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This Month's Meeting: September 1, 2015



Our own **Annmarie Cosgrove** with a beautiful Rainbow, showing us that fishing is actually fun. Check out her article on page 4.

BBQ at 6:30

Housatonic Trip pages 4, 5, 6

GUEST SPEAKER:
Chart Guthrie

**NYSDC Updates & LI Regional
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President's message

Well, I'm six months into my term and I have to thank the entire board for the incredible job they have done. Without them most of the things that we have accomplished probably would have never been. There are still challenges but I can say the big hurdles have been accomplished. I encourage all members to participate in club functions as much as possible so that you also can benefit from their hard work.

This month has been very fulfilling for me. I had the opportunity to fish with **Marla Blair**, who is an incredible, knowledgeable and personable angler. This is just another grateful activity that was given to me by joining the Long Island Flyrodders. Something else I have been exposed to is the fly fishing shows. I would've never gone to them. I also would've never met incredible people like club members and Marla Blair who taught me so much and in just one day. I had the great pleasure of spending the day with Marla on the Swift River. Marla worked with my wife, Annmarie most of the day. She was able to rekindle her love of fishing that she had lost from falling in the water too many times. You can see that just by her great smile on the cover of this magazine. Oh, and nice fish too.

I took the day off and went fishing in the Connetquot River State Park. There were lots of laughs and plenty of fish. This occurs on the third Monday of each month from February to Octo-

ber. You can join the group to fish the river. I must say I've been there a few times in the past few years for Casting for Recovery and I can tell you this, the fish are back in the water. We are working very hard at giving the club members as many opportunities to fish as possible. This is why I ask all to participate.

Now just because it's getting cooler the Flyrodders don't slow down. This month you can sign up for fly tying lessons. Participants are grouped according to ability. So no experience is necessary. There is nothing better than catching a fish with a fly that you have tied. Most of the fish I have caught are from flies I have tied. We are also in the process of planning our banquet dinner which I encourage you to attend on November 14, 2015. It gives you the chance to eat, drink and party with other members that you may not have had the opportunity to socialize with. So save the date and I look forward to seeing you there. We also have Casting for Recovery coming up soon. We will be looking for volunteers to act as river stewards.

If there's anything that I can help you with please feel free to reach out to me. As always please take the time to take someone fishing because there is nothing much more rewarding than catching a fish.

Tight Lines,
Rich Cosgrove

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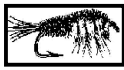
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For Your Nymphormation By Lee Weil



The World From Behind The Vise

As a tyer, I can say I definitely tie better when I'm comfortable and my tools and materials are conveniently close at hand. But it can go beyond just having a chair and a vise. That really became apparent a few weeks ago when we shipped up north for the Saratoga race meet.

Every year I bring up my vise and tying paraphernalia, and depending upon where we are renting, I set up a station in the most advantageous place I can find. This year I believe I've hit the jackpot. My tying table gets the morning sun and there's a ceiling fixture directly overhead. I have my gooseneck lamp on the side, and my tool caddy out in front; materials bins are stacked neatly on the table to my right. Couldn't be better, right? But wait; there's MORE.

The window in front of my vise frames a scene from Country Living magazine. About 3 feet in front of the window is a shepherd's hook, with a hummingbird feeder hanging from it. Each morning I'm treated to a show as the hummers flit back and forth from the feeder to the juniper bush under the window. The males with their ruby throats battle for position like fighter pilots. Some seem to hover and stare at my tying lamp for a few seconds before they dart off. I go back to tying my zug bugs and think about how the

iridescent blue greens of the peacock mirror the hummingbird plumage.

Out in the paddock I spot a movement in the high clover. At first I think it's the woodchuck I've seen out there before (thinking of Woodchuck Caddis), but then I see the red brush with the white tip. Mr. Reynard is out hunting a mouse for his breakfast. I stop tying to watch as he stalks, then jumps straight up in the air to pounce on his prize. He trots off triumphantly into the woods, and I go back to tying again, thinking about Artic Fox steelhead streamers.

I stand and stretch and look out the window to my right, and coming down the gravel road is a flock of turkeys. Two hens lead the way with their parade of poult, scratching and picking along the edges. I smile and think of Hopper wings. Then I glance at the clock 5. Where did the morning go? I'm going to be late for work. At this rate I'll never get this order done. Maybe I should move my vise 5 **NOT.**

*Tight Lines & God bless,
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Lady Gail

by Lee Weil

Fishing the Swift River

By Annmarie Cosgrove

This month on August 9, 2015, Rich and I had a wonderful day fishing the Swift River with Marla Blair. The day started in Connecticut near the Farmington River. We met Marla who brought us coffee and muffins. Before I knew it we were on the road to Massachusetts. Rich can be impulsive at times. He decided that we have already fished the Farmington so let's try something new. So we drove a little over an hour to Massachusetts to discover the Swift River. It was about 10:30 when we finally started fishing. The water was so clear that you could see the fish and the bottom. Marla had her work cut out for her. She worked with me for a while and then being fair she worked with Rich. Left to my own devices I practiced casting in hopes that I would catch a fish. Well in a matter of minutes Rich started catching fish, rainbow trout. Marla really knows her stuff. She has a good understanding of the Swift River and was able to coach us to catch fish. She knew their hiding spots and understood their behavior. I asked a couple of times how long we had been fishing only to be told oh not long. Well the day was exciting and I was able to build my confidence and skills. I hooked into several fish but wasn't able to keep them on the line. To me, it didn't matter how many I caught, rather just the fact that I was fishing. I never thought that I would be able to do all that I can. Fishing the Swift was just another life fulfilling dream. Thank you to Marla and Rich for supporting me and encouraging me to keep trying. Well, we finally got out of the river in time for dinner. It was 5:30 and I couldn't believe that I literally spent the entire day fishing the Swift River. Marla prepared dinner because it was supposed to be lunch but turned into dinner. We left after dinner feeling very accomplished and a little tired. Rich drove 4 hours home. Boy is he dedicated to this sport. So is Marla because she went home and turned around the next day and was back on the river working with someone else. I spent the day recuperating and resting while Rich went to work. Wow, so this is what retirement is like, can't wait to give it a try.



The cabins at the Housatonic River campgrounds, built 2 years ago



Housatonic River Camping Trip Housatonic Meadows Campgrounds, CT

What a great trip this was! Good friends, beautiful weather and great food. Richie and Annmarie were non-stop with cooking, serving and cleaning. Annmarie's food was fantastic. I don't know how they did it.

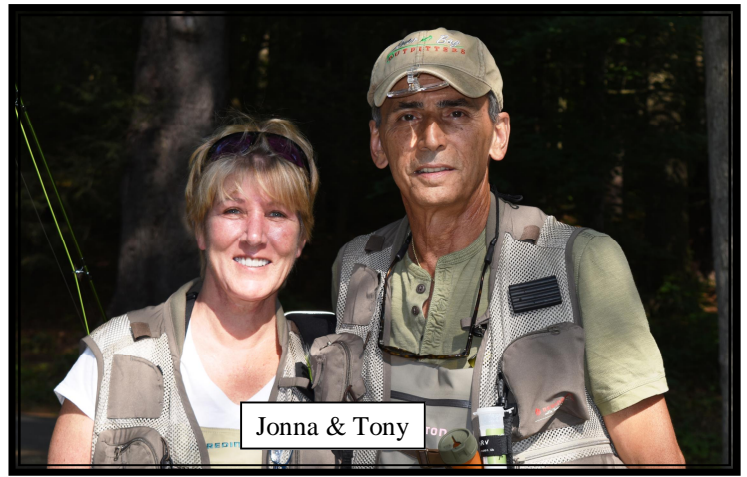
One of the best things about our club is the trips and the camping trips have to rank pretty high of all.

Join us next trip and see what all the fun is about and find out what a great club we have!





Sheva, Diane & Annmarie



Jonna & Tony



Susan & Howie



Tom

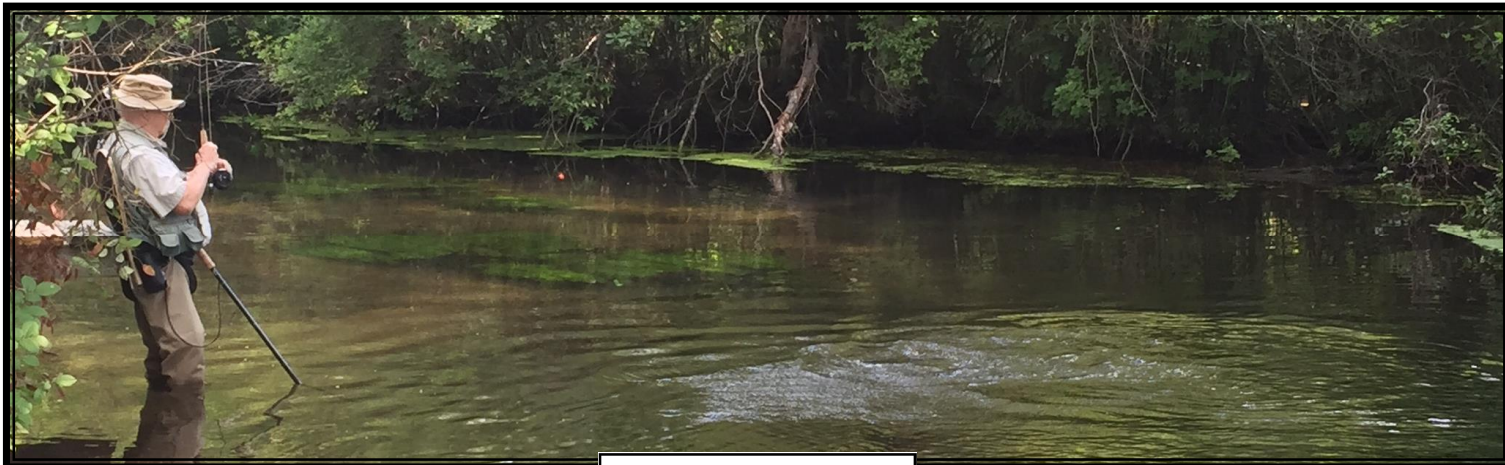


View from the back of the campground

John and Christina Langan kayaking on the Housatonic River in CT.



Connetquot State Park



NEW MEMBERS

L to R

**Don Ghee
Harry Jones
Norman L. Felter
Nancy Hermanek
Bill Hermanek**

Welcome!





Connetquot River State Park Preserve Long Island Flyrodders Rules and Regulations

These rules and regulations are intended to enhance your enjoyment while fishing at the Connetquot River State Park Preserve (CRSPP), and maintain our Club's privilege of utilizing this wonderful resource in this exclusive manner. Please read though them thoroughly and make every effort to abide by all. **Failure to do so may lead to the loss of your Club privileges and may jeopardize the fishing privileges of the Club, as well.**

1. Report to CRSPP on time and check in with the LIFR coordinator ASAP
2. You MUST possess a valid New York State freshwater fishing license
3. Wait for issuance of LIFR/CRSPP Daily Fishing Card
4. Follow lead-car to the hatchery when instructed
 - a. Do not exceed the 15 MPH speed limit
 - b. Park in designated areas ONLY
5. Rubber sole hip boots ONLY; no waders
 - a. This keeps fishermen out of pools where fish lie
 - b. Wet wading is permissible in sneakers below the hatchery
6. NO WADING above the hatchery (beats 17-30). Bank fishing ONLY
7. Catch and Release ONLY
 - a. No Kill! Fishermen should make every effort to keep fish in the river at all times
 - b. Revive fish after long playing time
 - c. If a fish is deeply hooked, clip off the leader and release the fish immediately
8. Barbless hooks ONLY
 - a. Be certain to crimp barbs on flies, including replacement flies
9. 4-Weight or heavier rods ONLY
 - a. Enables faster retrieve to net and quicker release of fish
10. No line-weight permitted
 - a. Weighted flies and bead-heads are fine. No Lead!!! No egg patterns!!!
 - b. Sink-tip lines are permitted
11. ONLY 1 "active rod" per beat
 - a. Assistance with technique or strategy by a fellow fly fisherman in the same beat is permitted
 - b. Photo assistance by another fisherman is allowed, keeping fish in the water at all times
 - c. Limit your time in any given pool to 20 minutes as "**sportsmanship**" is sharing a good pool
12. Obey all requests from LIFR Coordinator and River Stewards
 - a. Infractions of rules and regulations will be taken seriously and may lead to the suspension of your privileges and/or the fishing privileges of the Long Island Flyrodders
13. Report back to picnic area promptly at the end of each session
 - a. Each fly fisherman must check-out with Coordinator
 - Noon for morning session
 - 5:00 PM for afternoon session
14. Observe 15 MPH speed limit when leaving the preserve.
15. You are reminded that your Membership Application (copy overside) contains Release and Indemnity provisions for your LIFR activities. SIGNATURE REQUIRED.

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I HAVE READ, AND WILL BOUND BY, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OVERSIDE, AND MY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

The Long Island Flyrodders sadly extend our condolences to Cliff Dies and his family on the passing of his mother, Dorothea L. Dies, on August 14, 2015.

Dorothea L. Dies, of North Merrick, NY. Loving wife of the late Arthur. Dear mother of Cliff and his wife Nancy and William and his wife Carol. Devoted grandmother of Jennifer, Megan, Joanne and William. Beloved great-grandmother of Anna, Aydin, Judah, Ayla, Sadie, Diana and Miles. Burial was at Greenfield Cemetery, Hempstead, NY. Donations in her name to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America www.alzfdn.org will be appreciated.

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Thank You

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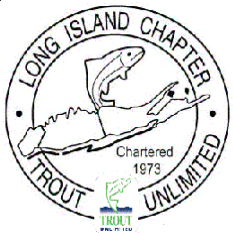
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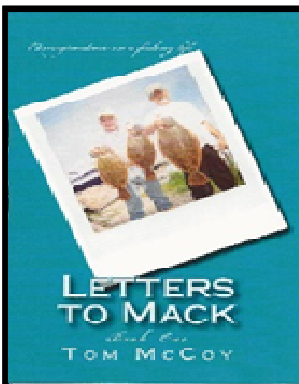
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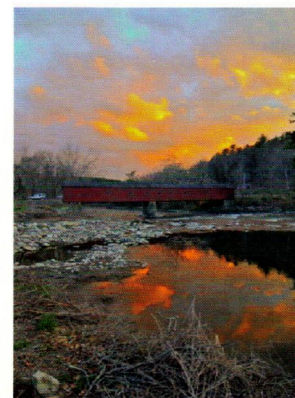
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January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

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LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS

September - 2015

September 1

General Meeting - 8 pm

Guest Speaker: Chart Guthrie
NYSDDEC Updates & Long Island
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BBQ - 6:30 pm before the meeting

September 22

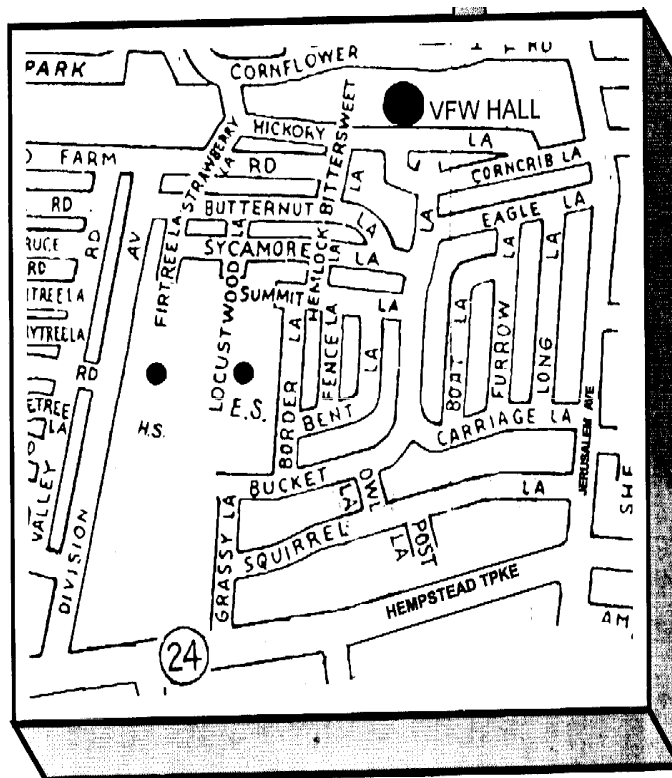
Board Meeting

October 2 & 4

Housatonic River, CT - Camping Trip #2

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