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**Paul Dinice**

**õStripers on the Housatonicö**



## President's message

In January, when we had our trip planning meeting, the discussed trips seemed so far off. Now, not only are we enjoying a very busy trip schedule, we are already beginning to plan for 2012. It's encouraging to see different people developing ideas for new destinations. If you have an idea, let's hear it.

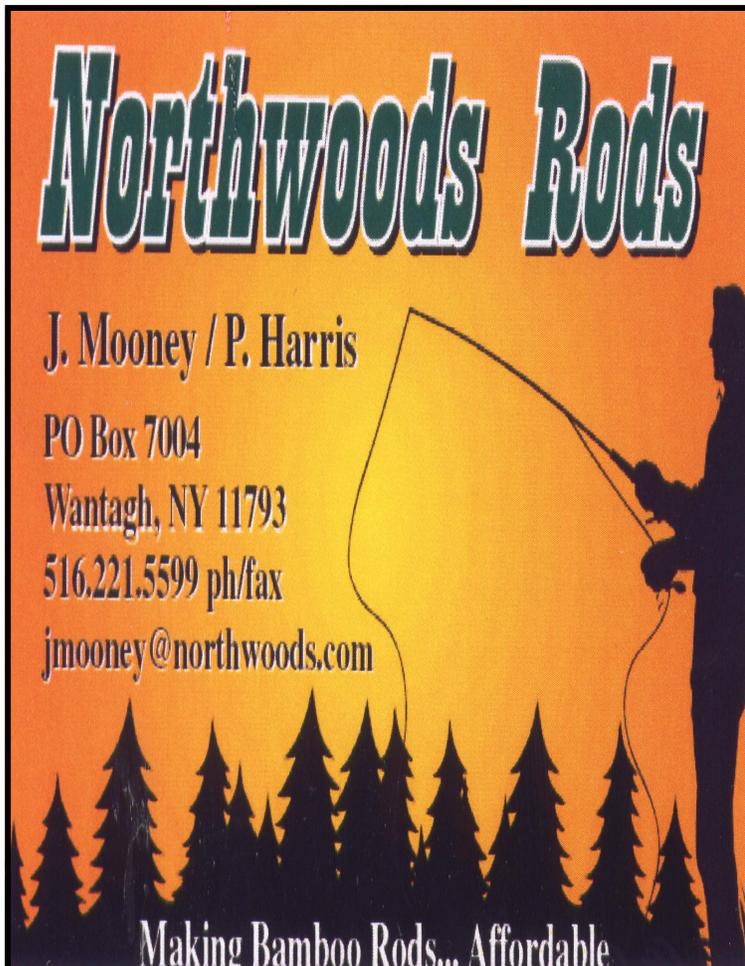
Thanks go out to **Bill and Sue Gordon** who cooked for everyone on the Farmington trip. They came up special from their new home in Florida to attend the trip and cook for us. The rain, and the fact that they used their car as their tent, did not hinder them from providing delicious, wholesome meals for the group. I'm happy to report that **Linda Macy** is well again, after her unexpected gall bladder operation. I was proud to see how quick-thinking Flyrodders came to her aid while awaiting the ambulance.

Let's hope we don't have that kind of excitement on a trip again.

**Paul McCain, Gene Stephens** and crew will once again provide a bar-b-que dinner before the July meeting. The line for burgers, hot dogs and fixing starts forming by 6:45, so come early. After your bellies are filled (don't forget to save room for donuts and coffee), you will be treated to a presentation by one of our Connecticut based members, **Paul Dinice**. Stripers on the Housatonic is the subject. A lot of knowledge can be learned by listening to Paul, who calls the Hous his home waters.

Howie and I wish everyone a safe and happy July 4. Hope to see everyone on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Susan



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# For Your Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



## Covering Ground

Sometimes an old dog can teach themselves new tricks. Such was the case this spring when we were down in North Carolina, fishing one of our favorite streams in the Pisgah forest. It was a Sunday morning, and we wanted to get on the water before the guides and sports showed up. We made coffee at camp in the 4:30 fog and were en route before dawn, happy to see no vehicles at the pull off when we arrived. We quickly donned our waders and got into the river.

I began fishing at the Birthday Bridge (so christened because I try to fish it every year on my birthday). I caught two browns off the wall on an emerger I tied that proved very successful last year and then proceeded to fish my way up. When I got to the tail of a favorite flat pool, I saw a woman stepping into the water. I nodded and smiled and turned to fish back down towards the bridge. After awhile I turned again to see her climbing out and then watched as she and her partner walked away and crossed the bridge. I was surprised, since I knew that pool always held good fish. After they left, I gave it some time to rest and then worked through it carefully. I took a couple more fish, and then cast over a shallow lie in the center of the stream. I saw a large snout come up and cover my emerger, and set the hook on a fish that I never would have expected to be sitting in that water. After a very impressive performance I slid the 15½ male brookie into my net. "What were you doing there?" I asked him as I gently took my emerger back. I estimated the water was about 9 or 10 deep, and because of the shaded river bottom I never saw him prior to hookup. A lesson learned - don't write off shallow water, especially in shaded mountain streams.

As I worked my way upstream, I saw the couple ahead, fishing the water that I had marked as my next destination. Now I had to make a decision; should I get out of the river as I always did in the past and leap frog them? Or should I tough it out through the boulders and fast water, which I had always passed up. I chose the latter, just because I figured if I jumped out and there were anglers in my next pool I would only have to regress, and possibly lose the water I had. So I bit the bullet, broke out my staff and began to climb over the rocks.

I cast to the first pocket against the bank, under a rhododendron and I was immediately rewarded with a strike. I landed the 10 brown and dried my fly, and then cast to the next spot of quiet water. Bang! Another strike and another fish. At this point a little light went on in my brain. I slowly progressed, climbing from rock to rock and fishing the emerger to each small pocket I saw. By the end of the stretch I had landed 11 fish, from 7 to 13. When I reached the pool I wanted to fish the couple had gone, but I somehow didn't feel the urgency to fish it. I was grateful that I had been made to fish the water I had always passed up as not "fishy" enough. Sometimes the Lord gives us situations to teach us that precious gifts lie in less attractive packages. I smiled and wished the couple well, wherever they were. If not for them I wouldn't have seen the treasures lying in those little pockets below each boulder. Next year I do believe I'll fish that stretch of water a lot differently, and not pass up that "tough" water.

*God bless & Tight Lines, Lee*

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## **DEC Long Island Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Council meeting of June 20, 2011:**

### **Connetquot Update –**

At this time the plan is to create a small bio-secure hatchery, primarily for educational purposes. Two engineering firms have been retained to develop plans for this project. One is LKB Engineering which will design the hatchery facility on or near the existing hatchery. The other firm is BBS Engineering. They designed the Atlantis aquarium in Riverhead. BBS will be responsible to design an educational center at Connetquot in conjunction with the hatchery operation. The hatchery is currently proposed to operate using well water which will be 85% recycled. It will house two 16 foot tanks. Each tank will be capable of supporting 6,000 fish. At this stage the hatchery will be capable of raising 12,000 fish per year, 6,000 of which will be released for stocking every year.

Friends of Connetquot currently have access to a \$250,000 grant to convert the old hatchery for this purpose. It is not known at this time when the plans might be completed allowing the project to enter the construction phase. While construction could be as soon as 2012. It could also be as far out as 2014 or beyond.

### **Carman's River Update –**

There is an ongoing creel census being conducted for the last several weeks at the Carmans. A DEC employee parks at the entrance gate and asks fisher folks to voluntarily stop and report their catch by type, size, location and etc. Stocked fish have had one or two fins removed to aid in identification. The census will continue through July and the data will hopefully be available at the September meeting.

### **Enforcement Issues –**

A Conservation Enforcement Officer was present and asked any fisher-person observing what they believe to be a "Violation In Progress" such as taking under sized fish or exceeding the limit of controlled fish, to call 631-444-0250. An officer will be dispatched. Unfortunately there are only 16 conservation officers on Long Island who must oversee solid waste abuses, air quality, salt and fresh water abuses and several other duties.

Help from fisher folks will be appreciated in protecting fishing for generations to come.

### **Volunteering –**

To volunteer for the following events please contact Ann at the DEC at 631-444-0283:

1. June 25 9:00 AM Deep Pond Boy Scout Clinic
2. July 13 6:00 PM Ronkonkoma Fishing Clinic at Brookhaven Beach  
(You must pre-register for this event)
3. August 6 9:00 AM Hempstead Lake Fishing Clinic

*Regards, Pete Smith*

## **Recent Information on Didymo From Peter Smith**

There was a hand out from the Connecticut DEP, dated March 29 saying that Didymo has been discovered in the West Branch of the Farmington River. This is a concern to Long Island anglers because many fishermen visit several streams in both Connecticut as well as NY which can allow the algae to migrate to several locations.

### ***There are several methods of cleaning gear to prevent the migration of Didymo:***

1. Soak/spray & scrub waders, boots, felt and other surfaces with 140 degree water for 40 minutes.
2. Soak/spray & scrub waders, boots, felt and other surfaces for 30 minutes in 115 degree hot water with 5% dishwashing detergent.
3. Soak/spray & scrub with a 2% bleach solution for one minute.
4. If cleaning is not practical, after the item is completely dry to the touch wait an additional 48 hours before contact or use in any waterway. Unfortunately, felt can take several days to dry thoroughly.
5. One of the most effective ways to kill the Didymo algae is to put your gear in a plastic bag and put it in the freezer overnight. The Didymo algae cannot survive at temperatures below freezing.

*Thanks, Pete Smith*

**Peconic River Trip - June 21, 2011**



Lee Weil



Jeff Farrell



**Farmington River Trip - June 10, 2011  
American Legion Campgrounds  
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**Farmington River**



**Cliff Dies**



**Caleb Smith State Park**



**Mike Friedland and Wolfgang Porté  
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**Nissequogue River  
Caleb Smith State Park, Smithtown, NY**

*Photos by Al Battistelli*

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- 1b. Subject must be related to Fly Fishing.
- 1c. Prints, (no transparencies), size 4" X 6" in color or black & white.
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., Flyrodder and lifr.org)
4. There will be play-off contests in July and October
5. Three winners will be picked by members present at each of those meetings
6. All winning photos will be entered in the Annual Awards Dinner GRAND CONTEST
7. Members present at the Annual Awards Dinner will select the three Grand Prize winners
8. In case of a tie or dispute, the decision of the Chair will be final
- 9a. Submit photos at the meeting, do not e-mail

**Tom Cooleen**  
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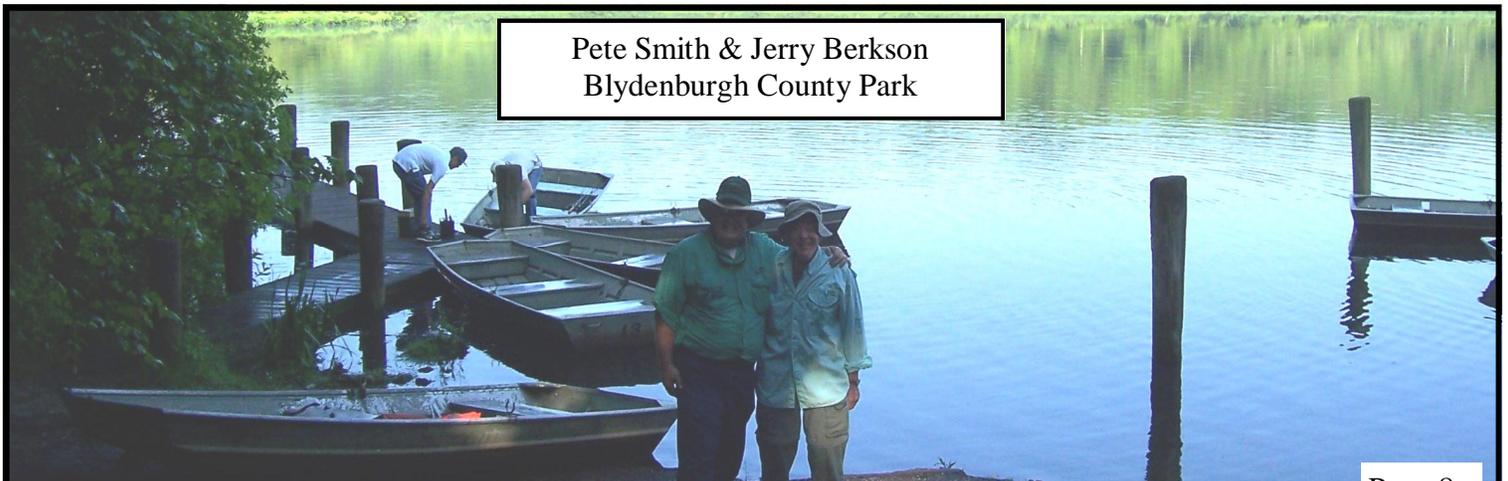
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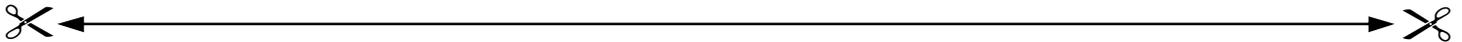
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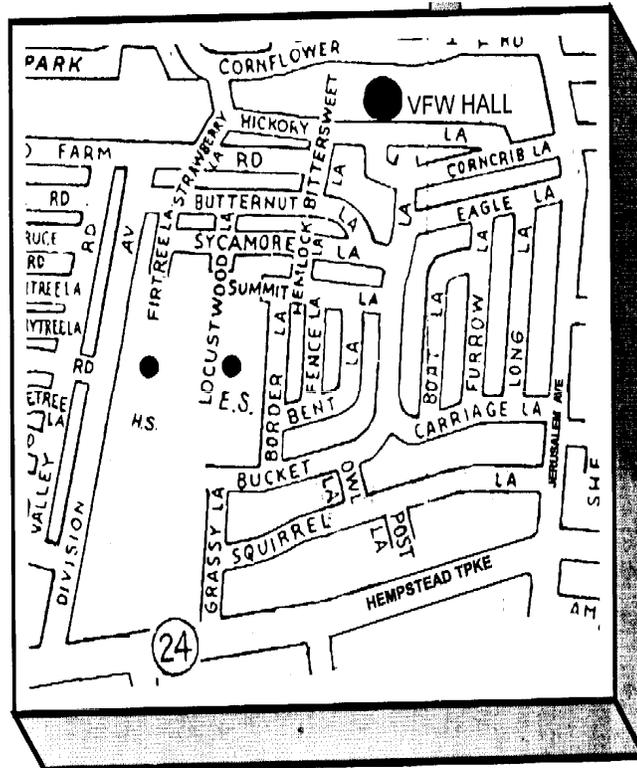
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"March was the last month for those of you who have not renewed your LIFR membership to still be considered members. Remember, you must be a member to participate in club activities and continue receiving 'the FLYRODDER'

**LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS**

**July - 2011**

- July 5            **General Meeting - 8:00 pm**  
Cookout with Paul McCain at 6:30  
Guest Speaker: Paul Dinice  
• Strippers on the Housatonic
- July 26           **Board Meeting**  
7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- August 5 - 8     **Mongaup Pond, NY**  
Camping Trip  
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