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Beautiful scene on the West Branch Croton River

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God Bless America



I'm excited to report that there has been a lot of interest shown in our upcoming fly tying class. The classes begin the second week of October, so if you signed up, make sure you've been notified of the start date. Our expert instructors, **Lee Weil** and **Wolfgang Porté** will guide you on your way to becoming knowledgeable fly tiers. Since practice is the key to success, I suggest you tie 12 of one of the patterns you learned in class and donate them to the Somerset fly box. You will be honing your skills and at the same time contributing to the Club's effort.

Please bring your check (made out to LI Flyrodders), cash or money order to October's meeting to pay for your tickets to the November Banquet. Time is running out and Jim is chomping at the bit to take your money. Because everyone was so happy with last year's venue, we will be returning to the same place this year. The room will be larger and able to accommodate everyone who wants to attend, Hope to see you on November 3rd at Pompei in West Hempstead. We will be choosing the winner of the St. Croix

rod at the dinner, but you need not be present to win. See **Nora Solomon** at the October meeting to buy a chance to add this rod to your collection.

I'm glad to tell you that **Peter Yuskevich** is on the mend from his recent heart surgery and promises to grace us with his presence. Under doctor's orders, he is not yet allowed to fish. He has no choice but to sit by and watch Maria bring in the big ones.

Ralph Napalitano is still in the hospital fighting an infection. Let's all say a prayer for his speedy recovery.

Mark your November calendar to attend the Art of the Angler Show in Danbury, CT. on the 10th and 11th. The Flyrodders will have a table there on Saturday. If you're interested in manning it for a while, let me know. The following weekend will find a lot of us at the Fly Tying Symposium in Somerset. Our own **Lee Weil** and **Paul McCain** are invited tiers at that event. It's a great opportunity to watch the experts closely and see the latest materials.

Susan

Fly Fishing Videos Available on DVD

Thanks to **Bob Picciano**, our video library has been upgraded from VHS to DVD.

They cover a wide range of subjects like fly casting, fly tying, and the many techniques of fly fishing in the States and around the world.

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For Your Nymphomation

by Lee Weil



Return To The Birthday Bridge

There are some places we fish that become like old friends to us. We develop a special affection for them, and look forward to introducing them to others. There is a spot I am especially fond of in NC that we call the "Birthday Bridge", because whenever possible I fish it on my birthday, and always catch fish there. When we went down to fish with my sister Dee and her husband Jan it was our first choice.

We arrived there early and were blessed with a typical May day; not too warm and no breeze. The morning sun was just getting up and felt good on our shoulders as we set up our rods in the parking lot. We walked down to the river and each staked out a place on the stream, which was surprisingly vacant. Jeff disappeared upstream while I led Dee to my favorite spot to fish under the bridge. Her husband Jan chose a pool of flat dry fly water that always held good fish along the opposite bank. They were usually suckers for a well-placed ant and I recommended he offer them one.

Dee spotted a treasure as soon as we began to make our way down the bank. There on a boulder sat a bright orange newt. It perched there quietly while we got out the camera and took some shots. Finally it decided to leave abruptly and we turned our attention to fishing. Dee took position at the head of a nice run, and after giving her one of my BSU flies I walked down the path to the tail. It wasn't long before I heard her cheer as she connected with a feisty brookie. She netted it and then held it gently up for a quick photo before turning it back to swim into the dark shadows under the bridge.

We each took turns catching fish on the BSU, laughing at the misses and congratulating each other on the landings. When I looked upstream to check on Jan I saw he was still working on the far bank, but hadn't landed a fish. It was time to share the wealth, so I waded out and went to fetch him.

Dee decided to take a break and graciously surrendered her water, opting to take a stroll while Jan and I fished the bridge stretch. He was fishing the tail when he hooked up, and from the bend in the rod I saw it was a good fish. As luck would have it, both Dee and Jeff had returned, just in time to catch all the action from on top of the bridge. We all coached Jan as he played the fish and I worked my way around to ready the net.

He handled the pressure well, guiding the fish to me and successfully into the net. It was a gorgeous brown, about 14", with the classic golden yellow belly and red and black spots. Dee and Jeff cheered from the bridge as I handed him the net and backed up to take a photo. Alas, Mr. Brown was camera shy and as soon as Jan lifted him from the net he took off like an Olympic gymnast. There was a moment of silence, and I said "no matter if you won't forget THAT one!" I don't think any of us will.

As excited as Dee and Jan were to catch their fish, I believe I was just as thrilled to watch them. Each fish is a teacher, and each one, missed or landed, is a lesson learned. Once again the Birthday Bridge blessed us with good fishing and some great memories.

I look forward to sharing them again and again.

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SOMERSET FLY DISPLAY

We are once again collecting flies for the Somerset fly display. Contributors will be entered into a drawing for a special thank you prize. Each 12 identical fresh water flies, 10 identical salt water flies, or \$8 cash entitles the donor to one chance at the raffle.

Peter Smith will be taking your donations.

St. Croix Elite Rod Raffle

We are now raffling off a brand new,
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The winner, who need not be present at the drawing, will be chosen at the November banquet.
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- 1b. Subject must be related to Fly Fishing.
- 1c. Prints, (no transparencies), size 4" X 6" in color or black & white.
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 in July and 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
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Wolfgang Porté: (516) 741-2342
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Thank You



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