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Long Island Flyrodder Camping Trip, Housatonic River, CT - August 2005
Enjoying dinner on a beautiful, rainless weekend

GUEST SPEAKER:

Capt. Joe Mattioli

**“Fishing the New York Area
& Staten Island”**



President's message

BIZZARE WEATHER PATTERNS HIT CONNECTICUT...

For the first time that anyone can remember, we had two camping trips in the same year with no rain. My fellow co-workers at the thimble factory are all upset; they always knew they could count on a rainy weekend anytime we had a Flyrodders camping trip. Now, they are not sure how to plan their outdoor activities. When you can't count on rain during a Flyrodders camping trip, what can you believe in any more. The Housatonic trip went well with some very cooperative smallies all up and down the river. We had some nice top to bottom action all day long and the white flies hatched off just below the camp each night. I even heard some stories of extra large bass being caught just below the camp grounds on Sunday morning, but check with **Dan Van Buskirk** about that.

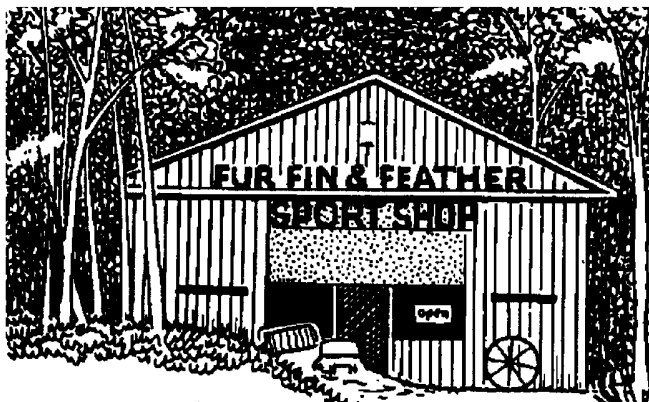
In mid August members of the **Flyrodders** joined with **Trout Unlimited** to help with the second **Casting for Recovery** of the summer. Reports back from the retreat were that everyone caught fish, considering that the temperatures were in the 90's and there was a lot of sitting in the water just to cool off. Another

one of our "community" projects is handicapped fishing out at Connetquot. **Wolfgang Porté** has arranged to have a couple of sessions this fall and we will have more details from Wolfgang at our September meeting.

At our August meeting, **Tom Schicter** got us going with his talk on Fishing Long Island Ponds and Streams. Even though many of us fish the local waters, it is always interesting to get another view on it. Tom's book, "*Long Islands Best Fresh Water Fishing*" was available and I've already made use of some of the secret places in it. Coming up at our September meeting, we have **Captain Joe Mattioli** who guides out of the Staten Island area. This is another in our salt series and just in time for the fall run for all you salt water lovers.

In the next few months, we'll have some of our favorite Flyrodder events, look for our monthly fly tying at Pancho's and of course our famous dinner dance...don't miss it.

See you on the river,
Mike



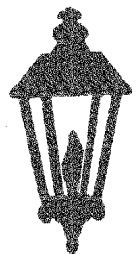
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For Your Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



Where did the summer go? It's apparent that fall is closing in, and time to think about hitting the beaches. I believe one of the great things about flyfishing is that it's a versatile sport; you can, with the proper adjustments in your equipment, fish for almost anything that swims and catch it on a fly rod. There is a popular misconception that saltwater flyfishing is A) difficult and B) expensive.

Admittedly, you won't be able to land a big bluefish on a 5 weight, but there are reasonable salt water outfits on the market and the basics are the same. As for getting started, what better way than to hook up with some fellow members who have already gotten their feet wet in the surf? We have a surprisingly large number of guys in our club who fish the beaches, and are willing to pass on their knowledge. The first time we tried saltwater fly fishing was at Democrat Point with Tom Baumann, who also belongs to the Salty Flyrodders. He generously lent us equipment and flies, and I was surprised at how fast I picked up the two-handed strip retrieve. I will never forget the sight of a striper appearing out of nowhere at my feet, about to inhale



my deceiver. I've fished the surf for years, but always with a spinning rod, so this was a whole new ballgame. I found that I was able to use my steelhead/bass outfit and simply bought an intermediate saltwater line to put on my extra spool. Tying saltwater flies proved to be a new learning experience, and I'm really enjoying that part now. So why not make this the year you try something a little "saltier"?

I hate to be repetitive, however I feel the need to make mention once again of the need to practice "CPR" (Catch and Proper Release) on the river. I fished with the club on Monday and witnessed members netting fish and then holding the fish out of the water for several minutes while removing the fly. I suggest the next time you land a fish try holding your breath as soon as you lift the fish – when you feel the need to take a breath, dip the fish back into the water for a few seconds. You'll be giving it a much better chance for survival. I think we all agree, the less dead fish in the river, the better.

Tight lines and God bless, Lee

Reprinted from a previous edition



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: _____

Send form and payment to: A. Westbrook, 1978 Charles St, Bellmore NY 11710 or
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Housatonic River Campgrounds - August 2005



Pres. Mike & Coreen Gelber cooking and serving the troops great food in front of their camper, Great job guys!



A Long Island Flyrodder camping tradition - the campfire

Cookout at the August Meeting



Chowin' down under the canopy at the Housatonic



Chef Paul McCain at the grill at the August meeting



Master Casting Instructor Herman Abrams and Henry Wagner casting on the lawn



Fun in the Finger Lakes

By Gordon Mueller

July 29-31, 2005

Our first club trip to the Finger Lakes was a real blast. Although only three of us participated, the weather was perfect and a lot of fish were caught. After several weeks of brutal July heat, a perfectly timed cold front passed through the area on Wednesday which woke the fishing up for the weekend.

On Saturday afternoon, Danny and Peter Van Buskirk met me at my vacation property, Windmill Farms in Cayuga County.

We launched two canoes on the farm's upper pond and caught dozens of aggressive bluegills and small largemouth bass. Rubber legged popping bugs cast close to shore was the best tactic. Strikes would often occur as soon as the bug hit the water. There are a lot of dragon flies and small frogs on the upper pond now, so anything colorful on the surface, especially yellow, seemed to produce strikes.

On the smaller, lower pond, the fish were more cautious. Most of these fish have been caught and released several times, so they're wise to the ways of human visitors standing on the bank. There are several three and four pound largemouth in the lower pond that will wait for you to hook a smaller panfish and then chase down and try to steal the hapless little guy.

Earlier that morning I went on a charter on Skaneateles Lake, with Dave Kukella, a local guide. Skaneateles Lake is regarded as the most pristine of the Finger Lakes and is about a thirty minute drive from the farm. I caught five different species of fish in Skaneateles that morning; Rainbow Trout, Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, Smallmouth Bass and Yellow Perch. The Rainbows from the lake were very impressive in size and fighting ability. They were also some of the most beautiful fish I've caught, having a blue and silver coloration.

During the summer the trout

and salmon go deep to cool off, so the only way to catch them was by trolling with downriggers. However, according to Dave, the spring and fall brings them closer to shore and fly fishing becomes a more viable option. After catching a lot of trout from the depths (70+ feet), Dave took me to a shallow point of the lake that was teeming with Smallmouth Bass and Yellow Perch. Skaneateles Lake is so clear that you

can see the bottom in thirty or forty feet. I broke out the fly rod with a full sinking line and had a lot of success using a small clouser. If you've never caught a smallmouth on a fly rod, you don't know what you're missing.

Earlier in the week I visited the new Bass Pro Shop in Auburn, NY. Like Cabela's, you don't go into one these stores without giving your credit cards a

workout. One wing of the store is the 'White River Fly Shop', which had a really large selection of various goodies. A highlight of every Bass Pro Shop is the aquarium, where you're teased by examples of overfed local fish.

We'll definitely do this trip again next year. The Finger Lakes area is my favorite part of New York and I love to show it off. As you can read, the fishing is also very good.



Peter & Dan Van Buskirk



Gordon Mueller

Smallmouth Strategies For The Flyrod

By Will Ryan – Lyons Press - \$19.95

Sometimes for us trout anglers, trout waters are neither nearby or readily available. Sometimes we look for fishing alternatives such as warmer waters or perhaps waters which contain not only trout but warmwater species as well. [Sometimes called two-tiered or two-storied water. ed.]

Such is the nature of small mouth bass fishing. Smallmouth Strategies for the Flyrod is a book which introduces the angler/reader to the always interesting and sometimes challenging world of the small mouth bass. We are blessed in New England with both species and both types of waters.

Will Ryan takes us through the historical beginnings of small mouth fishing—a long and revered sport in New England, especially in Maine—its early origins, rods, reels, flies and methods.

Traditionally a baitcasting or spinning rod was used for this species but in the past few decades many anglers have discovered the excitement of angling for small-mouth bass with fly tackle.

Topics in this book include an introduction to the biology and the life cycle of the fish as well as where they live, their behavior, their habits, where to find them and, ultimately, how to catch them on a fly rod.

Equipment is discussed in detail with segments on rods, reels, lines, leaders, flies and the various methods used to go after this fine sporting fish. Other topics include: best seasons such as pre-spawn, beds in May and June, and fall fishing and just what the fish are feeding on, where, when and why.

Ryan has included a lengthy chapter on imitating aquatic insects, dry flies, caddis flies, leech, sculpin, minnow and crayfish patterns. In the back of the book are many patterns for some very effective flies for smallmouth.

Then he includes chapters on where the fish hold in streams, what to look for, how to fish the structure and how all this differs from largemouth bass habitat. Also discussed are lakes and ponds and some special methods for success here.

The book covers seasons and their methods and characteristics of each season and there are four color plates of appropriate flies for the angler to tie, try and expect great success. And finally, if you are a traveler, Ryan discusses each region of the country for smallmouth availability, where to go, how to get there and then supplies tips on each region covered.

All in all, this book is a valuable addition to any anglers library.

Fast-Water Nymphing Tactics

By John Tedesco – Pruett Publishing Co - \$18.95

Nymphing is a very specialized type of fly fishing and it becomes even more so when the angler confronts fast water. Whether on western rivers or back here in the east on such streams as the Millers, Deerfield, White, Battenkill and many others, this book will be a valuable tool in improving your nymphing methods.

The writer begins with a chapter on water-types: which do you target-specific areas in the stream, pocket water, deep riffles, runs, plunge pools? And which types of water to avoid. Since fast water is often where the largest trout habituate, specific tackle for this kind of fishing is required and John Tedesco thoroughly discusses rods, reels, lines, leaders and the controversial use of strike indicators in fast-water nymphing. He also goes into detail on the methods of fast-water angling.

Flies are included in a chapter entitled: "Impressionism vs, Exact Imitation", in which various patterns are described along with the recipes to tie them. This is easy to follow instructional segment.

The "Approach-Adjusting your Strategy" chapter provides us with valuable insight in how to read the water and currents, where to place your nymph, and mending methods. The author is an advocate of shorter rods for smaller streams. The type of cast becomes very important in this specialized type of fly fishing and excellent instructions on performing such casts as the tuck cast, reach cast, roll cast and other casts for smaller streams and tight places are included here.

Lastly, the seasons are explored as well as angling methods, line weights, and various fishing techniques tailored especially for special case streams such as tailwaters, spring creeks and large lakes.

For the angler needful of learning more about fast-water nymphing and its techniques, this book is indeed a valuable addition to any anglers collection.

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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 September 19th 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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September 19

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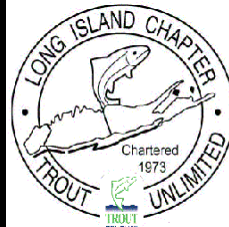
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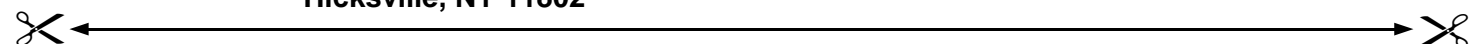


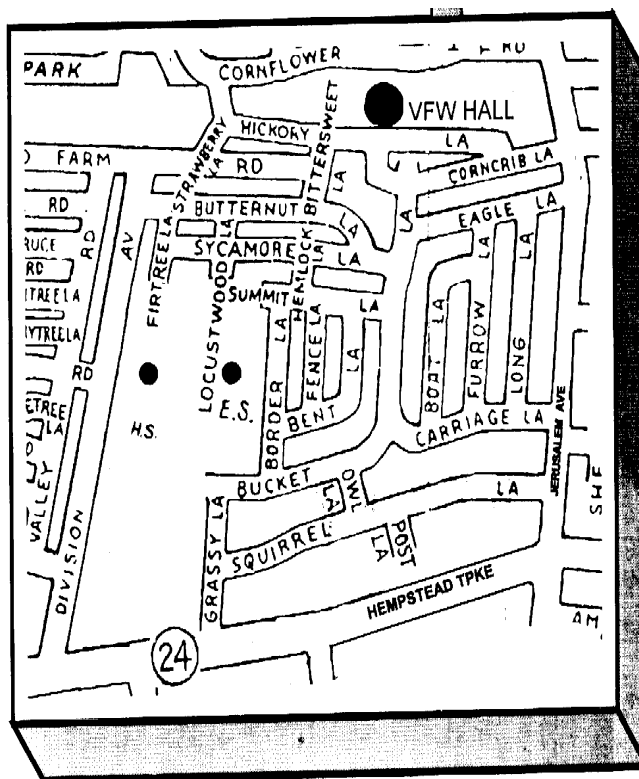
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5. **Three winners will be picked by members present at each of those meetings**
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7. **Members present at the Dinner Dance will select the three Grand Prize winners**
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September - 2005

- September 6 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
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 "Fishing the New York Area & Staten Island"
- September 9 **Riverside Lodge, Horton, NY-Beaverkill**
 to Sept. 11 Contact : Mike Lackey - (631) 269-6713
- September 15 **Board Meeting**
 7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- September 19 **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**
 Contact: Wolfgang Porté (516) 741-2342
 See Page 7 for details
- September 19 **Handicapped Fishing Day at Connetquot**
 *** Volunteers needed ***
 Contact: Wolfgang Porté (516) 741-2342
- September 24 **Montauk Point, NY (Bluefish & Stripers)**
 & Sept. 25 Contact: Nick Friedman (631) 751-7085
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