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***This Month's Meeting:
May 2, 2017***



Ed Zero trying to change Fly Fishing to Flying Fish

GUEST SPEAKER:

Capt. John McMurray

□A Typical Fishing Season□

President's message

Thank you, thank you, thank you, because of the club my life is totally full. This month we had many events, starting with fishing with the vets. How rewarding for me to give up my day to teach someone the art of fly fishing.



Fishing at Connetquot is only getting better and better everyday. I had the opportunity to steward Brendan Forte one of our new members, along with Tony Ertola who fished with young Mike Forte, another new member. Both landed multiple fish.



Thanks for all the help with the BBQ at the park



We also teamed up with TU this month for two clean ups, one at Alley park in Queens and another upstate. We cleaned up both the Beaver Kill and Willowemoc Rivers and picked up 550 lbs of garbage. We then had a B-B-Q, followed by more fishing. Most people were successful in catching fish.



The last event was at the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery spring festival. Thanks, club members, for all your help.



There are two upcoming fund raisers by friends of LIFR. First is CRF annual banquet on May 11 Casting for Recovery Banquet Dinner and Auction Fundraiser on Thursday May 11, 6 pm at Gemelli's at Bergen Point Country Club, 69 Bergen Avenue, West Babylon. For further info call 631-252-7195. Second is The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum (CFFCM) is hosting their annual dinner on Saturday, May 27th at the Rockland House in Roscoe, NY. We anticipate over 125 guests, including many of our local fly fishing clubs and community leaders. The funds raised from the dinner will support CFFCM's programs and events for the coming year:

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We need your help to make this event a success! Will you please consider donating a product or service for the auction part of our Annual Dinner?

Ken's Korner - May 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ 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

Happy and Healthy New Year Ken M.

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Project Healing Waters Update

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, PHWFF, based in Northport VA, has **new fishing dates**. Beginning **Monday, April 3**, the Veterans will be fishing Connetquot on the **first Monday of every month**. And, as before, they look to LIFR for volunteers to guide and assist. If you would like to guide, assist and teach a Veteran fly fishing at Connetquot, call **Jim Gilmartin**, 516-241-5868

April Meeting



Earth Day Clean-up on the Willowemoc and Beaverkill Rivers

Earth Day 2017 - A large group from the **Long Island Flyrodders and Long Island TU** celebrated Earth Day cleaning up the Willowemoc and Beaverkill rivers. Under Peter Dubno's leadership, we picked up over 700 lbs. of litter from the streams. Not bad for two hours' work.

For our efforts we were rewarded with a bar-b-que lunch cooked by **Rich Cosgrove**. **Chef Larry** added to the menu with wild onions he found along the banks of the river and grilled to perfection.

After digesting their food, everyone was eager to get fishing. A bunch of us headed to Hazel Road. The water was very cold, but the urge to fish won out. I was next to **John Langan**, watching him bring in fish after fish. He surely had found a honey hole. In true Flyrodder spirit, he invited me to his spot and even gave me a fly like he was using. In no time at all, I too, was catching fish after fish. I gave my spot to **Dan VanBuskirk** and the luck continued. **Tony, Jonna, Mike Gelber and Howie** also found fish.

Catch and release - another great way to celebrate Earth Day.

Susan Solomon



The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum

Dear Fly Fishing Supporter,

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Your donation will be listed in the Annual Dinner Program and our newsletter, as well as on our website and social media outlets. Your donation is tax deductible and we will provide you with a letter to that effect. Your donation can be mailed or dropped off at the Center; or if you prefer, we will pick it up at your convenience.

Please fill out the attached donation form and return it to office@cffcm.com or attach it to your donated item.

I would also like to invite you to attend our Annual Dinner, starting with cocktails at 5:30 p.m., and witness the value of your donation first-hand. Please contact the office for ticket information and prices.

Thank you for all you have done for the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum in the past. With your support now and in the future, we can continue to be a place for adult and youth fly fishing education and provide a meeting place for all anglers.

Sincerely,

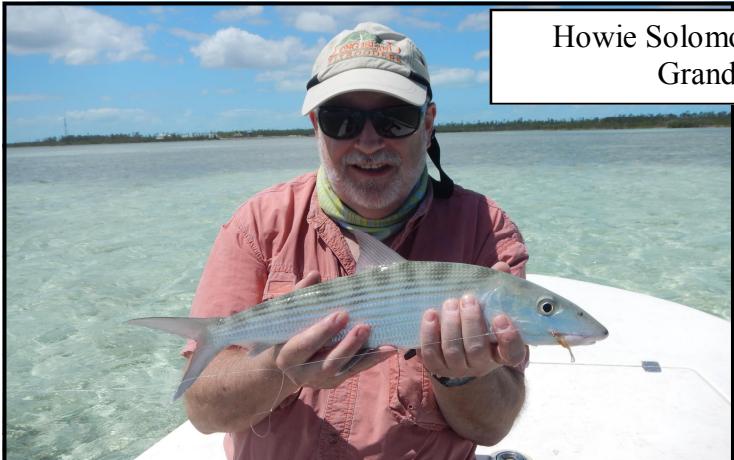
Glenn Pontier
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Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery



Howie Solomon & Les Krieger
Grand Bahama



Ken Arstark's granddaughter in Colorado
With 12 trout (in net)

Bruce Kraebel



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

On Tuesday, May 2, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

Will be fishing Caleb Smith at 8am. Volunteer guides are needed to assist and instruct Disabled Veterans in fishing and catching trout.

If you would like to volunteer to help a Veteran and have a great day on the water, call:

Fred Thorner, PHWFF organizer, at 917-209-0246 to register.



Monday Fishing at Connetquot River State Park 2017

May 15

June 19

July 17

August 21

September 18

October 16

November 20

All you have to do is call **Ted Bany at 631-689-2178** or e-mail him at **tedbany@yahoo.com** by Sunday night to add you to the list

Our Club will be celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. An awesome accomplishment and testament to those who worked to make it all it is today.

Sadly, it can't continue if new people don't volunteer to carry some of the weight. There's always a crowd at the barbeques and refreshment line, but where are those people when work needs to be done?

Jobs like board member and trip leader are begging for new blood. How many people went to the Somerset Show, but couldn't spare some time to man the booth?

This is YOUR club and it's only as good as YOU make it. Please find it in your heart to help out, so the Long Island Flyrodders can continue for another 35 years. A few people can't do all the work. Ask any officer or board member how YOU can contribute.

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Wolfgang Porté: (516) 741-2342

For casting classes, contact:



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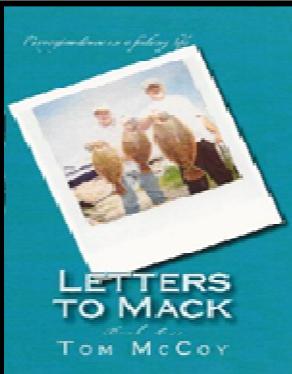
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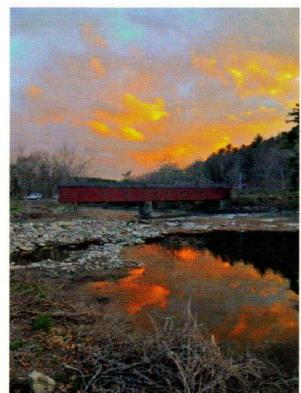
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To assist Michele, go to the web site:
gofundme.com and write in her name.
A donation of any size will be appreciated.

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January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

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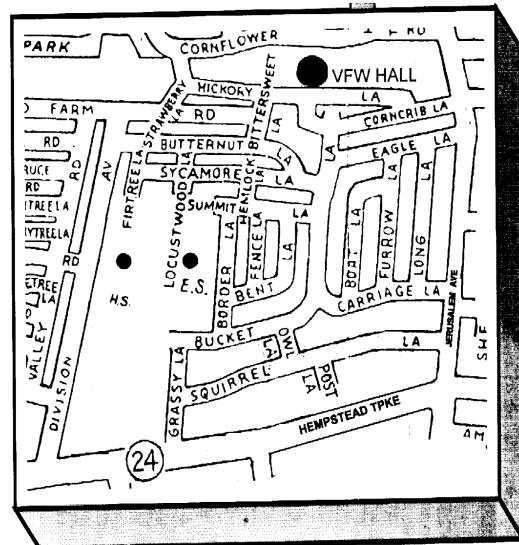
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May - 2017

- May 1 **Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing**
Volunteers Needed - See Details & Info on Page 3
- May 2 **Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing**
Volunteers Needed - See Details & Info on Page 9
- May 2 **General Meeting - 8:00 pm**
Speaker: Capt. John McMurray
□A Typical Fishing Season□
- May 5 - 7 **Natchaug River, CT Camping Trip**
Fri - Sun Contact: Susan & Howie Solomon
- May 11 **Casting for Recovery Dinner & Fundraiser**
Contact: Christina Galicia (631) 252-7195
- May 15 **Connetquot Monday Fishing**
Contact: Ted Bany - Details & Info on Page 10
- May 23 **Board Meeting**
- May 27 **Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum**
Annual Dinner & Fundraiser
See Page 6

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