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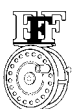
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Housatonic Trip - July 2006
Mike, Corrine & Elizabeth Gelber

Guest Speaker:

Riverbay Flyfishing Outfitters

“Kayak Fishing”

Free Cook-out & Fly Casting Contest
Starting at 6:00

No TV, no radio, no news. Those were the requirements for our family vacation. So, when I met Whit and Maureen Carter at the fishing show they proved to be the perfect solution. They are the owners of Lakewood Camps in northern Maine. I called my wife from the show and told her about these cabins in the woods, and her response was, "You want me to vacation in the middle of nowhere?" But, when I told her that 3 meals a day and housekeeping were included in the price, she said "No making beds or cooking? Sign us up!"

When we arrived in Maine, I was a little nervous about the remote location and the rustic feel of the cabins, but when Julie turned around and said, "This is perfect," I knew we would have a great time. (I also felt a little bad about all the times I had accused my wife of being a princess.) The cabins were rustic but tidy. The food was good basic home cooking and the staff was very accommodating. My only complaint was that the coffee was a little weak. Julie found the iced coffee gave a good jolt of caffeine in the morning, and that the hot chocolate was a delicious alternative for a warm drink. (Again, I feel bad about the whole princess thing.)

The fishing on the Rapid River was a little slow, but remember, we went in August and it was very warm. I spoke to one guest who said that their family has been going to Lakewood Camps for years and that the fishing



is fantastic in the spring and the fall. I did catch about 10 salmon and a lot of small-mouth bass. What my family found was a happy mixture of activity and idleness. We went canoeing, kayaking, swimming and fishing. We lit the wood burning stove in the cabin, read books and played board games. We were all in bed by 9:00 so that we would be ready for the next day. It was such a great trip, that we made plans to return next summer but with our own coffee pot and coffee.

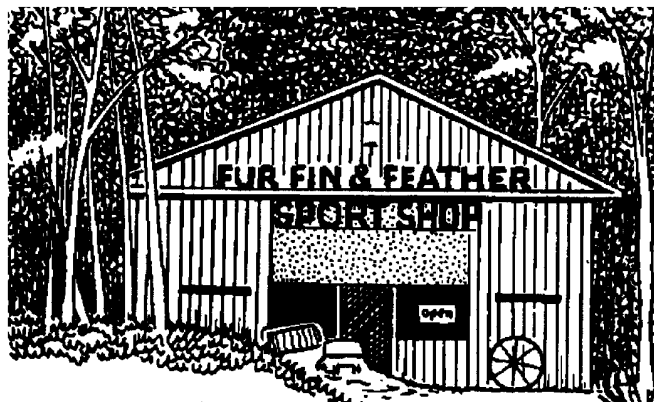
I will be running a trip for the club to Lakewood Camps next June when the fishing is supposed to be very good. I will have all of the information at the next meeting.

Don't forget our last pre-meeting cook-out will be in September at 6:00. At the same time, we will be having our casting contest. **Herman Abrams** will be running it with many different challenges to test your casting skills. This is open to all skill levels, so don't be afraid to show us what you've got.

September is a very good time for saltwater fishing. **Gordon Mueller** will be running two saltwater days this month. See him at the meeting for more details.

Remember, there is still a lot of good fishing left this season. I hope you manage to find some time to enjoy it.

Tight Lines, Paul



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Salty September By Gordon Mueller

September 16 – Saltwater Skills Day

- *The ‘Big’ differences between Salt and Freshwater Fly fishing.*
 - *Big rods, heavier lines and longer casts. Using the Double Haul technique to increase casting distance.*
 - *Big water, where are the fish? Understanding tides, currents and structure to help you find fish.*
 - *Big flies. Common saltwater patterns and how to fish them.*
 - *Big fish. Saltwater species in Long Island waters and how to catch and land them.*
 - *Big Bucks. How to enjoy saltwater fly fishing without breaking the bank.*
- *Time: 10 am*
- *Place: Hempstead Lake State Park (subject to park approval).*
- *Directions: The park is located just four miles east of the Cross Island Parkway, and just south of Southern State Parkway's exit 18. After leaving exit 18, take Eagle Avenue south to the park's second entrance on the right. Once you enter the park, make a quick left and follow the road to the parking lot and park in the far right corner of the lot. Just follow the path that starts at the far right corner of the lot to the red building next to McDonald pond.*

September 30 – On the water in Moriches Bay

- *Where: Moriches Bay, Coast Guard Station, Toledo Avenue, East Moriches, NY. Plenty of free parking.*
- *When: Two hours before High Tide (3:00pm).*
- *Fish species: Blue Fish, Striped Bass*
- *Description of fishing:*
 - *The Coast Guard Station is directly across from Moriches Inlet, so you have a very steady, almost river like current.*
 - *Very easy wading on a sandy bottom, although you need to be careful with a submerged chain link fence at the boundary of the Coast Guard station.*
 - *Deceiver, Clouser and other bait fish imitations in white, chartreuse/white, and green/white should produce hits.*
 - *Seven to Ten weight rods with Intermediate line works best.*
- ***Directions:***
 - *Sunrise Highway (NY 27) East to Exit 58S, WM Floyd Pkwy South. Go 0.2 mile.*
 - *Bear right on William Floyd Fly South. Go 0.1 mile.*
 - *Turn left on Montauk Hwy, (Sflk Cty 80). Go 6.0 miles.*
 - *Turn right on Atlantic Ave. (see sign for Coast Guard station). Go 0.8 mile.*
 - *Turn left on Moriches Island Rd. Go 0.5 mile.*
 - *Turn right on Toledo Ave. (see sign for NYS DEC Waterway Access Site).*
 - *Turn right into parking lot.*
 - *After rigging up, walk down Toledo Ave to boat launch.*
 - *Wade around chain link fence and walk to point.*
- ***Contacts:***
 - *Paul McCain (516) 536-1418, prespaul@optonline.net*
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Housatonic Trip by Susan Solomon

“Heavy rains and high winds are coming”, said the Park Ranger as he went from campsite to campsite spreading the word. “We’re expecting 9 inches of rain.”

That was about 10 a.m. Saturday morning and that was when Howie and I decided to pack it in. We had made it through Friday, fitting in our activities between the downpours and would have toughed out Saturday, if not for the Ranger’s warning.

Rain is a constant on a LIFR trip. The organization is known far and wide by the rainstorms that surround its members. It’s a well kept secret that the editors of the “Farmers’ Almanac” consult Paul for his weather predictions. Brides-to-be and professional party planners have asked for a LIFR trip schedule so they can plan their events... for different weekends. What inside information could the LIFR trip planners have that allows them to select just the rainy weekends for our excursions? This is the question we pondered as we packed up our gear.

It takes a special type of person to ignore the weather and have a good time in spite of it and that pretty much describes the membership of the flyrodders. Everyone gathered under the canvas and socialized like it was a clear, sunny day. **Mike, Corrine and Elizabeth Gelber** are real troopers and take the “rain is your friend” approach to dealing with the weather. They prepared meals and took care of feeding the crew as if the sun was shining on them.

Will we be back on next year’s Housatonic trip? You bet we will. After all, it couldn’t possibly rain again!

Note: After I wrote this article, I found out that the Park Ranger’s warning was a false alarm and only a little more rain came down subsequent to our leaving. Not only did we miss, by some reports, the best day ever on the Housatonic, but we also missed another great meal by Chef Gelber. Next year (once we seal the seams of our tent) we’ll be ready for whatever the weather gods throw our way.

Allenbury Trip by Susan Solomon

Following the directions in the Pulitzer Prize worthy trip brochures of our captains, **Joe Otterstedt and Linda Macy**, we trekked to the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, PA. for the club excursion on Yellow Breeches Creek.

Our car was no different than all the others that are programmed to stop at Cabella’s when anywhere near PA. In no time flat we found ourselves rummaging through bargains in the “Cave” and in the tent sale they were having. As if it were a Club sanctioned event, all members eventually stopped there.

Joe and Linda graciously hosted a wine and cheese party on the balcony of the “Still House” where they were staying. By dinner time everyone had arrived and we ate in our own private room at the Resort. While we dined, **Carl and Bruce Chin** could be spotted on the water in the special night gear that Carl rigged up to catch fish in the dark.

After breakfast on Saturday we divided and conquered. Some went shopping in the Lancaster area, some fished and some relaxed. The Playhouse offered “Into the Woods” on Saturday night, which turned into an audience participation event when the smoke detector sounded and we had to evacuate the building for a time.

Since Cabella’s can be reached just as easily from the west as the east, we once again found the car veering towards the parking lot on the return trip. And once again we met our fellow LIFRoddors sifting through the bargains.

Although we each have our own memories, there is a common theme that we all share about the weekend: we enjoyed a good time together, we caught fish, and we’ll remember it as the time when Joe forgot to strap down Linda’s favorite rod and reel to the roof rack. Sounds like another trip to Cabella’s.



Housatonic - 2006

Photo by
Susan Solomon

Tick removal information Reported by Lee Weil

Ya never know---might come in handy. I don't know if this works but if I had a tick, I would try it first before trying to plucking it out with tweezers.

A School Nurse has written the info below -- good enough to share -- And it really works!!

I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and let it stay on the repulsive insect for a few seconds (15-20), after which the tick will come out on it's own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me.

Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say, "It worked!" You might want to put it in the freezer after removal. Just in case of illness, it can be tested for disease.



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.

**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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

They also have two large trout ponds. One is

Bristol Bay Alaska Mining Threat

"Our organization must be engaged" says FFF President

by Leah Elwell, FFF Conservation Coordinator

During the 2006 Conclave, FFF members from across the country learned about the threats facing some of the world's most famed salmon and trout waterways. The Sportsman's Alliance for Alaska hosted an information booth at the Conclave and the Renewable Resources Coalition gave several presentations to spread the word regarding the proposed Pebble Mine, to be located in Southwest Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed.

A Canadian company called Northern Dynasty is proposing to build North America's largest open-pit gold and copper mine between Lake Iliamna and the Mulchatna River. The permitting process began in early July, as Northern Dynasty applied for water rights from Upper Talarik Creek and the North and South Forks of the Kaktuli River.

In its water right applications the mining company laid claim to more than 73 million gallons per day, nearly three times the amount of water used by the Anchorage, Alaska (population 270,000). These waterways are critical Bristol Bay salmon and trout producers that could be gravely threatened by these proposed actions.

At the Conclave's auction dinner, FFF President & CEO R.P. VanGytenbeek spoke to the audience in no uncertain terms of the threat and the opportunity for engagement. VanGytenbeek stated that the FFF must work to stop this mine, which is only the beginning of what the mining industry believes could turn the entire Bristol Bay region into a massive mining district.

In response to the application for water rights, VanGytenbeek stated: "Upper Talarik Creek is a national treasure for us and for trout fishermen from all over the world. Each year fishermen from Europe, South America and Asia make the trip to Alaska just for an opportunity to fish Upper Talarik and the rest of the famous Bristol Bay watershed. Any person or company that takes an action which would diminish the fishery commits a crime against each of us and against the people and natural resources of Alaska. This is yet another piece of a totally un-needed and unacceptable project which must be defeated."

FFF members and clubs can learn more about this issue by visiting www.sportsmansalliance4ak.org and www.renewableresourcescoalition.org. A free 4-minute DVD on the subject is available for viewing at club meetings.

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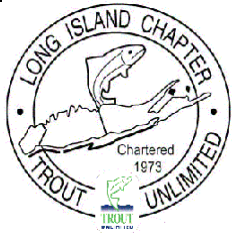
- 1a. Contestants must be LIFR members.
- 1b. Subject must be related to Fly Fishing.
- 1c. Prints, (no transparencies), size 4" X 6" in color or black & white.
- 1d. Digital photos, minimum size 800 X 600 megapixels.
2. Put your name and phone number on back of the prints in small letters
3. All photos submitted may be used by LIFR. (e.g., Fly-rodder and lifr.org)
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
7. Members present at the Dinner Dance will select the three Grand Prize winners
8. In case of a tie or dispute, the decision of the Chair will be final
- 9a. Submit photos at the meeting or send them to:

Jim Foley, Chair

98 Fonda Road

Rockville Centre, NY 11570

- 9b. Email digital photos as attachments only. (not embedded in the body of the emails) along with your name and a short description of your submission.



The Long Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at:
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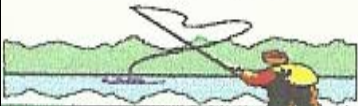
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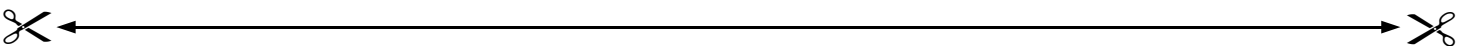
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CONNETQUOT RIVER TRIPS - 2006

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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to be paid at the general meeting or at the park for call-in reservations. Anglers fishing the morning sessions must be at the park by **7:30 a.m.** Cancellations must be made by 7:00 p.m. the Saturday before the session.

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.

CONNETQUOT DATES - 2006

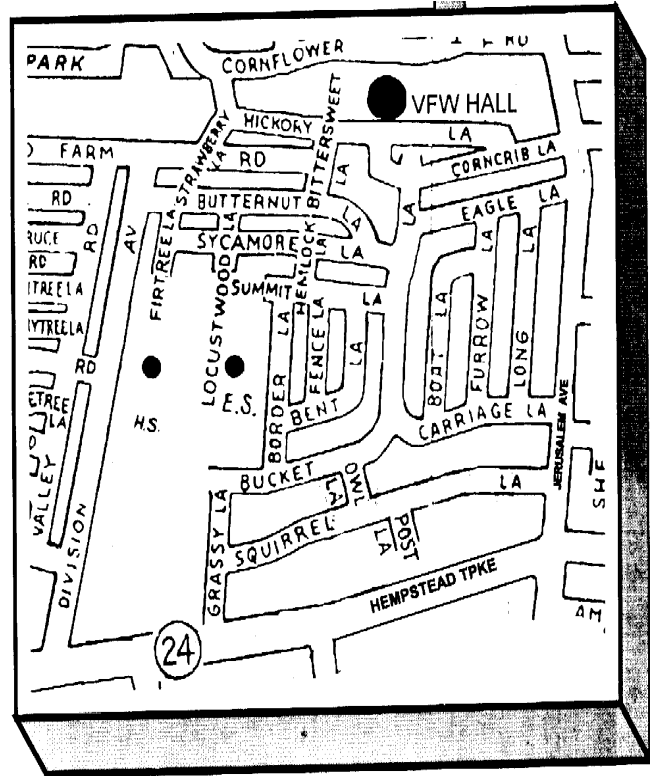
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You must have a creel in your possession to fish in the park and on the stream

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

LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS
September - 2006

- September 5 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
 Kayak Fishing-Riverbay Flyfishing Outfitters
 Cook-out starting at 6:00 pm
 Casting Contest with Herman Abrams lawn
- September 11-12 **Susquehanna River, PA - Bass Trip**
 Contact: Jeff Farrell (516) 997-6743
- September 16 **Saltwater Skills Day**
 See Page 4 for Details & Info
- September 18 **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**
 Contact: Wolfgang Porté - (516) 741-2342
 See Page 9 for details & info
- September 19-20 **Eldred Preserve - Eldred, NY**
 Contact: Joe Caroleo - (718) 845-4225
- September 26 **Board Meeting**
 7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- September 30 **Moriches Bay, East Moriches, NY**
 Striped Bass & Bluefish - See Page 4
 Contact: Gordon Mueller - (516) 850-3689



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