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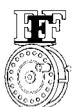
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God Bless America



Casting for Recovery Retreat - July 2007

A photo of all the river helpers and the CFR guests attending the retreat.
The river helpers are members of LIFR, TU or both.
See page 4 for Joe Ottersted's article and poem.

Guest Speaker:

Gordon Mueller

*"The Big Difference Between
Freshwater and Saltwater Fly Fishing"*



President's message

If there is anything disagreeable going on, men are always sure to get out of it. Jane Austen – "Persuasion"

In case you did not know, Paul finds the President's Line disagreeable. Therefore, he is always sure to get out of it. Usually, he "persuades" me into writing it by offering up a grand gesture. This month, he took me to see the movie *Becoming Jane*. Instead of a movie based on one of Jane Austen's novels, it tells of an actual romance from her own life. We sat in the theater that night surrounded by older women. Not another man in sight. I'll give Paul credit; He watched it without dozing off. Paul even talked about the movie with me on the way home. I told him I would write the President's line and of course he offered no suggestions. I don't understand how he cannot come up with something to write about. Paul has filled our bathroom with fly fishing magazines. He watches the fishing shows every Saturday. He talks constantly about fishing. Can't he just turn all that into a small monthly column? Why does he have such writer's block? Jane Austen even found a way to write about anglers. She included a conversation about fly fishing in *Pride in*

Prejudice. Apparently Mr. Darcy, a main character, not only has extreme wealth, good looks and a sexy brooding quality, but he likes to fly fish. This would make sense. After all, most of the characters in her novels live in the English countryside surrounded by lots of rivers. As a matter of fact, I think the Long Island Fly Rodders should plan a trip to England. Specifically in Hampshire along the southern coast. You could fish the chalk streams and visit the Jane Austen House Museum. Those interested should see Paul at the next meeting..

Paul wants you to know:

The summer cook outs are over and he wants to thank everyone who helped out.

Danny Van Buskirk caught his first bluefish on a fly rod on Friday, and if you are thinking about starting in the saltwater, don't miss this meeting. Our own **Gordon Mueller's** presentation will be "The Big Difference Between Saltwater and Freshwater Fly Fishing". Gordon will also be leading a saltwater fishing trip to Moriches Bay, this month, on September 29.

Julie

PS from PresPaul, The movie wasn't that bad and it makes Julie happy



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FoF Your Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



Whitefish Blitz

Let's say you go to your favorite restaurant, sit down and order the prime rib, medium rare. The waiter comes back and tells you they are out of prime rib and the only thing left on the menu is bacon do you: A) leave and seek out another restaurant ? Or: B) make the best of it and order a BLT ? Sometimes that BLT can turn out to be pretty good.

We were fishing our old favorite place on the Hudson, in the town of Stillwater. It was a sunny morning with a northwest breeze that was just enough to convince me to change from a deer hair popper to a Clouser. The fishing was slow, and by 9:00 I had only landed 2 smallmouth, although the first fish went a decent 16 inches and I was optimistic. After going an hour with no takes, I began to lose my enthusiasm and my mind drifted to thoughts of breakfast. I was contemplating my options, bacon and eggs or cereal, when I noticed some nervous water upstream and across from the ledge I was perched on. At first I thought it was just a riffle above a weed bed, but then realized the disturbance was intermittent. Upon closer study it looked like a mini bluefish blitz was going on at the edge of the weeds, and the occasional shower of tiny baitfish gave evidence of some serious harassment going on. I made several casts and felt a few short strikes on the Clouser, but couldn't hook whatever it was that was feeding there.

I snipped off the Clouser and began delving into my chest pack, when I spotted a new fly I tied as

an experiment for spooky smallies – a chartreuse bluegill pattern sized up and tied on a giant scud hook. I dropped it gently into the midst of the melee and immediately had a fish on. I knew it wasn't a bass, but it was putting a very nice bend into the 6 weight, and it was challenge to keep it out of the weeds. When I got it to hand I was amazed to see it was a huge fallfish; aka chub, or whitefish. The fish went about about a pound and measured about 14 inches. I laughed and released it, then cast again and caught another about the same size. By now Jeff was looking across the river curiously and I hollered to him "CHUBS !! BIG ones!!" He just shook his head and went back to fishing the crater in front of him.

I continued to catch those big fallfish, one after the other, and each one fought harder than the one before. In spite of their soft mouth they finally managed to destroy the fly's deer hair shellback, but still found it attractive enough to hit until a raft of grass went over and put them down for good. By then I was hungry enough to quit, and started the long wade back to the other side of the river. I grinned at Jeff when I caught up to him and celebrated my good fortune in hitting the "blitz". Maybe they weren't bass, but I was grateful for the tight lines. Sometimes blessings come in disguises, even in the shape of a lowly white fish.

Tight Lines & God bless, Lee

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**Casting For Recovery Retreat
July 2007
by Joe Otterstedt**

Nine Long Island Flyrodder members, as well as seven members of the local TU chapters, participated in the Casting For Recovery (CFR) retreat the weekend of July 20 - 22. Representing LIFR were **Coreen Gelber and Linda Macy** as casting instructors, and **Mike Gelber, Wolfgang Porté, Nick Friedman, Jim Foley, Mike Mirisola, Paul Grainger and myself** as river helpers (fishing guides). TU members included **Sol Harz, Scott Beck, Ray Theis, John Fisher, Boyd Shockley and Jeff Placis**, as well as **Joe Cavett** from Parkwood Outfitters. Participating in these clinics is always fun and inspirational to us all to see the excitement and joys of these women who are in recovery from breast cancer.

I was paired with a gal named Joni from Lin-

denhurst, who after a few brief minutes was roll casting like a pro. She landed a beautiful brookie and then a brown, both in the 14-16" range. Many other takes also occurred, with Joni deftly presenting a really good drift with an Adams dry. What struck me most was the exuberance with which Joni fished, intensely concentrating on each cast, intent on catching another fish and not wanting to leave the stream at Connetquot's beat 13. While I have guided CFR gals before, Joni really made me think about what they are going through, and how fortunate I was, and am, to be able to have shared this experience with her and others before. I decided to jot down my thoughts about this touching experience in the form of a poem, which I dedicate to Joni and all CFR gals everywhere:

Fly fishing is akin to life - Joe Otterstedt

We effort to cast our lines in many places, always with the expectation of a tight line when
One of Gods creatures has chosen to provide us the thrill of a brief but exciting tussle
Allowing us, for an instant, to hold in our hand a beautiful Brook, Brown or Rainbow Trout
Only to release it back to nature where it may continue on its own journey

Occasionally our casts end in a snag, in a tree or bush, or perhaps vegetation beneath the glimmering surface
It is then that we must persevere, patiently removing the snag, carefully repairing the tippet and fly
So that we too may continue our own journey, in our quest for yet another intimate experience with nature
Once again casting about in search of life's many joys and simple pleasures with family and friends

For we flyfishers are a close community, passing our knowledge on, and teaching our skills, to all
Sharing our experiences, our joys and snags equally, with our fellow anglers, with the hope
That in the end, we will all have many more tight lines



Joe Otterstedt
with CFR guest



Left: Wolfgang Porté
Bottom: Nick Friedman
and CFR guests



Housatonic Heat

By Al Westbrook

It was a very warm Friday, August 3rd, the start of the Housatonic Meadows camping/fishing trip. My first stop was to the local fly shop to purchase a Connecticut fishing license. I was informed immediately that we "picked probably the worst three days of the season" as the water that morning was already 80 degrees. The upside, of course, is if I did catch a trout it would already be parboiled.

I arrived early with my two-man tent. It is billed as a two-man tent but you better be very friendly with the second man. Howard and Susan Solomon were already there and administering the required permits. They figured out how my tiny shelter goes together and helped me set up. Soon other tents arrived. By about 1pm the ping, ping, ping of hammers on tent stakes died out and in rolled the cruise ships on wheels.

John, Simone and Dylan Gerbitz pulled in with their city-block long RV and perched for the weekend. Then Joe Otterstedt and Linda Macy showed up in a Taj Mahal on wheels with every known convenience known to the civilized world including air conditioning and, I believe, a roulette wheel. Kudos to Joe in sneaking the large camper between rocks and trees with literally inches to spare.

Meals, provided by a team effort of Michael, Coreen and Elizabeth Gelber, were epicurean stature. With steak, pasta, salads and all, no one went hungry. Their portable grill rivals the finest diner.

Late Friday afternoon, after warnings of possible severe storms all day, which didn't surprise a single Flyrodder, a single boom of thunder broke the silence of the woods and eleven tiny drops of rain fell. Certainly no washout but served to remind us that the fact that this was a Long Island Flyrodder trip was not completely ignored from above.

Many did well catching smallmouth bass, this even though the water was very warm. I, on the other hand, left the critters pretty much unmolested. The difference between air temperature and the water was minimal.

Almost 30 Flyrodders gathered around the campfire for some stories, good conversation and laughs. You know the crowd is aging some when discussions centered around medications and recent procedures! Anyway, it was fishing, good friends and good times; it just don't get better than this.

*The 3 chefs:
Elizabeth,
Mike and
Coreen Gelber*



*Joe
Otterstedt's
"lobster dinner"*



*Breakfast,
al fresco*



*Group relaxing at the
Otterstedt "Rolling Palace"*





Fly Donations Needed

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

Lee Weil was the first one to donate 4 dozen flies, and thus received a token gift for her efforts. Now it's your turn...

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.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Susan Solomon

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- 1a. Contestants must be LIFR members.
- 1b. Subject must be related to Fly Fishing.
- 1c. Prints, (no transparencies), size 4" X 6" in color or black & white.
- 1d. Digital photos, minimum size 800 X 600 megapixels.
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., Fly-rodder and lifr.org)
4. There will be play-off contests at each Club meeting May through October
5. Three winners will be picked by members present at each of those meetings
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
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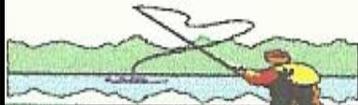
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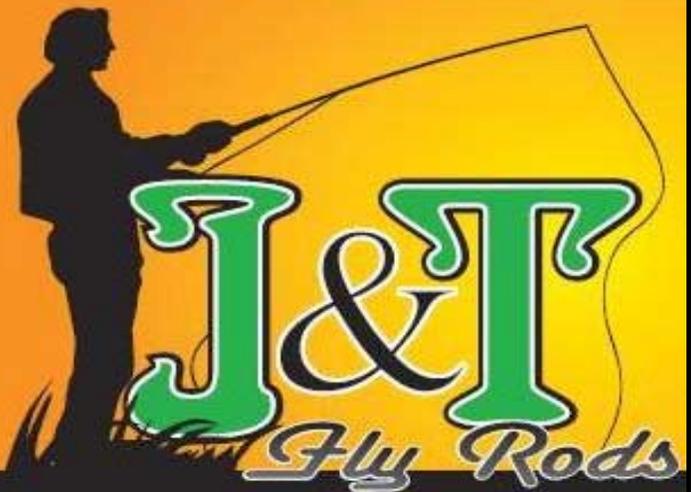
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Hours: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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CONNETQUOT DATES - 2007

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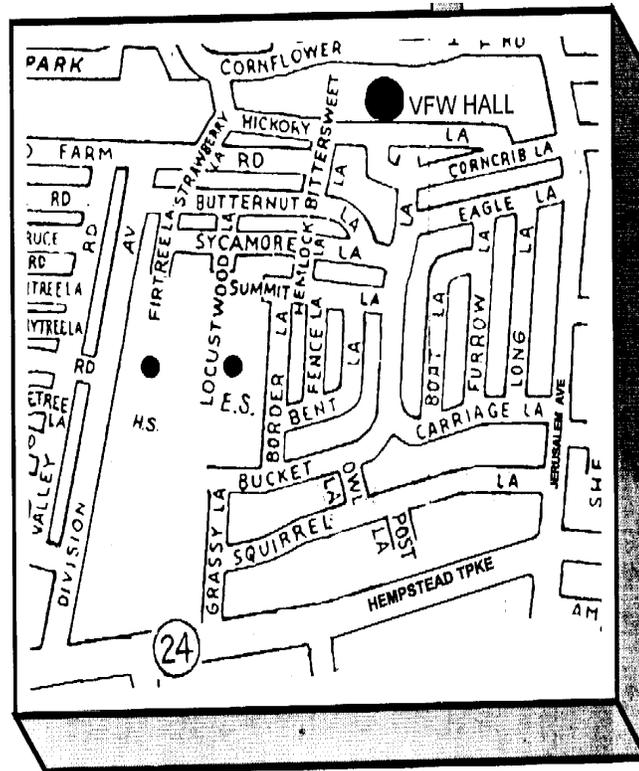
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September - 2007

- September 4 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
 LIFR Photo Contest - Jim Foley 516-766-4531
 Guest Speaker: Gordon Mueller
 "The Big Difference Between
 Freshwater and Saltwater Fly Fishing"
- Sept. 7-10 **Farmington River, CT. - Camping / Fishing**
 Contact: Alan Manz (516) 681-1418
- September 17 **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**
(Handicapped Fishing Day)
 Contact: Wolfgang Porté (516) 741-2342
 See Page 9 for details & info
- Sept. 18-19 **Cast & Blast Trip - Eldred Preserve, NY**
 Contact: Joe Caroleo (718) 845-4225
 Details & Info on page 6
- September 24 **Board Meeting**
 7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- September 29 **Moriches Bay, East Moriches, NY - Saltwater**
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