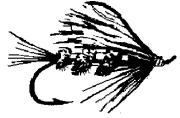


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***This Month's Meeting:
July 5, 2016***

Veronica Leitner, 5 years old, winner of the biggest fish caught in her age group at the Friends of Caleb Smith Preserve Fishing Tournament



GUEST SPEAKER:

Capt. Mark Dysinger

ðFly Fishing for Pikeö

President's message

How blessed I am to be surrounded by awesome people that are very friendly, generous, caring and loving. That's all of you, the **LONG ISLAND FLY RODDERS**. This was another month of a record number of members attending our club meeting and activities. We attended the Friends of Caleb Smith Preserve Fishing Tournament for children from ages 5-9 and 10-14. I would like to thank **Wolfgang Porté and Linda Hotchkiss** for representing the LIFR. At this event I had the opportunity to meet a 5 year old princess named **Veronica Leitner**. She managed to catch a 14 inch bass. This landed her first place for the biggest fish of her age group. Wolfgang and his team were able to achieve most fish caught by a child, which I believe was a total of 21 fish. There is probably nothing much better to do than to take a child fishing.

We had ten LIFRøs show up to assist with the Northport VA fishing at Caleb Smith Preserve. I was told all the vets caught fish that day and the appreciation from everybody was overwhelming.

We arranged a river clean up at Caleb Smith Preserve on very short notice and still had our greatest amount of anglers to show their passion for keeping our local waters fishable.

Don't forget to sign up with **Ted Bany (tedbany@yahoo.com)** to fish the Connetquot State Park on the third Monday of every month. That's one of the clubs greatest assets: being able to fish throughout the month every month. Please participate and take advantage of all of the opportunities the LIFR have to offer.

We would like to thank **Dan Van Buskirk** for running another great trip on the Delaware. It was nice to see several new members attended. All the folks that participated had a good time and appreciated all that went into organizing the trip. **Charlie DeStefano and Billy Mason** also did a splendid job catering to 23 people on the Farmington River trip. Everyone ate lots of food and caught fish. Even **Marla Blair** took time out of her busy schedule to hang with the LIFR. She holds us close to her heart and enjoyed herself tremendously. In moving forward with our clubs camping and fishing trips, the board has taken a closer look into what it takes to run one of these trips and we feel as though there is room to improve these experiences for all involved. The clubs trips and clean-ups are an important part of this clubs make-up. It brings forth comradery, education and most of all some fun! One of the major components we looked into on running a trip was, trying to get attendees on the trip to help lessen the burden of the person(s) running the trip itself. The board feels if we had a öTrip Organizerö, (the person who oversees the trip and arranges to have tasks appointed) and having the attendees on the trip be involved in helping to make the trip a success. That means, anyone interested in going on the trip, should be willing to help out with tasks. That may entail cooking 1 meal, or cleaning up, making coffee, setting things upí .whatever the Organizer needs help with. We still feel the organizer should do the shopping for the trip as this will keep a tighter tracking on the cost of the trip itself.

Having many hands hauling the load while camping, will make the idea of running one of these trips more appealing to someone who may have a desire to see the club fish in a location other than what the club currently is presenting. You do not have to be on the clubs board to run a trip, only a paid dues member. Remember, the more trips we offer, the more fun we have and the more we get people involved in the sport, öthe right wayö. The Flyrodder way! Tight lines! Tight lines.

On behalf of the entire Executive Board and myself, we wish you a safe and happy 4th of July. The 4th of July is when we celebrate the birth of our great nation and a great way to celebrate is by taking a kid fishing, hiking or doing any other outdoor activity that helps our youth enjoy and learn to appreciate all that the great outdoors has to offer.

Rich Cosgrove

P.S. Lee and Jeff, you are missed.





For Your Nymphormation

By Lee Weil



The Grand Finale

We were into the third day of our annual õget-together-off-the-jobö fishing trip and this year I had the opportunity to introduce the gang to some new water on the Farmington River. Unfortunately, the weather was far from perfect, with thunder storms and gusting winds on and off for the past two days, making the barometer act like a roller coaster. I attributed this to the fact that all but one of us were Long Island Flyrodders, and as anyone who has ever been on a Flyrod trip can tell you, we can make it rain for a solid week in the middle of the Mojave desert.

Nonetheless, we were in good spirits as we pulled on our waders with the morning rain dripping off the cook tarp onto the back of our necks. I was in my last set of dry clothes, but we were breaking camp that afternoon so it didn't matter. Our plan was to head for Ovation Pool, which would be the 6th pool we'd fish in 2 days. Our friends Laura and Tony had been given a whirlwind tour of our favorites spots on the river, and we hoped get one more in before they left.

When we made the turn over the bridge the sky began to brighten and the rain stopped. We rambled along upstream till we got to the large gravel flat and decided to jump in there. Jeff hooked into a very good fish but lost it to a rock monster in the deep run along the far bank. Shortly after that, Tony had a hit and a miss but contrary to dampening his enthusiasm it only served to fire him up. Laura and I had already waded out and were appealing to the others to abandon the pool and possibly have breakfast cooked before the next deluge started. Neither Jeff nor Tony paid us any

mind, and after being completely ignored we looked at each other and said, öwe may as well get back in and make a few more castsö.

We worked our way back out to the run under threatening skies and began to lob woolly buggers into the dark current. I caught the swift lift of Laura's rod out of the corner of my eye and looked over my shoulder to see her set the hook. The bend of her rod gave evidence of a nice fish and I called to her to take her time, and let me know when he gets tired. The fish fought well, driving against the current in front of me while I circled back around her with my net. As she deftly steered it my way I saw the dark olive back and dorsal fin and began to pray she wouldn't lose it. The fish cooperated and when it was safe in the net we admired it together. It was a dark, hefty brown of about 17 inches. Laura let it rest in the water while I got the camera ready and then lifted it for a couple of quick pictures. We became aware of an audience as a passing angler stopped to watch, and he nodded his congratulations.

Laura bent down and carefully lifted the fish from the net once more, then eased it into the water. As it swam away into the darkness of the pool she said, öthank you; now go make someone else happyö. Words spoken in the true spirit of catch and release.

As we waded out together I looked up at the clouds and gave thanks for the fish, the friendship and the sharing of the river. It truly was a grand finale.

Tight Lines & God bless, Lee

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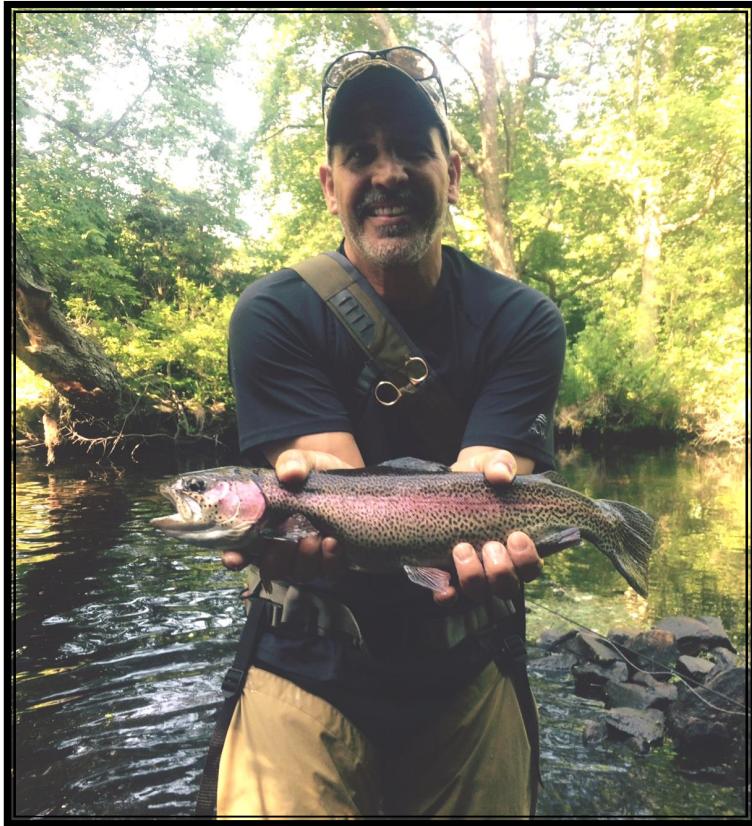
Delaware Trip Review by Susan Solomon

It was great to see **Dan VanBuskirk** again. He crossed the border of PA. to lead the trip to the Delaware River. He hasn't changed since we last bid him farewell and kept us entertained the entire trip with his special brand of humor. Although we did not experience any rain on this trip, the river was still swollen from all the precipitation the week before.

Peter Dubno, who has a great knowledge of the area, found a place for everyone to fish. While one contingent canoed on a nearby lake, the rest of us spread out on the Beaverkill and Willowemoc Rivers, which were fishable. By all accounts, most people caught fish, but everyone had a great time.



(LtoR) Ed Howard, Susan and Howie Solomon, Pat Bany, Dan VanBuskirk, Emilio Squillante
Tony Curatola, Jonna Berry, Ted Bany, Nick Friedman, Frank Chin, Roy Placet



Farmington River Camping Trip, CT
Trip Leader: Charlie DeStefano



June 2016 Meeting



John Fisher, Mike Gelber & Paul McCain feeding the troops



Bar-B-Que



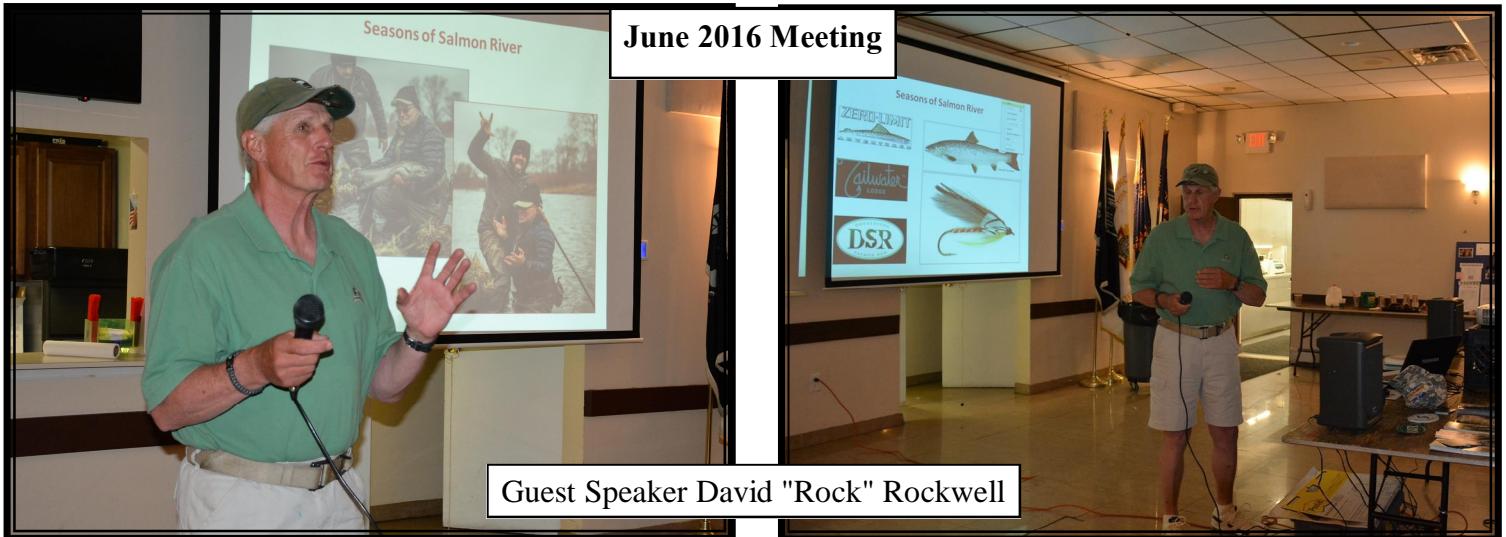
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Fly Casting Practice on the Lawn



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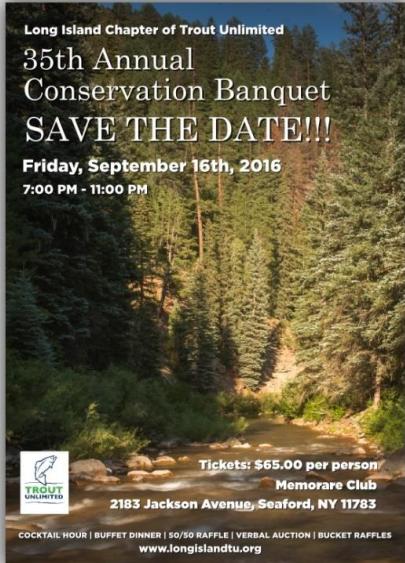


Paul McCain
in his River Bay Outfitters Fly Shop



Jeff Plackis, John Fisher, Paul McCain, Mike Postol & Jerry Berkson

Capt. Rob Thompson's daughter, Mackenzie



Save the Date: 35th Annual Conservation Banquet

If you are a member of Long Island Trout Unlimited, you should have already received a postcard to "**Save the Date**" for the Chapter's 35th Annual Conservation Banquet, which is set for **Friday, September 16th, 2016**. The evening's festivities will begin at 7:00pm and last until 11:00pm at the Memorare Club in Seaford. Over the last several months, LITU's Banquet Committee has worked hard to tighten the budget and lower the cost this year to \$65.⁰⁰ per person for a great evening of food and fun!! Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres will be served at the open bar beginning at 7:00pm. A full buffet dinner will begin at 8:00pm followed by a 50/50 raffle, verbal auctions and finally bucket raffles. If you've never attended an LITU Banquet, this is a wonderful opportunity for you to spend an evening out, having a great time with some old friends, while making new ones, supporting a worthy cause and winning some fantastic prizes in the process!

Members of LITU will receive an official Banquet invitation in July, but the event is open for anyone to attend and LITU would really like you to be there, so mark the date on your calendars now. You can always check their website, www.longislandtu.org, for additional details and to purchase Banquet tickets. Remember, it is important that you get your Banquet tickets by the **RSVP date of August 31st**.

The Annual Conservation Banquet is Long Island Trout Unlimited's biggest fundraiser of the year and allows them to reinforce Trout Unlimited's mission to **conserve, protect and restore** our cold water fisheries and their watersheds. The funds raised help LITU purchase equipment and materials to monitor and restore local streams, provide chillers, tanks & supplies for Trout in the Classroom programs at local elementary and high schools here on Long Island and sponsor local teenagers to attend the NYS DEC Environmental Camps. Your contributions go fully towards LITU's comprehensive conservation strategy intended to *protect, reconnect, restore and sustain* individual river systems right here on Long Island. By maximizing the amount of proceeds this year's fundraiser generates, the resource you all so greatly enjoy will benefit ó it's a way for you to give back to the rivers that have given you so much and have the solid sense of satisfaction that you have been a participant in the conservation, protection and restoration of trout and salmon waters that have long suffered from the degradation caused by modern society.

Thanks for your support and I hope to see many of you on September 16th!

Jeff Plackis, 2016 Banquet Chairman, Long Island TU

PROJECT HEALING WATERS

The VA hospital has asked us for support with their PHWFF effort.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing of Northport VA is seeking fly fishermen to act as **fishing guides for disabled Veterans** while fishing **Caleb Smith State Park on Tuesday morning: July 5th.**

This is a **VA sponsored event**, not a Flyrodder event. PHWFF will provide gear, but they need flies, tippet and leaders for the day. If you would like to volunteer to guide a disabled veteran at Caleb Smith, call **Jim Gilmartin of PHWFF at 516-241-5868**.



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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. Rich Cosgrove, Wolfgang Porté, or any Board Member for information.
Thank You

Ken's Korner - June Tips

The season for winter fly-fishing has arrived. Here are six tips to get you started:

1. Pick the Right Place

One of the best and closest winter rivers to our area is the East Branch of the Croton. The Sodom Road section of the river is the most popular and has fish. Sodom Road is located at the Brewster Exit on Route 684. Make a right hand turn at the exit and follow the road to the fork in the road and take the right turn at the fork up to the stop sign and make a right onto Sodom Road. Most of the fishermen prefer to fish in proximity to the road, but if you walk along the path downstream for about ¼ mile there are several areas along the way where the water is not too deep, which is always desirable in cold winter waters and there are sections which have holes which usually have a fish or two.

2. Slow and Deep is Best

Use a strike indicator and a weighted fly and/or a split shot on your leader, Tungsten is environmentally preferred over lead. High-sticking is the most productive method, which keeps most of your fly line off the water. Dead drift is critical in winter because trout won't chase a fly in cold water.

3. Swing with a Sinking-Tip Line

Dead-drift nymphing is best, if you prefer to swing a fly for trout, use a sinking tip line with a very strong mend at the beginning of the cast so your fly swings slow and deep.

4. Look for Rises

Occasionally trout on the East Branch will rise during the winter, usually in the early morning hours or between 3:00pm and 4:30pm in the afternoon. The trout are almost always rising to small midges or olive mayflies. A small midge emerger or a tiny olive mayfly emerger will be the only dries you'll need to carry.

5. Light Tippets are Usually More Productive In Winter

The flies are small and water is usually clearer downstream than it is near the road. A 5X or 6X leader for trout is best under most conditions.

6. Find Where the Fish Hold

Fish tend to hold up in winter in deeper, slower water. Once you catch one try not to disturb the water and continue to fish in the same place. Fish the slow water thoroughly, moving slowly and methodically downstream if you aren't connecting.

Thanks Joe Pepe

Send your tips to MatteraK@verizon.net



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God Bless America

We are fishing Connetquot on Monday, July 18, 2016!!

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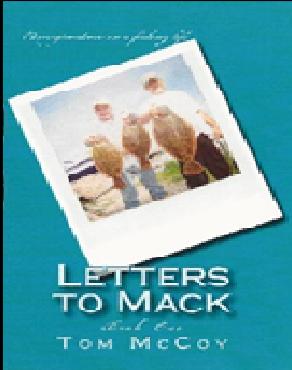
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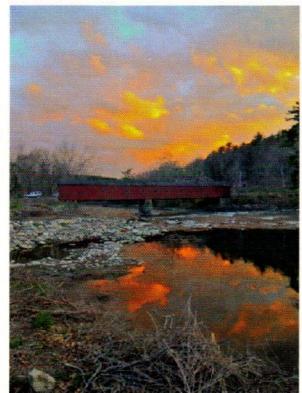
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July - 2016

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General Meeting - 8 pm

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Casting on the Lawn with Tony Ertola &
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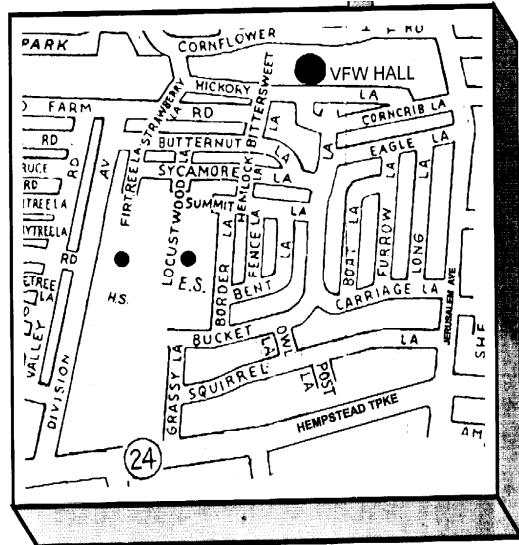
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July 26 Board Meeting

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