two sites on the Willowemoc, one at Hazel Bridge and the other is at the Covered Bridge Picnic Grounds in Livingston Manor. This year our work was really cut out for us, with the Hazel Bridge and picnic grounds both needing tremendous repairs after the storms of the previous winter.

The Hazel Bridge path was rerouted to avoid an area that had been washed out and a shorter more direct path was built to an existing cement deck. With the Covered Bridge site it was decided that a new path would be created, utilizing a lower incline, making access easier for those in wheel chairs. This would have to be a two-year project, as there were not enough materials available. With The Theodore Gordon Flyfishers catering a picnic lunch at the museum work was halted. After the picnic all hands returned to the Covered Bridge to use all materials supplied. The path will be completed next year.

Club members that participated were: **Herman Abrams, Mike Lackey, Robert Maggio, John Mendez, Mark Thompson and his brother, Dan Van Buskirk and Peter Yuskevich.**

Just to mention that after all the work was completed, there were fish caught.



Members of the various clubs working on the access path

HOUSATONIC CLEAN-UP 2006

Dan Van Buskirk

This May 6, members of the **Long Island Flyrodders** joined the Housatonic Fly Fishermen's association for their annual stream side clean-up and tree planting. We met at the Housatonic Meadows State Park. For those of you who have not joined us in the past, we break up into groups that either clean-up the stream side or plant willows at the mouths of tributaries to provide shade during the hot summer months. As in the past the Long Island Flyrodders supply the picnic lunch. **President Paul McCain** sets up his field kitchen and cooks the sausages, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and beans. By lunch time, all the work is completed and lunch is started. This is a good time to get pointers on fishing the river from the experts. Needless to say, as soon as lunch is over and we've policed the picnic area, off to fish we go. With all our new insights it is not surprising that all the Long Island Flyrodders caught fish.

Club members that participated were: **Cliff Dies, Nick Friedman, President Paul McCain, Stan Paroly and Dan Van Buskirk.**



Left to right:

Nick Friedman,
Cliff Dies,
Stan Paroly,
Pres. Paul
McCain





LIFR Counsel, **Bob Skoy**, with a 5 foot, 45 lb. Tarpon. Bob caught this silver beauty on a 9 foot, 11 weight fly rod, on lower Biscayne Bay, Florida. Bob reported this Tarpon fought him for over an hour before bringing it to the boat and then releasing it. What a beauty!!



DONATE YOUR FLIES

Your hand tied or store bought flies, to be used as a raffle prize at the winter fly fishing shows, will be accepted at monthly meetings until October. For those who are fly tying-challenged, we will accept a donation of \$8.00 and will then purchase flies in your name.

Each 12 freshwater flies, 10 saltwater flies or \$8. will entitle you to one chance at a valuable prize.

Susan Solomon will be collecting the flies at each meeting. You can call her at 516 997-9451 to make other arrangements if you can't attend the meetings.

Once you've made a donation, your name will appear on the LIFR web-site.



We ran this trip two years in a row and it was a great success. We caught a variety of fish - largemouth and smallmouth bass, really big bluegills, pickerel, crappie up to two pounds and, of course, trout. Bill Farrington scored on some nice crappie with one of his flies and he promised to give one of his Crappie Killer flies to everyone who takes the trip.

This is a great trip to bring family and friends and a great opportunity to introduce children to fishing. The dates are September 19 and 20. The Preserve is located approximately two to two-and-a-half hours from New York City. 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. 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 20. The cost of the boat is \$80.00 plus tax, again, double occupancy, so you split this cost, also. There are two people per boat.

They also have two large trout ponds. One is

ELDRED PRESERVE FISHING TRIP SEPTEMBER 19 - 20, 2006

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. The cost for the cleaning is fifty cents per fish.

The other pond is Catch and Release. It is stocked with trout and catfish. It is for fly fishing only, barbless hooks only. The cost for this pond is \$10.00 per person and you can fish all day. You can also go fishing nearby at Mongaup Pond, Rondout Reservoir or the Delaware River.

They also have Sporting Clays available. We shot the Sporting Clays each time we went and had a lot of fun doing it. The cost for a round is \$8.00 for twenty-five clays. You can rent a shotgun there for \$5.00 and purchase ammunition for \$8.00 for a box of twenty-five rounds. They provide ear protectors while you are shooting.

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.

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- 1d. Digital photos, minimum size 800 X 600 megapixels.
2. Put your name and phone number on back of the prints in small letters
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4. There will be play-off contests at each Club meeting May 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
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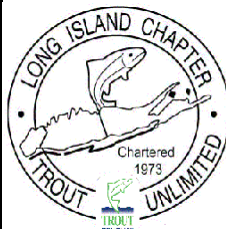
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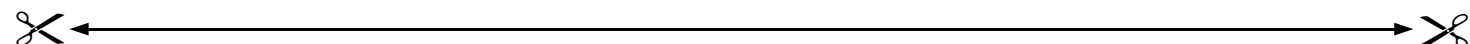
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CONNETQUOT DATES - 2006

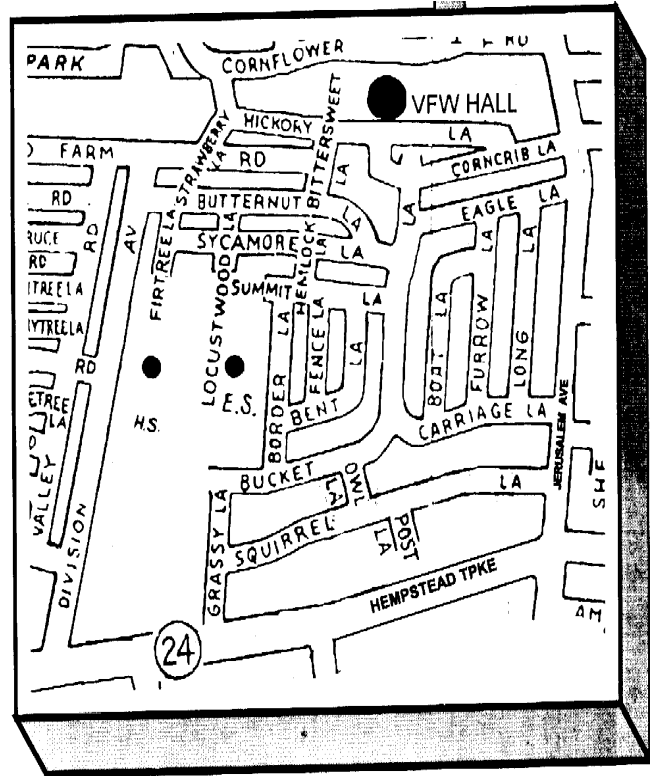
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Only members with 4 weight rods or larger will be allowed to fish on the Monday Sessions

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August - 2006

- August 1 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
 Cook-out starting at 6:00 pm
 Casting with Herman Abrams on the lawn
 LIFR Photo Contest - See Page 7 for rules
- August 11- **Yellow Breeches, Boiling Springs, PA**
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- August 14 **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**
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- August 22 **Board Meeting**
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