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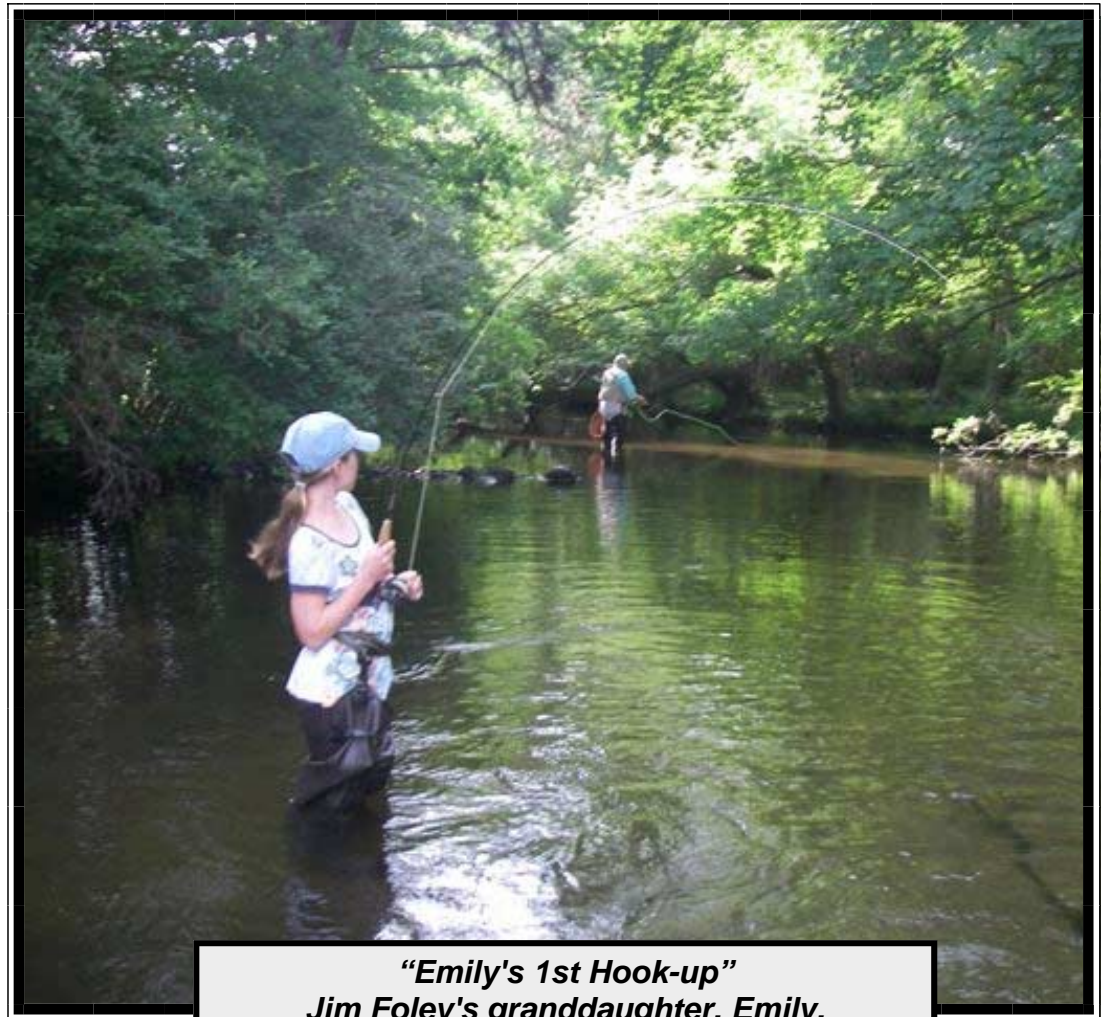
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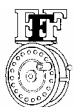
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"Emily's 1st Hook-up"
Jim Foley's granddaughter, Emily,
hooking her first brookie at Connetquot."
(See what she caught on page 5)



God Bless America

Guest Speaker:

Andrew Moy

"An Introduction to Spey Casting"



President's message

Fellow Flyrodders: A reminder that **Paul McCain** will host our final barbeque before the August meeting, providing hot dogs, burgers and all the fixing's, so please come early and bring your appetite. The food starts at 6 PM and closes down at 7:30 PM sharp! Also **Herman Abrams** will provide casting instruction prior to the meeting and will answer any casting questions you may have. This is a great opportunity to get some tips from an expert caster.

The Casting For Recovery (CFR) retreat was held July 11-13, and once again was a great success. Eleven women attended the 3 day clinic culminating in fishing on the Conny with volunteer river guides from LIFR and TU. Many of our members volunteer for these Long Island retreats held twice a year, and special thanks to **Betty Ann Timmerman, Lee Weil, Coreen Gelber and Linda Macy** who spent the entire weekend with these gals recovering from breast cancer. Special thanks to **Mike Gelber** for coordinating the river guides on Sunday, and to our club members who served as river guides and river helpers.

I also want to share with you an Email I re-

ceived last year from **Nancy O'Leary**, a past CFR participant, and friend of **Joni Flynn** who is also a past CFR participant and new member of LIFR:

My name is Nancy O'Leary and 2 years ago I went to a "Casting for Recovery retreat", it was and still is one of the most peaceful things that I have done. I can never thank you and the other river guides for giving up a Sunday to assist us on the river. I so remember my guide, how he gently guided me deeper on the river, with patience, he helped me change flies till, when we were almost out of time, I caught the most beautiful Rainbow trout I had ever seen, I still smile just at the memory.

I can tell you that the experience left me wanting more, the quite calm on the river, giving way to joy and celebration when I caught a fish. I never was a fishing person before and would not barley touch one, but even as I sit here at work I can go back to the moment. I wish that I could be on that river again, so the water, and the gentle breeze could wash my trouble away, and calm my soul, if for only and hour.

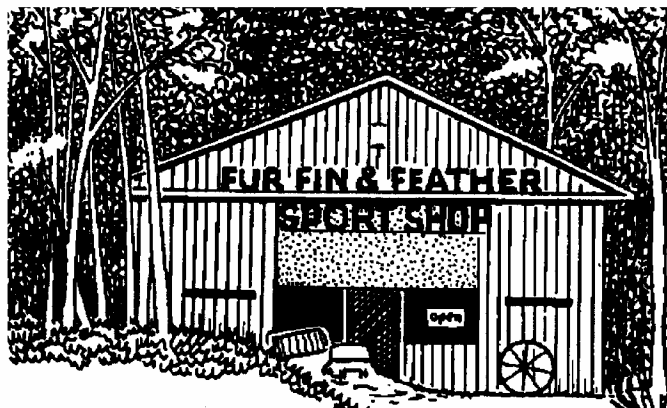
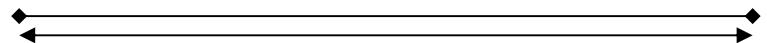
These are the gifts that you and the other guides have given to us, we are survivors of breast cancer, we are survivors in spirit, because of all of you, my friend. You have done a wonderful thing! Thank you for taking care of my friend Joni; she is really a special person. I will be hosting the next event October and I hope to be on that river.

As you can see, supporting CFR and volunteering for this very worthy cause makes a significant difference in these women's lives.

Please check the club website and newsletter for upcoming events. Our guest speaker in August will be Andrew Moy, of East Coast Spey in New Jersey, presenting "An Introduction to Spey Casting".

Tight Lines and Best Regards

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FoFYour Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



Healing Waters and Reminders

Last weekend, I was once again privileged to serve as an instructor for the Long Island Casting For Recovery retreat, along with some of the finest volunteer instructors, nurses and social workers on Long Island. It is hard to believe that we have been working together for 8 years, and in that time have developed into an efficient staff whose goal is to provide breast cancer survivors from our area with the best possible event. It's truly a rewarding experience for us to be able to pass on our skills and knowledge, and to witness others discover the passion that fly fishing becomes for us.

Each retreat also provides us with an opportunity to learn from the participants and each other. One of the things I appreciate most is the chance to see how we share the river with beginners, and it reminded me that we often need a "refresher course" ourselves, on how to relax and enjoy the peace that we sought in the first place. Instead of being irritated at the presence of another angler in "our" spot, perhaps we should welcome the opportunity to do a little scouting and (just maybe) find a new, even better stretch of the river. I'm guilty myself of consistently returning to the scene of the crime – always fishing familiar water because I know where the lies are, and how to take fish from those places. Necessity being the mother of invention, I have found that when forced to go in search of different spots I have often learned how to fish those places and become successful. Old dogs can learn new tricks.

In our frantic attempts to beat the other guy to

that honey hole, we often miss out on the beauty and wildlife sightings along the way. Even worse, I see anglers fishing "through" another beat to get to a rising fish. Come on, guys, it's not golf! Let's give each other a break. There's a saying that wisdom comes from the "mouths of babes". When I hear a CFR participant calling to another to come on over to her spot where the fish are biting it is a reminder that we should all have that attitude. Instead of hogging the beat, why not offer it to the next angler who passes by, and better yet, let them know what fly you caught your last fish on? I truly believe what goes around, comes around. As fly fishers we should be setting examples of good angling ethics and sportsmanship. I am embarrassed when I hear of one of our members barging into another anglers water, or disturbing a lie where someone else is casting to. Let's try to be representatives of a club we can be proud of, and develop a reputation for angling courtesy. You remember; do unto others, etc.

ATTENTION CONNETQUOT ANGLERS !!!

Please remember that all sign ups for the AUGUST 18th trip to the Connetquot must contact **WOLFGANG PORTE**. You can sign up with him at the meeting or call him, Monday to Saturday, until 9:00 PM, at 516-741-2342. This is for the **August trip ONLY**. I will be fishing for smallies in the Adirondacks so if you leave a message on my machine I will make you a reservation on the Hudson River. (And it's a long drive!)

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Rainy Days Makes Me Smile

By Dan Van Buskirk

This year's annual June Maine trip grew from 4 to 6 fishermen. All had attended this trip on and off for years, and always come back for more. Although the trip is basically the same, every year something changes. The trip centers around the hamlet of Rockwood, located on Moosehead Lake, at the mouth of the Moose River. This is a particularly ideal place to rent a fishing cabin, as it is on the most northerly paved road in western Maine. Rockwood, which boasts a general store and two gas outlets, is 25 miles east of Jackman and 30 miles north of Greenville and within driving distance of 4 watersheds, several major lakes and hundreds of small ponds. With this diversity available, there is always someplace worth fishing. The only problem is figuring out which ones are best.

We arrived at Greenville in a convoy of 3 SUV's on Friday night with enough time to buy staples for Saturdays breakfast before the local Supermarket/SportingGoods/Clothing/Department store closed for the night. Then it was downtown (actually downhill) to the Black Frog for our traditional last evening out dinner. As is usual we start off with drinks and toasts. Gil has to explain yearly the recipe for a Jack Daniels Old Fashion (very few bartenders last more than one season here), the rest of us learn quickly that straight drinks are quicker. This year, one person got away with ordering a Seven and Seven. From then on we order bottles of Guinness and Bass and mix our own Black and Tans at the table.

Saturday morning arrives with overcast skies and the promise of showers on and off for the next few days, typical Flyrodder weather. Before breakfast, John Gerbitz and Peter Van Buskirk go off fishing the Moose River at Brassua Dam, with excellent results. The Smelt have started their spawning run and that triggers the Brookies, Landlocked Salmon and Lake Trout to enter the river to feed on them. Peter catches a 19" Salmon that has swallowed the fly and is bleeding to death, it also has a blue wire hanging out the side of his body. This turns out to be an antenna and the fish is one that has been caught, tagged with a transmitter and released as part of a survey. Later we learn a lot of information from this fish.

After breakfast, the rest of us get our fishing license from Kitty at the local bait shop and then proceed to town to finish up our food shopping and check in at the Maine Guide Fly Shop to confirm our float trip later in the week.

From the fly shop we get the latest information

on the rivers, lakes and ponds we intend to fish in the next week. The basic lowdown on the area was that the water levels in the rivers were good for wade fishing and flows were expected to be reduced, fish were being caught mostly on streamers and nymphs, the dry fly action hadn't really started yet and the water temperature in Indian Pond was still low and the Smallmouth Bass weren't on their spawning beds yet. The Brook Trout had been stocked at the East and West outlets of Moosehead Lake and there might be another stocking during the week.

The weather forecast was for overcast skies, scattered showers and cooler than normal temperatures. It looked like we arrived a week earlier than the prime time. But time would tell. That afternoon the group started fishing the East Outlet of Moosehead Lake, which is the headwaters of the Kennebec River. Everyone seemed to score with hits if not actually landing fish, it only got better from then on.

Sunday's fishing was a repeat of Saturday's, only with better results. Monday, Cliff Dies took his newly acquired pontoon boat out on Indian Pond for it's maiden cruise. Along with Dan Van Buskirk in his float tube, they caught chubs, some perch and had a few bass that exceeded 16", not bad for a first outing with the craft. The rest of the day was spent wade fishing the rivers. That night for dessert we had the first of two homemade apple pies made at the cabin by Morty Schneiderman. Tuesday everyone fished the rivers again with some hitting the Moose and the rest doing the Kennebec.

Wednesday was the float trip. This year we return to the West Branch of the Penobscot. Instead of doing the Big Eddy float, we do the Horse Race Run which starts just downstream from the Lower Big Eddy and ends at the Nesowadnehunk Deadwater. This stretch of river is the opposite of the Big Eddy water. The calm placid flow of last years float is replaced by the boiling white caps that form from the many boulders for most of this years trip. The guides figure that this year is a week to ten days behind normal and that the trout and salmon are lower down the river, just starting to migrate upstream out of the deadwater below. With the weather turning from overcast to rainy and windy, Morty and Cliff being guided by Wayne in one drift boat and Gil sharing the other with Chad and Dan, are off. Cliff lands the first fish, then Morty boats the second. Within 10 minutes all have had straight lines. The Action and wind and rain

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continue until takeout, six hours later.

Meanwhile John and Peter have tried their luck at Indian Pond. When leaving the pond, they run into a state stocking crew putting Brookies into the West Outlet of the Kennebec and assist them with placing the trout in the water. After fishing the East Outlet they return to the Moose as the fish are starting to rise to Dry Flies.

Weather-wise Thursday turns out to be the best day we had all week, with sunny skies, no wind and warm temperatures. Peter and Cliff in their pontoon boats and Dan with his float tube head out to Cold Stream Pond to fish for the native Brookies in this remote pond. After driving 12 miles out of town on the road to Jackman, then 5 miles down a logging road and then 2 miles bouncing along a jeep trail they arrive at the pond and the fish are rising. From 10 AM until 4 PM, all are into fish, finally returning to the cabin for dinner. Meanwhile Morty, John and Gil head for the East Outlet, where the fishing has been great, but with even lower flows the fish have relocated and are hard to find. After supper that night all head for the Moose and the improving dry fly fishing. With the wind down to almost calm and the evening slowly fading into dark, the fish are rising and better than that taking our offerings. Thursday evening turns out to be the best dry fly fishing of the trip.

Friday again dawns as a cool, overcast day with a few showers and gusts of wind. Again John and Peter are out by 4:30 and back around 8:00 with success stories. Again we all venture to the Moose as it has become the most consistent water and with more smelt coming upriver, the fishing has improved all week long. Seeing as Friday is our last day of fishing, we all spend the majority of our time there, with good results.

After 7 days of fishing with 6 of them being rainy, overcast, cool and windy we have our best week in years. Now you know why Rainy Days Make Me Smile.

ELDRED FISHING TRIP:

By Joe Caroleo

As usual, the Eldred fishing trip was another good trip. We all caught fish. We caught a ton of big blue gills, some bass, yellow perch, trout and one nice crappie. Sunday afternoon we spent at a local lake where we caught bass, yellow perch and blue gill.

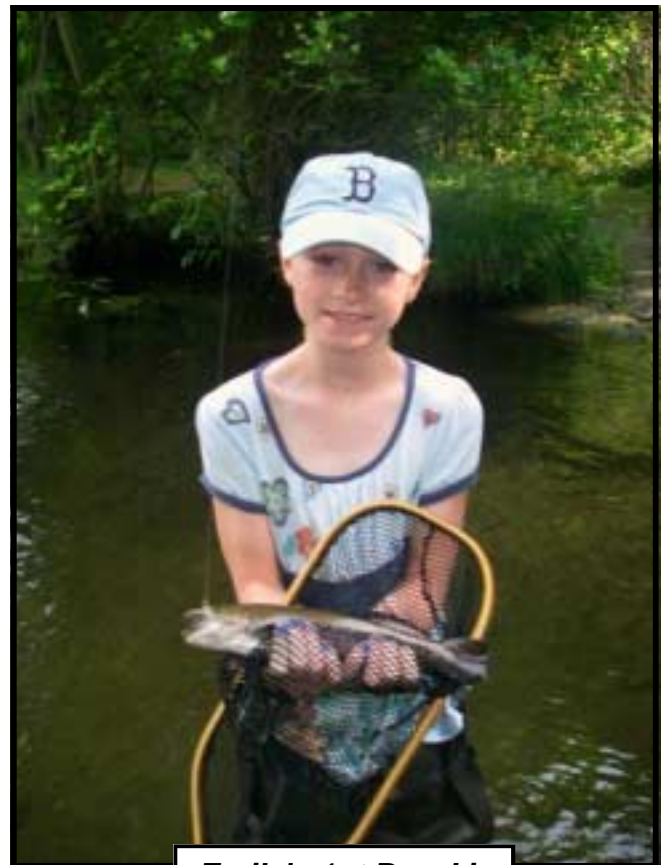
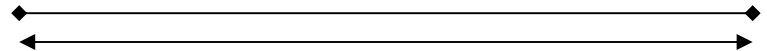
Although it rained heavy Sunday night it didn't spoil the nice dinner we had at the Eldred Restaurant. A couple of martinis put me in a good mood.

Monday we were fishing in another lake from bass boats where we had the bass tournament. Gordon Mueller took first place. It was a real nice sixteen inch bass. Congratulations again, Gordon. Also, as usual, Joey Donuts came up with the Dunkin Donuts.



Above: Cliff Dies
Right: Gil Padovani

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Only 100 tickets will be sold.

See **Susan Solomon** at the monthly meeting to enter this raffle. Tickets will be sold until the August meeting, unless the 100 tickets are sold before that time. The winner will be announced at the August meeting, but you do not have to be present to win.

Make sure you're available on the evening of August 25 in case you're the winner.

Prices are as follows:

1 chance = \$10
3 chances = \$25 11 chances = \$75
7 chances = \$50 15 chances = \$100

Annual Awards Banquet

It's not too early to start thinking about the **Annual Awards Banquet**. Tickets are now on sale for the November 8th affair. Members buying their tickets between now and September 2 will be entered into an early-bird raffle for a special prize. Attendance at the banquet is limited to 62 people and tickets will not be sold after October 24.

Details are as follows:

Date: Saturday November 8, 2008
Time: 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Place: Holiday Inn, Old Country Road, Carle Place, NY
Cost: \$60.00 per person

See **Susan or Howie Solomon** at the meetings to buy tickets or checks can be mailed to:
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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
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7. Members present at the Dinner Dance will select the three Grand Prize winners
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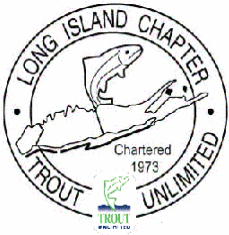
Fishing Reports

Hey, Flyrodders. How's the fishing been lately? Let's let our members know. Send reports and/or pics to LIFRnews@aol.com for publication in *the Flyrodder*, or see me at the meeting.

Thanks.
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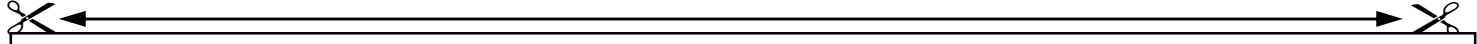
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CONNETQUOT RIVER TRIPS - 2008

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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CONNETQUOT DATES - 2008

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