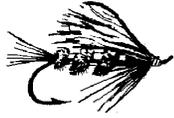


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God Bless America



Charlie DeStefano (L.) and Scott Scanwell (R.) prepare to feed the crowd at the American Legion campground in CT., while Rich Cosgrove supervises. Thirty-five members attended the trip, rain was at a minimum, there were no bears and no injuries. Everybody had a good time and got to see John Menendez, who came up from his home in Florida to join us.

**Guest Speaker**  
***Jim Levison***  
***Fly Fishing and Photography***

One of the Club's founding members, **Ed Conte**, passed away at the age of 96. Ed was a loveable character, and was instrumental in recruiting many new members. He was always fun to be with and will be greatly missed.

After my rant at the June meeting, I was glad to see that some people followed my advice and brought their own silverware to the Farmington River camping trip. **Charlie DeStefano, Scott Scanwell and Bill Mason** did an outstanding job catering to our needs. They transformed their campsite into a professionally ap-

pointed outdoor kitchen and kept our bellies full all weekend. Thanks, guys. We've already penciled you in for next year!

**Joe Otterstedt** started something when he had his recent back surgery. This month **Antony Coniglio, Dan Roper, Peter Yuskevich, Len Gorbaty and Morty Schneiderman** all had surgery. We wish each of them a speedy recovery.

**Paul McCain** and crew will once again provide us with a bar-b-que prior to the July meeting. Please make sure you arrive before 7:30 pm if you're looking for something to eat.

-Susan



*Paul Puma gets a gold star for remembering to bring silverware on the Farmington trip.*

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# For Your Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



## Cast of Characters

Sometimes the most memorable things about a day of fishing aren't the fish at all. I can look back and remember sighting of birds and encounters with wildlife that crossed our paths while out on the stream or paddling on a lake. Anyone who has ever heard the cry of a loon in the morning on a foggy Adirondack pond will never forget the feeling. I remember the first time we heard one while canoeing and how we searched through the fog; scanning the surface of the pond hoping to catch a glimpse of the shy creature. Soon after we were blessed to see not only one loon, but the whole family. The chick rode atop of the parent's back, and they appeared to be watching us as we were observing them. We completely forgot about the fishing and spent the next few hours trying to get close enough for a photo. I don't remember if we caught any fish that day or not, but I will always remember those loons.

One of my most memorable days on the Connequot was when I sat on the bank and watched three bucks wade across the river, while buzzing bees collected nectar from the little pink flowers in the bush above my head. All three bucks sported impressive racks. I froze as they drank and lifted their heads to look at me, the droplets falling from their muzzles. Then, slowly they left the river and disappeared into the woods. I remember sitting there for awhile after they were gone, feeling a silent amazement.

There was the doe that played "red light, green light" with me as I practiced my casting on the Hudson one morning, singing Bruce Hornsby songs to keep my rhythm. She was fascinated and would take a few steps and then stamp her foot and freeze. We played the game for what seemed like an hour, until I laughed out loud and she bounded away, looking back once. I don't remember if I caught any fish that day, either. But I will always remember the silhouette of her ears against the sun coming up over the bluff.

Mergansers, otters, beavers and many others create a backdrop for the scenes of our fishing days. Most often these blessings appear when the fishing is slow, and our eyes and ears become sensitive to the sound of the different sort than the voice of the river. A snapping twig or a flutter of wings overhead are reason enough to stop and shift our attention for a moment. When we forget about the others in the cast of our fishing passion plays we deny ourselves much of the pleasures. The mink who stole my lunch bag on the Schroon River created a comedy just for me. How many more episodes did I miss because I was too "focused"? Sometimes I wonder. There's so much going on out there and we need to slow down, open our eyes and enjoy the whole experience. As I get older I find myself doing just that. I hope you will too.

*Tight Lines and God bless, Lee*

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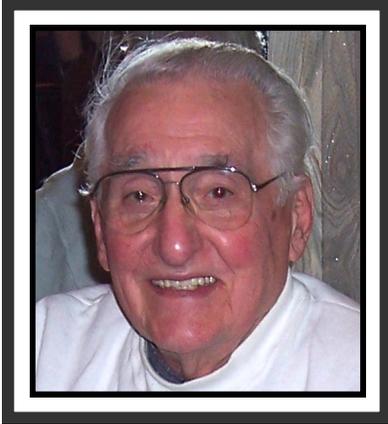
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We're very sad to announce that founding member Ed Conte passed away at the age of 96. Ed was a familiar face at club meetings and events for many years and was very active in spreading interest in the Flyrodders. He had a great sense of humor and enjoyed interacting with everyone. We wish him peace.

### Dan & Dottie VanBuskirk Moving to PA

The Keystone State is getting yet another Long Island Flyrodder when Dan & Dottie move to a suburb of Lancaster in September.



The Peconic trip had to be cancelled due to inclement weather, but Lee and Jeff got out there the following week and look what Lee caught. Which is bigger, the bass' mouth or Lee's smile?

*Photo by Jeff Farrell*

### Best Wishes for a Speedy Recovery to:

Anthony Coniglio (back surgery)  
Len Gorbaty (heart surgery)  
Dan Roper (knee surgery)  
Morty Schneiderman (knee surgery)  
Peter Yuskevich (heart surgery)

### New Trip Being Added

Gordon Mueller will be running a day trip to the Croton River on Saturday October 6, 2012.  
Come to the July meeting and get the details.

### Help Save Paul McCain's Marriage

Paul McCain's 25 year collection of fly fishing magazines is up for adoption. Paul will be bringing the magazines to the July meeting in hopes of finding them a happy home. Look through them and see if any interest you. By becoming the owner of a vintage magazine you will also be making Julie McCain a happy woman.



The Buck-Horn Lodge Trip was filled to capacity.  
*Pictured:* Bob & Donna Rosano, Nancy & Peter Ray (hidden) Pat & Ken Goudoras, Joe Otterstedt, Liz & Mike Mirisola, Joyce & Bob Simeone and Paul Miller.  
*Missing:* Cathy Miller, Susan & Howie Solomon and Linda Macy, who took the picture.

## LIFR Needs You!

Our club needs volunteers.

Please donate some of your time to help out at meetings and for other important club business.

If you can spare a little of your time, please see Pres. Susan, Wolfgang Porté, or any Board Member for information.

Thank You

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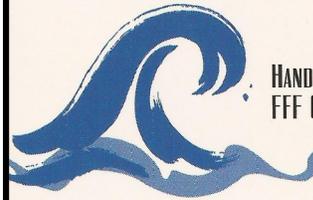
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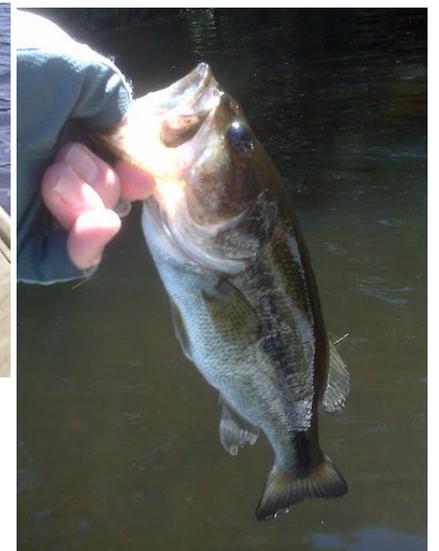
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 The bass on the right was caught by Gordon Mueller.  
*photos by Gordon Mueller*



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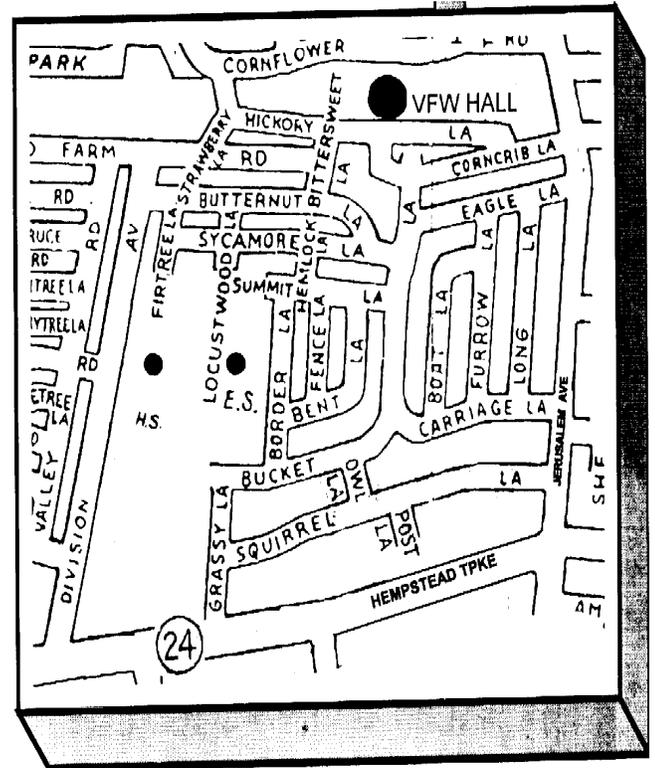
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