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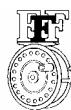
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This Month's Meeting **November 4, 2008**

Hold the Date, please...

for our Annual Awards Dinner

Saturday, November 8, 2008

Holiday Inn of Westbury
369 Old Country Road
Carle Place, NY
7:00 to 11:00 PM



\$60 per person Includes:
Dinner, Beer, Wine,
Coffee and Dessert

Tickets on sale NOW
at the November meeting, or call:
Susan or Howie Solomon
516-997-9451

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Richard Steinberger

**"IPN & How it Affects the
Connetquot River"**

Fellow Flyrodders: I know the club membership is concerned about the IPN issue at the Connectquot and its impact on the hatchery and the fishery in general. At the October meeting **Lee Weil** provided feedback on the current status of the park, and I promised the members that the Board and Officers of the club would keep you informed. Recognizing that differing opinions exist as to what should be done by the DEC, and its future plans to eradicate IPN from the parks waters and hatchery and prevent spread to other waters of LI, I think it prudent that any reference to the LIFR official position on the matter come from the club Officers. There has already been an instance of someone misconstruing the clubs stance on this issue, albeit a misinformed one. So please, feel free to voice your opinion to whoever you wish on this matter, but please make it clear that the LIFR club position is reserved to inquiries made to a club Officer. Our position will be based on input from valid and official sources and will take into consideration the views expressed by **all the club members.**

The **CFR** fall retreat was held the last week in September, and once again many club members donated their time and efforts to making it another success. An NBC today show co-host, **Hoda Kotb**, was

President's message

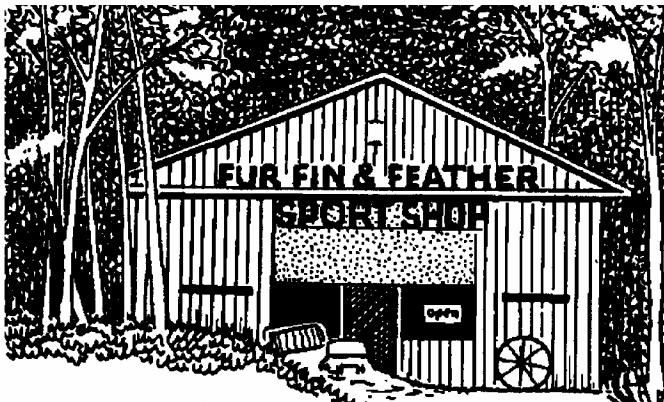
one of the breast cancer survivor participants, and the NBC camera crew documented the retreat with emphasis on the fishing on the Conny on the concluding day of the retreat. The segment aired on the Today Show, Wednesday October 15, as part of breast cancer awareness month. If you are interested in viewing the segment, go to the NBC website; some members also taped the segment so you may have an opportunity to see it that way as well. Once again I am proud of our membership who support and participate in this worthwhile club activity.

The annual **Flyrodder club awards dinner** is scheduled for November 8th at the Holiday Inn in Carle Place. Tickets are \$60 per person and include dinner, beer and wine, coffee/tea and desert. Please contact **Susan** and **Howard Solomon** (516 997-9451) if you plan to attend. There are only a dozen or so tickets left, so if you wish to attend please sign up before you lose your chance to do so.

Please check the club website and newsletter for upcoming events. Thanks to November our own club past president **Herman Abrams** who spoke at the October meeting about the proper storage techniques for your fly fishing equipment.

Tight Lines and Best Regards,


Joe Otterstedt



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FoF Your Nymphomation

by Lee Weil



The Gift of Release

It was a perfect day for a person to walk along the river. It was even better because I was walking along watching the group of Casting For Recovery ladies fishing with their River Helpers, and I was able to see how each guide worked to help them land their fish. In many cases this was the first time they had fished, and the first fish they ever landed. I never tire of seeing the expressions on someone's face when they look up after landing that first trout. It's like seeing your own experience reflected in their eyes again.

Most of the ladies were excited and thrilled at catching their first fish, and it was great to hear them expressing their enthusiasm. Laughter and exclamations of "I got one!" were heard up and down the river. I stopped to watch **Howie Solomon** and his angler, **Marie**. She had landed several fish and as I stood there she set the hook on another. Apparently, she was really getting the hang of it, and she played the fish well, bringing it to the net quickly. When Howie netted the fish she turned to him and asked "what happens when I'm by myself ?" He replied, "well, you can release this one".

Many times I have encouraged beginners to release their own fish, only to have them shake their heads and decline, fearing they would do some harm. Here was a chance to watch one of the most important lessons we

learn as anglers; how to correctly practice catch and release. While Howie guided her through each step, she gently cradled the fish and taking the forceps she removed the fly. Howie stepped back to snap a quick photo, but unfortunately the brookie decided he didn't want his picture taken after all and launched himself out of Marie's hands. I expected her first reaction to be disappointment, but when she looked up she was beaming. I can't remember what she said, but it boiled down to "that's what it's all about". I couldn't have agreed more.

On a day when there were a lot of exciting things taking place including television filming for the Today show, there would be a lot of memories made, Casting For Recovery retreats always provide treasured moments for us, and each one has its special jewel. The memory of Marie's smile after releasing her fish will stay with me for a long, long time. There was a sense of seeing an accomplishment, and a passing of an understanding between anglers who can appreciate the joy of releasing a good fish. It's not something tangible that you can explain, but when you hold the life in your hands and then watch it swim away, you understand.

Thanks, Marie – for the gift of a memory.

Tight Lines & God bless, Lee

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Left: Joe Caroleo with a 21 inch, six-pound largemouth bass, girth 16", caught at Athens Reservoir, near Catskill, NY.
Right: Joe's nephew, Antonio Azabeche, 9 years old, with a nice stringer of fish caught at Eldred Preserve in July.



Gil Padovani, Dan Van Buskirk & Morty Schneiderman,
Georgetown Lake, Livingston, Montana, September 2008

Join Our Fly Swap

You are invited to join any or all of this season's fly swaps. They are open to the first 19 people who sign up.
The rules are as follows:

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.

Receive a collection of themed flies and their recipe.

1st Swap – Simple Fly (Materials limited to 2 items). Sign up by January meeting, due at February meeting.

2nd Swap – Parachute Fly. Sign up by February meeting, due at March meeting.

3rd Swap – Rabbit or Hare Fly (Main ingredient must be rabbit or hare). 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

Fly Donations for Somerset

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

We need your fly donations NOW, as the show is coming up in January.

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.

Herman Abrams is collecting the flies.

Please make sure your name and the name of the fly is included with each donation.

The collection process will be recorded on the LIFR website.

Annual Awards Banquet

Tickets may still be purchased at the November meeting.
If you're planning to attend the banquet, why not buy your tickets now?
Only 62 tickets are available. Details are as follows:



Date: Saturday November 8, 2008
Time: 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Place: Holiday Inn, Old Country Road, Carle Place, NY
Cost: \$60.00 per person

Please give your check to **Susan or Howie Solomon** at the meetings to buy tickets,
or checks can be mailed to the Solomons at: 985 Washington Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590
Checks should be made out to: **Long Island Flyrodders**. Any questions? Call 516 997-9451.

East End Fish Print Raffle



Raffle Ticket Prices:

**1 for \$10
3 for \$25
7 for \$50**

Drawing Date:

**Saturday, November 8, 2008
At the Annual Awards Banquet**



The Long Island Flyrodders are sad to announce the passing of Mr. **Bill (Gasper) Valenti**. Bill was an avid flyfisher, outdoorsmen and a long time Long Islander Flyrodder member. His love for the sport was only surpassed by the love for his family and friends.

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New Members

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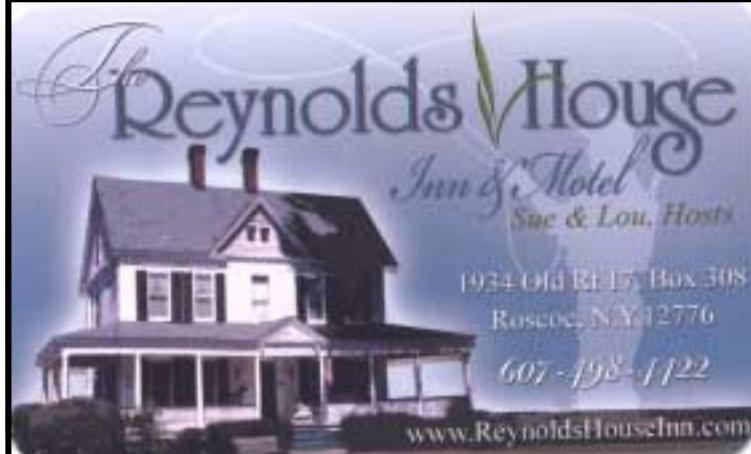
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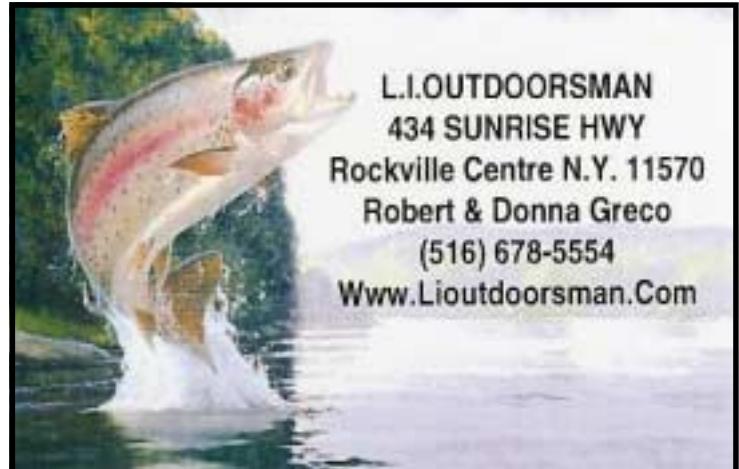
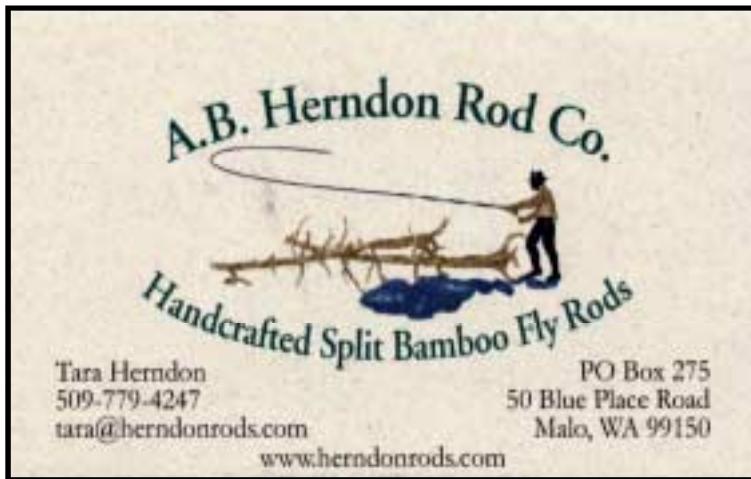
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2. Put your name and phone number on back of the prints in small letters
3. All photos submitted may be used by LIFR. (e.g., Flyrodder and lifr.org)
4. There will be play-off contests at each Club meeting May through October
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6. 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:
Joe Caroleo, Chair
88-25 155th Ave, Apt 3-H,
Howard Beach, NY 11414.
- 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.



Fishing Reports

Hey, Flyrodders. How's the fishing been lately? Let's let our members know. Send reports and/or pics to **LIFRnews@aol.com** for publication in the *Flyrodder*, or see me at the meeting.

Thanks.
Morty





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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Intending to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, except to the extent that indemnity insurance is available, I waive, release, indemnify, and hold harmless, LIFR, its Officers, Board of Directors, and members, against any and all claims for personal injury, disease, death, and property damage or loss, that I may incur, arising out of or connected in any way with any and all LIFR activities. I assume the risk of undertaking all LIFR activities, including related travel.

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: () _____

Office phone: () _____

E-mail address: (optional) _____

Consent given to post e-mail address on LIFR Web Site: Yes () No ()

In case of emergency, when reasonably feasible, contact:

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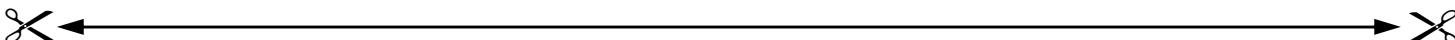
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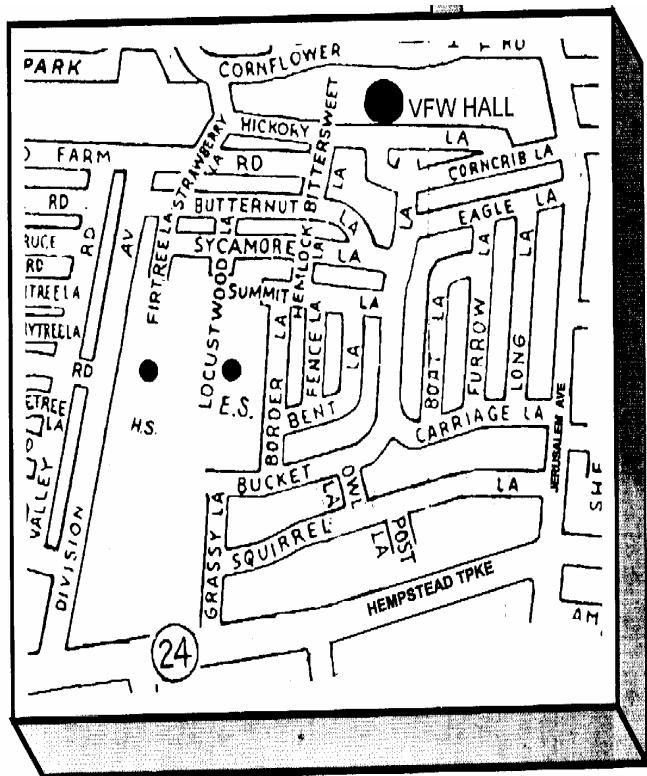
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LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS

November - 2008

- November 4 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
Guest Speaker: Dr. Richard Steinberger
"How IPN Affects the Connetquot River"
LIFR Photo Contest - See page 9 for rules
- November 2-6 **Cattauragus Creek, NY**
Salmon, Steelhead & Browns
Contact: Dave Minassian - (516) 771-7653
- November 8 **★★★ LIFR Annual Awards Dinner ★★★**
★★See Details on Page 5★★
- November 25 **Board Meeting**
7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall



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