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*Treasurer Jim Foley's 22", 5 lb. rainbow caught at the beginning of  
beat 4 on a dry fly at Caleb Smith State Park, Nissequogue River*

*Guest Speaker:*

**Jonas Price**

**"Bamboo Rods & Classic Reels"**



God Bless America



## President's message

My apologies to **Mercedes Toro**, whom I failed to mention in last month's Presidents column concerning the Casting For Recovery (CFR) retreat held in July. **Mercedes**, a fellow LIFR club member, was the lead coordinator for this LI CFR retreat and deserves a **well done** for her efforts hosting a successful retreat.

We had our annual LIFR trip to the Yellow Breeches River in Boiling Springs, PA in early August. Seventeen club members participated and enjoyed the accommodations at the Allenberry resort including the fine food, good fishing, refreshing swimming pool and the stage performance of the musical *The King and I*. (See the photo below) We were fortunate to have a white fly hatch this trip, albeit a small one, and those who stayed Sunday night were treated to some of the better fishing of the weekend. I hope more of our members will join in next year.

We still have a few spots left for this year's Housatonic camping trip August 28 thru 30. If interested please contact trip captain **Mike Gelber** (516 221 9508). I believe this newsletter will arrive

in time to take advantage of this opportunity. Our camping trips are the most fun and the least expensive of our club trips, and with all food provided, all you have to do is show up with a tent, relax and fish.

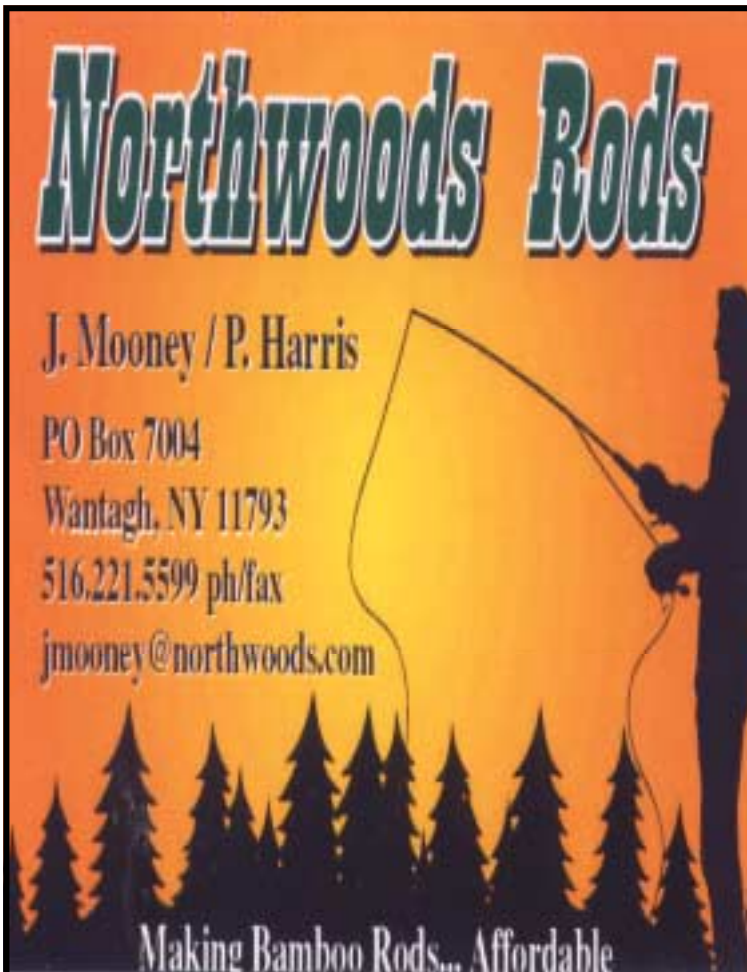
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*Joe Otterstedt*



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# FoFYour Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



## Custom Made Stacker

Even if I did like to spend money (which I don't) and didn't enjoy shooting (which I do), I still had a hard time finding the right sized hair stacker for small caddis tied with short elk hair wings. So one day when I was going through a box of empty .30.30 casings I was struck by a brainstorm. The brass casing was exactly the right size for a small bundle of hair, and the flanged neck would be perfectly shaped for the stacker inner sleeve. Eureka! My next thought was – what about the outer case? Back into the brass box, and after a few tries I found the perfect fit, like Cinderella's shoe; a .9 mm.

You can change the caliber of the casings depending on what size stacker you want, but here's the basic plans:

1. Insert the .30.30 top down into the 9 mm. Measure the inner casing for desired height and mark a level line around the tube. Place the casing in a vise, wrapped in a cloth (or use a rubber jaws clamp) being careful not to put too much pressure on it.
2. Using a fine toothed hacksaw, cut the base off the .30.30 at the mark.
3. Using a fine grade sandpaper smooth the top edge of the tube.

Using the smaller end of the inner sleeve tube as a guide, cut a disk of cardboard to fit the inside the bottom of the outer tube. This is to provide a flat base for the hair tips; otherwise the indentation of the centerfire cartridge will cause your bundle to stack unevenly.

If you want you can glue a circle of sheet foam to the base of your stacker, and you're all set. All you need is a friend whose willing to give up a couple of their reload brass and a hacksaw, and you can make a fine little stacker for those smaller flies. The best part is the price.

*Tight Lines & God bless,  
Lee*

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LIFR bargains at the  
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operated by Dave Minassian.

# The Three Kings

by Lee Weil

The middle of July was not exactly the perfect time for fishing; for the trout or the angler. The temperature had risen considerably since sunrise from the cool, welcome dampness that greeted me when I woke up and rolled down the car window. I had arrived several hours before dawn to take my place in line for the morning session, along with other devoted anglers who were willing to give up some sleep for the chance to fish one of the finest streams in the country.

Now, at 10:00, the sun was hanging high over the stream and I was inclined (as were the trout) to seek some shade and take a siesta. I took a seat under a flowering bush on the bank of my beat; studying the bees that were working diligently among the pink blossoms. They were within inches of my face but totally oblivious to my presence. The drone was almost hypnotic, and I was unaware that I had a visitor until I heard a twig snap across the stream. I looked up to see a sight that caused me to freeze; not daring to breath and break the spell.

Rising out of the brush was a buck's head, sporting a very impressive rack. He stood perfectly still, and I realized that he hadn't seen me. After a few seconds, he stepped down to the stream and lowered his head to drink. While he was sipping, I heard rustling behind him and saw a second buck peeking tentatively over his shoulder. I realized there were two silhouettes against the sun; then all three of them were in front of me.

I had seen many deer at Connetquot before, but not like these. They were in their prime with heavy racks and well-muscled shoulders. As I sat there, one stepped into the

water and began to wade upstream away from me; stopping to forage along the bank as he went. He didn't intend to cross and seemed perfectly happy to browse while immersed up to his elbows in the cool water. The others soon followed suit, and I soon understood why they were out on the stream at this time of day, when as a rule they are usually bedded down in the shade.

Like the ponies on Chincoteague Island, they were taking advantage of the water to provide relief from the heat and insects.



I could have sat and watched them for the rest of the day; however at that point I was startled by a caterpillar, which dropped onto the back of my neck. I swatted at it; knocking it off into the water, causing the silent scene to erupt into a chaos of splashing. I

looked up and the three kings were gone, leaving only the ripples and stirring grass behind.

All of a sudden, I was back on Long Island; back in the civilized world.

I closed my eyes and tried to imprint the memory of the moment on my mind like a precious photo I didn't want to lose; the drops of water falling from the glistening black muzzles, the liquid brown eyes, and the heavy racks of ivory. I knew I would remember that day for a very long time and I reflected on

how much the park had come to mean to me. I had been blessed in so many ways by it's remarkable essence of wildness, preserved by caring efforts in the midst of a sadly changing world where our childhood havens are being destroyed all around us. I thanked the Lord for another "greeting card" from Connetquot and prayed that I would not see the day that this precious sanctuary would become, like so many of our gifts from Him, another faded memory.

"I had seen many deer at Connetquot before, but not like these."

*Reprinted from a previous edition*

## Fly Donations Needed

Our annual drive for fly donations to be used in the January Somerset Fly Fishing Show raffle boxes is underway...

You will be rewarded with one ticket for every 12 freshwater or 10 saltwater flies submitted. Tickets will be entered in a raffle for a valuable prize.

**Non-tiers remember: We will accept purchased flies or you will be credited for 1 dozen flies for every \$8. donation.**

**PLEASE NOTE: WE CANNOT ACCEPT RANDOM FLIES.** All donations must be in sets of 12 (freshwater) or 10 (saltwater). Your name and the fly pattern must be clearly marked on each donation.

## Annual Awards Banquet

It's not too early to start thinking about the *Annual Awards Banquet*.

Tickets are now on sale for the November 7<sup>th</sup> affair.

Attendance at the banquet is limited to 60 people and tickets will not be sold after October 24. Details are as follows:

Date: Saturday November 7, 2009  
Time: 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm  
Place: Holiday Inn, Old Country Road, Westbury, NY  
Cost: \$60.00 per person

See **Susan or Howie Solomon** at the meetings to buy tickets.

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## Raising Awareness at Connetquot

A meeting was held at the Connetquot Hatchery on Tuesday August 18, by elected officials of Suffolk County. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public that they (the officials) are doing what they can to convince the DEC and New York State that closing the hatchery has had the same effect as closing the park. They asked that the public continue to write letters and sign the petition that appears on the Friends of Connetquot website ([www.friendsofconnetquot.org](http://www.friendsofconnetquot.org)). Letters can be sent to Commissioner Carol Ash, Office of Parks & Recreation, Agency Bldg.1, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12238 and to your local senator or congressman.

Thanks to the Flyrodders who were able to come out and show their support.

# Eldred Preserve Trip

By Joe Caroleo & Gordon Mueller

July 27, 2009

The Flyrodders had another fun summer trip to the Eldred Preserve. It was a family affair this year as Jerry LeBoyer and his wife brought their son and granddaughters and Bill Gordon brought his grandson.

On Sunday, the kids had a good time catching trout in the 'Catch and Keep' ponds. Casting towards the fountain in the small pond was the key to success. You just have to watch your wallet, as Eldred is charging \$6.25 per pound for their trout now! After the fishing, we all enjoyed a delicious dinner in the Preserve's restaurant, with most of us ordering various renditions of trout.

Bill had volunteered to cook breakfast on Monday morning and we had a fantastic tailgate of French toast, sausage and fresh brewed coffee. (Note to LIFR members: if Bill volunteers to cook breakfast, take him up on it!)

After this feast, we rolled down to Steges Lake for a day of bass and panfish fishing. While everyone was sorting themselves into the bass boats, Gordon hooked a small shad from the dock, which was attacked by a large pickerel. This turned out to be the big fish of the day.

Unfortunately the largemouths were picky, so no one won the big bass contest this year. A couple of hits and follows, but nothing landed. There are lots of lily pads and weeds on the lake for the bass to hide in and under. However, the bluegills were big, plentiful and feisty. Gordon caught one the size of a dinner plate on a clouser minnow of all things.

We probably would have had better luck with bass if we were allowed on the water earlier, but we were too busy eating Bill's French toast. At least the kids had fun learning how to operate a trolling motor.

In addition to the fishing, the wildlife watching on Steges Lake was fun. A majestic Bald Eagle swooped over the lake in the morning and watched us fish from on top of large pine tree. Gordon thought he saw a huge fish swim by his boat, which turned out to be a beaver!

## Need Help with Your Casting?

While it is still light out, **Herman Abrams** will be available before monthly meetings (6:30pm) to help you with your casting. Bring your own rod for practice. This is a great opportunity to learn from a master and one of the many benefits of Long Island Flyrodder membership.



## The First Time is Special

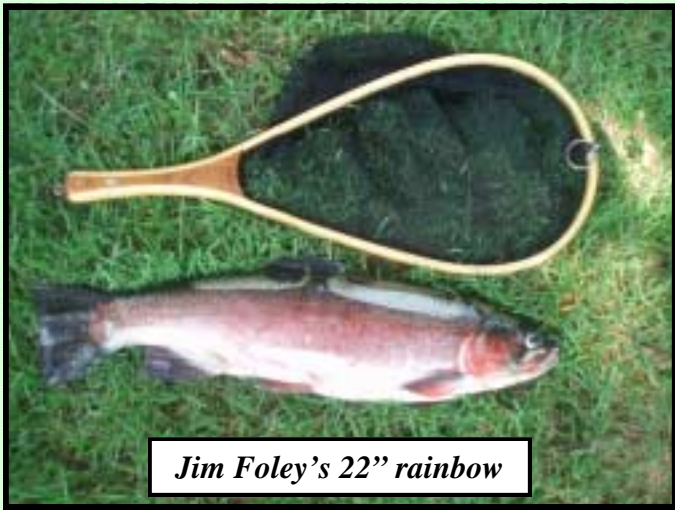
by Flat LIFR

I've been to a lot of nice places this year, but the Allenberry Resort will always be my favorite. That's where I caught my first fish.

I stopped in at the Yellow Breeches Outfitters to pick out some flies, and then headed straight to the creek. After two missed opportunities, I hooked up with a pretty little rainbow. He apparently was attracted to the foam ant I was using. About the same time that I was struggling to reel in my fish, Dave Minassian was also catching his first rainbow trout. I will admit that his was a little larger, but not by much.

Later on, Dave and I sat by the water's edge and traded stories about our first time rainbows. We both agreed it was a special thrill and one we will always remember.





*Jim Foley's 22" rainbow*

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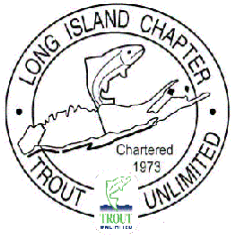
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- 1a. Contestants must be LIFR members.
- 1b. Subject must be related to Fly Fishing.
- 1c. Prints, (no transparencies), size 4" X 6" in color or black & white.
- 1d. Digital photos, minimum size 800 X 600 megapixels.
- 2. Put your name and phone number on back of the prints in small letters
- 3. All photos submitted may be used by LIFR. (e.g., Flyrodder 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 Annual Awards Dinner GRAND CONTEST
- 7. Members present at the Annual Awards Dinner 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 e-mail them to:  
**Tom Cooleen**  
**maria@cooleen.net**  
**516-483-8544**
- 9b. Email digital photos as attachments only. (not embedded in the body of the e-mails) 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:  
 Hicksville VFW Hall  
 320 S. Broadway  
 Hicksville at 7:30 p.m.  
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Let's let our members know.

Send reports and/or pics to

[LIFRnews@aol.com](mailto:LIFRnews@aol.com) for publication in *the Flyrodder*, or see me at the meeting.

Thanks, Morty



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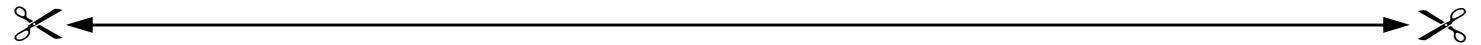
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CONNETQUOT RIVER TRIPS - 2009

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**

September 21*	October 19
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**Rubber-soled Hip Boots Only**

**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**

