



President's message

Summer has come and gone and this summer there was a lot of good things that happened in the club. The cook out before the meetings went well and kudos to all that helped me. All of the club trips went well with the weather holding up and a lot of fish caught. But the thing most important about these trips is the camaraderie with your fellow members. As I said before, if you are new to fly fishing and the club, there isn't any better way to learn and make new friends than participating in these trips. I would recommend you try to make some trips next year.

I ran a friends trip this past summer for our members, T.U. members and anyone else that wanted to come. I ran this trip to show off my favorite river (the Housatonic), so we could meet some new fisherman and maybe pick up a few new members. The weather was hot and a few fish were caught but I feel the trip was a success and I think everyone had a good time. Maybe I will run another one next year.

On a sad note, my mother fell and broke her arm so she will be living with me for a few months. I also lost a very good friend this summer. She was al-

ways there for me in good times and bad. And she really loved it when visitors came to visit; she always had a big smile for them. Sophie was one of the smartest and nicest dog I ever had and my whole family will miss her. So with my mother and my kid's cub scouts and soccer games, I wouldn't be doing as much with the club or fishing as I would like. I am truly sorry because I really like working for you, the members.

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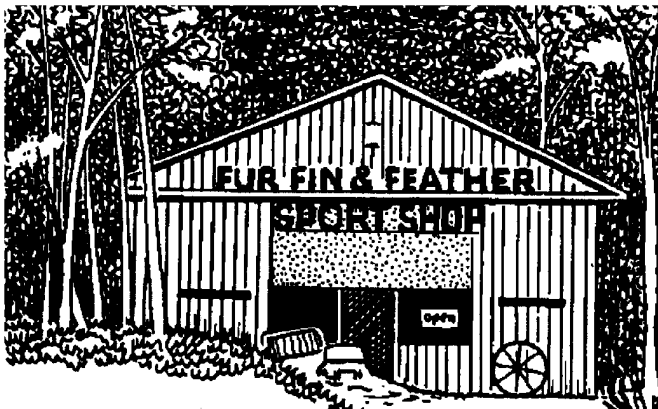
The club awards dinner on Nov. 3 (see Mike Gelber). The fly tying night at Poncho's Border Grill starts in November.

Consider running as an officer or board member next year. We really need you next year.

We will still be meeting upstairs for the next few months and chairs will be in short supply so bring a folding camp chair with **RUBBER FEET**.

Even though it is 80 degrees outside, fall is here. In my opinion this is the best time to be out fishing. With big fish, plus you can't beat those beautiful fall colors and cool temperatures. So get out and do some fishing, winter is just around the corner.

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FoF Your Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



Branches

We have an old pear tree in our yard. It has been there for as long as I've lived here; over 30 years. It has seen better days, yet it rallied this summer and brought forth a crop of pears bigger than the past ten years. The reason being, I assumed, was the increase of new branches.

In many ways that tree reminds me of the way The Long Island Flyrodders have brought forth many new friendships and experiences to our members. We just came back from a club trip, where we joined Joe Caroleo and others. The fishing wasn't great, but the food and fellowship were. It reminded me of other LIFR trips, and how many times the good things we remembered weren't necessarily about how many fish were caught, or how big they were.

As I look back through the years, I realize how much our lives have been changed by the relationships we have forged with other members. Through these friendships we have discovered new destinations, learned new skills, and reached out for new adventures. If it weren't for our LIFR friends we probably would have never discovered the passion of bird hunting, fishing the peaceful beaches of the north shore, the beauty of camping on the Farmington and the Housatonic, the thrill of deer hunting, and the satisfaction of catching a fish on a pattern you tied for the first time.

The L.I. Flyrodders club is like a tree. Each one of its members is a branch, and we touch others through the friendships created by the fishing trips and activities. I have seen guys who never held a fly rod before

become skilled casters and those who never saw a vise become artistic tiers, taught by members who encouraged beginners and devoted their time to teaching others. The willingness to share the knowledge and pass on their skills is part of what makes them special people. I've seen guys put down their rod on the river to guide a new angler, forsaking their own fishing time to help them hook their first fish. Families become involved, and new generations grow up in the club, carrying on the traditions and passing on the skills.

Sometimes the tree may lose some branches, and we miss them sorely. But there are stories that will be told around the campfires and fond memories to share. The branches that remain will, in turn, reach out to the new members and continue to nurture the fellowship.

When I think about the close friends we met through our club I am thankful for that day **Ed Conte** called us over to the booth at the Nassau Coliseum, and I never would have imagined how much that day would enhance our lives. I look around me and see so many others who were brought together by the club, and the friendships that began at a meeting and flourished through the years.

Thanks, Ed, and thanks to all the rest of the guys who continue to be "branches", bearing valuable fruit for the new members to come.

Tight Lines & God bless, Lee

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1. Let me know which swap(s) you will participate in.
 2. Tie the correct number of identical flies for the month's theme. I will let you know how many flies you will tie based on the number of people who sign up. Everyone will tie one extra fly, which will be donated to the club.
 3. Hand in your flies in a box with your name on it along with the recipe for tying the fly. All flies must be turned in by the due date.
 4. Receive a collection of themed flies and their recipe.
- 1st Swap – Minnows or Sand Eels. Sign up by November meeting, due at January meeting.
- 2nd Swap – Smallmouth bass Flies. Sign up by January meeting, due at February meeting.
- 3rd Swap – Clouser or Deciever Flies. Sign up by February meeting, due at March meeting.
- 4th Swap – Tier's Choice (Saltwater). Sign up by March meeting, due at April meeting. Please contact me at 516 997-9451 or mrssolomon@aol.com if you'd like to join or have any questions. Thanks, **Susan Solomon**

REPORT FROM THE CAMPGROUNDS

By Susan Solomon

I think I can speak for all participants when I say a wonderful time was had on the September Farmington River trip. It contained all the elements that make LIFR trips special: good food, conversations around the campfire, fishing and **rain**.

We were summoned to dinner and breakfast by the infamous trill of the bugle. With just a couple of notes from AI, everyone came running to meals. And what meals they were! Advertising the trip as 'no frills' was a misnomer. The meals were delicious and the **brothers Manz** thought of everything, right down to the heated water for washing dishes.

Between meals, we all went off to our favorite spot on the river. There were plenty of fish, but catching them was a bit difficult. When **Paul Granger** mentioned that he caught several fish on a Green Weenie, everyone went into a frenzy trying to figure out what it was and where they could get one. We later found out, the Green Weenie only worked for Paul.

The rain only brought us closer together; literally. The question of how many people can fit under a canopy has now been answered. While the group was huddled together, **Gil Padovani** gave us Italian lessons and taught us the proper way to brew espresso.

Words aren't enough to convey how appreciative we are to those who organize the camping trips. We hope they will continue for a long time and that every member gets to go on one and experience the fun for themselves.

Don't forget to send an e-mail or a letter about the Peconic River.

Did you read about this in Newsday? (see below) I wrote this to DEC and will copy it to other people who may have some influence.

Keep the Peconic River Wild

Dear sir or madame,

I have read recently that the regional director of the state Department of Environmental Conservation, Peter Scully, will hold hearings on easing the restrictions on the Peconic River, a state-designated scenic river. They may want to redesign a part of the waterways as a community river. The Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Act keeps this river wild.

The thought of relaxing the protection in the industrial area (a 3000 acre, now Town of Riverhead, owned site) because Riverhead Town officials says it protections limit "development" is absurd. Long Island is so overdeveloped now that you can hardly live here. The Peconic River is one of the few places left that is wild. If people want to see it they should get their body in a canoe or kayak and see it from the water. The entire 3000 acres should be a preserve as far as I am concerned. Why does the Town of Riverhead need another huge industrial area? Why should the town be allowed to amend any boundary so that the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Act does not apply?

As you kayak toward the Riverhead area, and get near "industry", you already smell sewage in a part of the river. Can you imagine if they have a "tree-cutting" initiative in other parts of the river.

Let's keep this river wild and have no regional hearings. They will no doubt be held on weekdays when the working and interested people will have difficulty attending them.

Linda Macy

Most people do not know that it is ILLEGAL to put fish into any water in the State of New York without a permit from the NYSDEC. This is unfortunate because many well meaning anglers have done serious damage to their favorite fishing waters by moving fish from one pond to another.

You may wonder what harm a few fish can do. The answer is plenty! In New York the classic example of an exotic (introduced) species of fish destroying a highly valued fishery for a native species is yellow perch in the Adirondacks. After the glaciers left the Adirondacks about 10,000 years ago, only a few very cold tolerant species were able to get back into the streams and ponds in the Adirondacks before the routes were blocked by impassible falls.

For a long time the brook trout was the dominant species in most of the waters in the Adirondacks. In many waters it was the only species. The brook trout did very well feeding on insects and the fishing for brook trout in the Adirondacks was excellent. However, people always want more, so someone decided that it would be nice to be able to catch yellow perch in addition to brook trout. It turns out that brook trout cannot compete with yellow perch because yellow perch can eat smaller prey than brook trout can. Therefore, wherever yellow perch were stocked, the brook trout populations declined and the yellow perch proliferated. The result was ponds full of stunted yellow perch that were no one wanted to fish.

Here on Long Island the problem species are more likely to be carp and goldfish. These two introduced species compete with native species. Also the carp roots in the bottom, dislodging beneficial aquatic vegetation and making the water cloudy. In order to prevent the further spread of these undesirable species, the use of carp or goldfish for bait is prohibited.

The bait bucket is a common means for undesirable species to be introduced into a water body. That is why the use of fish for bait is prohibited in many waters upstate. Even in waters where you can use fish for bait you should not release your extra baitfish into water when you finish fishing, unless you caught the baitfish from that water.

Even species that are common in a region can become a problem if they are introduced into a water where they did not exist previously. The balance between different species in a fish community is delicate. The introduction of a new species to a fish community can disrupt this balance and cause substantial changes in the size structure and abundance of the existing species in the community.

A good example of this sort of disruption happened in Fresh Pond in Hither Hills State Park on eastern Long Island. For more than forty years the fish community in Fresh pond consisted of only three species; largemouth bass, yellow perch and freshwater killifish. These three species provided a balanced community that provided good fishing for bass and yellow perch in most years. In the early 1990's the DEC started receiving complaints from anglers that the bass

in Fresh Pond had disappeared. When we surveyed the pond in 1994 we found that the bass population was low and bass reproduction was very limited. In addition to the bass and yellow perch we also collected bluegill, pumpkinseed, black crappie, brown bullhead and small mouth bass. Three of the introduced species, bluegill, pumpkinseed and black crappie, made up a significant portion of the fish community. The yellow perch density remained high, but nearly all them were small (under 5 inches). Before the new species were introduced most of the yellow perch were large enough to be desirable to anglers.

Large mouth bass reproduction in Fresh Pond was always sporadic with some good years and some poor years. The introduction of the new species increased the competition with the bass enough to shift the balance away from the bass and cause an almost total reproductive failure.

Once new species have become established in a pond it is nearly impossible to get rid of them. The DEC is now developing a plan to manage the new species in Fresh Pond. It will take many years to bring back quality fishing in Fresh Pond and it will never be like it was before. The anglers of Long Island have lost nearly a decade of good fishing in Fresh Pond, all because some selfish angler wanted to be able to catch other species of fish from the pond.

Another reason not to move fish is that it is possible to spread diseases or parasites that way. It is possible for a perfectly healthy looking fish to be carrying a disease that could be devastating to a different species or to fish that have not been previously exposed to the disease. The Spring 1995 issue of the Sweetwater Angler discussed whirling disease. This is a disease that was just recently introduced into New York and does not exist on Long Island. Brown trout can carry this disease without being affected. However, this disease can have serious consequences in naturally reproducing rainbow and brook trout populations.

Many stockings are beneficial and fish stocking is an important tool that the DEC uses in the management of fish communities. However, in order for stocking to be a positive management tool, the stocking must be carefully planned. The species and habitat present in the receiving water and the existing community balance must all be considered in planning a stocking. It is important to leave fish stocking to the professionals. If you think that the fishing could be better in your favorite pond and are tempted to add your favorite species to the pond, please restrain yourself and call us. We will be happy to talk with you about how to improve the fishing. We may even approve a stocking, but if we do it will be based upon clear biological principles.



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Susan Solomon

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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)
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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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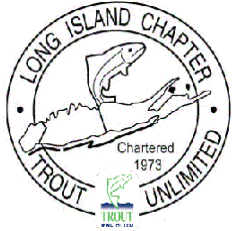
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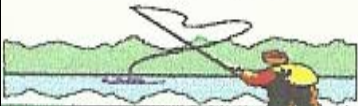
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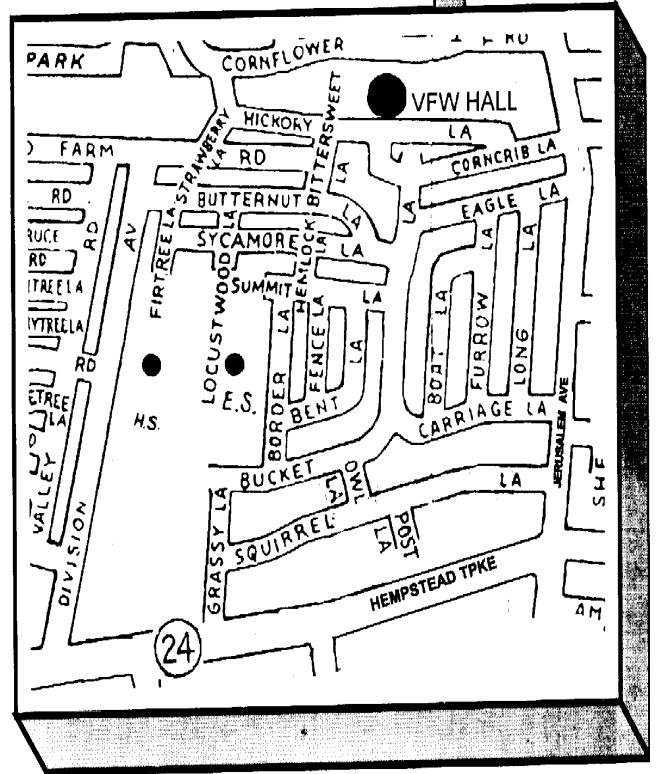
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Guest Speaker: LIFR President Paul McCain
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- October 5-7 **Casting for Recovery Retreat**
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- October 15 **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**
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- October 23 **Board Meeting**
7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- October 30 to
November 2 **Oak Orchard Creek, NY**
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- Nov. 1 to
Nov. 5 **Western New York (including Oak Orchard)**
Steelhead, Salmon & Browns
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- November 3 **LIFR Annual Awards Dinner**
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