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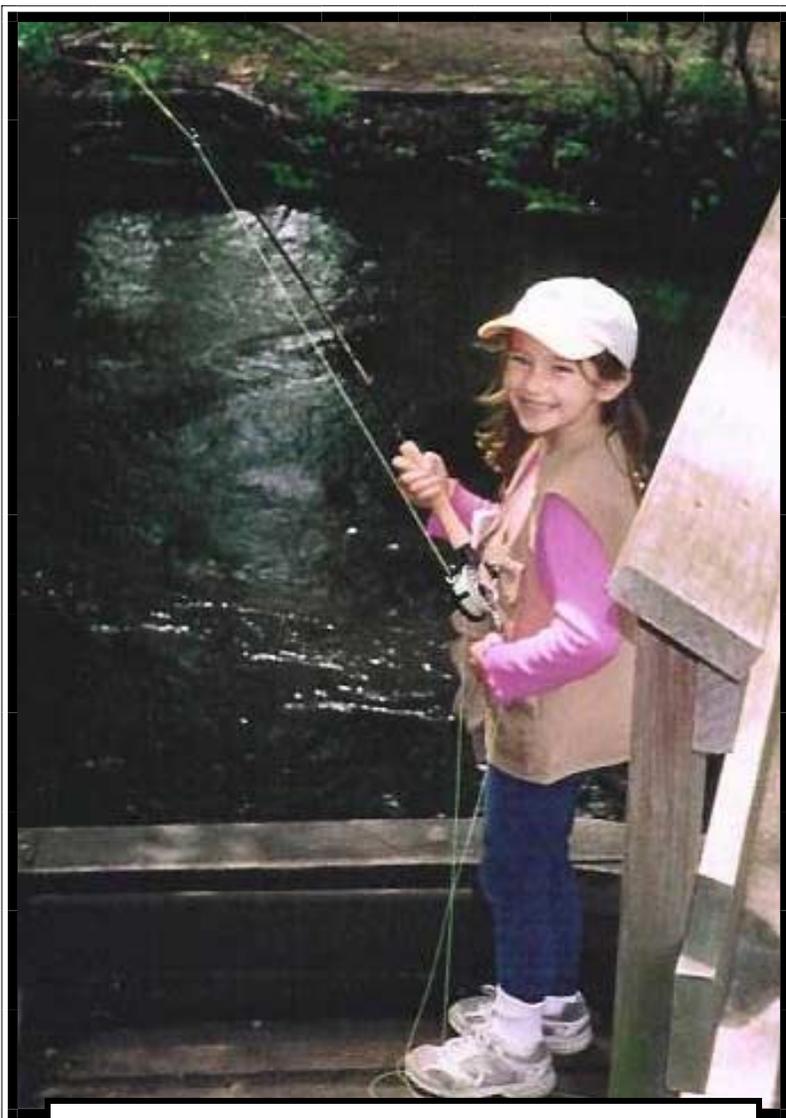
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*Our youngest member, Anna Paulin, six years old, granddaughter of Treasurer, Cliff Dies. See Page 5.*

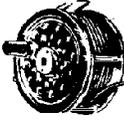


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**Long Island  
Flyrodders  
Annual Holiday Party**





## President's message

If you look in Webster's a "club" is described as "an association of persons for some common object jointly supported and meeting periodically". I think we can agree that the Flyrodders qualifies as a fine example of a club. We had our annual Club Dinner at the Stuart Thomas Manor on November 13th and it was a great evening. **Al Westbrook** and **Joe Otterstedt** set up a memorable time for us. The room was perfect for our sized group and you didn't have to shout over a too loud DJ. Besides getting together and remembering the past fishing season we use the occasion to acknowledge the contributions made by members of the club over the past year as well as dedication to the Flyrodders over many years.

For the **Lifetime Achievement Award** the committee selected **Cliff Dies**. Cliff has been our treasurer for many years. Quietly taking care of business and all the work involved in keeping our clubs finances in order, keeping up with memberships, dues and all those things. Over the years it has always been comforting knowing that Cliff has it under control.

For the **Member of the Year Award** the committee selected **Joe Otterstedt**. Joe is one of those "I'll take care of it people" with no fan fare, no brass band, just re-

sults. As a first year member on the Board of Directors he has really stepped up and enthusiastically taken on many projects for the club.

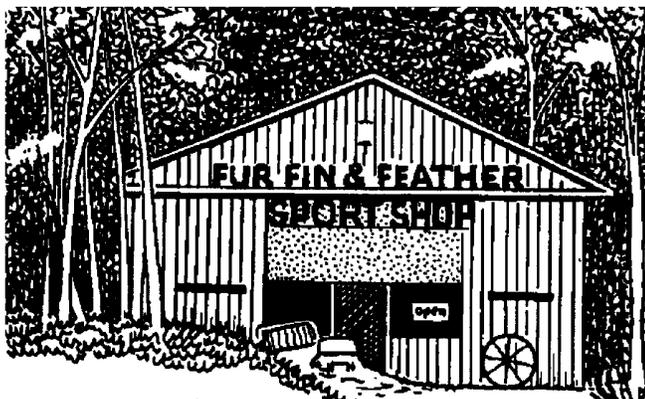
The awards committee chose several members that stood out for many different reasons with one thing in common...they volunteered. For **Volunteer of the Year Awards** the committee selected **Tony Agnese, Dennis Aron, Al Battistelli, Joe Caroleo, Nick Friedman, Mike Lackey and Peter Yuskovich**.

We did get a chance to say thanks for a job well done to our past President **Paul McCain**, not only did Paul take on the role as President for two years, but this was his second time doing it. We all know the dedication Paul puts into the club and we all owe him a thanks.

Our club has an award called the **Ancient Order of the Angle**, this award is not given every year, it can be to an individual, to a company or to an organization that furthers fly fishing through education or good deeds. This year we presented the award to **Casting for Recovery**, a group that has done such great work with breast cancer survivors. We were so happy that **Susan Balch** was able to join us from the CFR office in Manchester, Vermont to accept the award.

There are so many members that work behind the scenes running trips, working on the newsletter, setting up the meetings and all those things that make the club function. To all of you I want to say "gee thanks."

See you on the river, Mike



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# *For Your Nymphormation*

*by Lee Weil*



The **Annual LIFR Dinner** is our club’s way of expressing gratitude for the efforts of those members who go the extra mile, and this year was no exception. While many were recognized and awarded, there are also others whom I would like to extend my appreciation to for their assistance in our Connetquot based events.

Each year our club hosts groups such as those from United Cerebral Palsy and AHRC (aka “Drew’s Crew). These outings are coordinated by our **Handicapped Fishing director, Stu Minsky**. In addition to Stu, we depend on the aid of several members who assist the participants in fishing, especially those more severely challenged. At the last Handicapped Fishing event, we faced the day with a shorter than usual list of volunteers, however, by the time the bus arrived and the word got out that we were in need, we had more than enough to go around; another example of how this club will pull together for a good cause.

The Flyrodders also participate in the **Casting For Recovery Retreats and CFR alumni events** held on Long Island at Connetquot and Caleb Smith. These retreats have hosted over 100 breast cancer survivors on Long Island. Between the LIFR and LITU the list of “River Helpers” is so long that the volunteer coordinator, **Sol Harz** has to divide the retreats up to give everyone a chance to serve. I’m sure this is a dilemma that other organizations wouldn’t mind having to deal with.

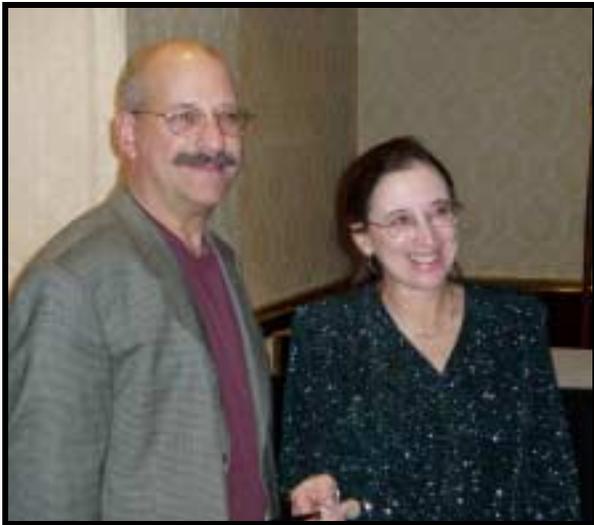
Therefore, I feel that it is appropriate at the end of the year to express, on behalf of CFR, Stu Minsky and the event participants, our appreciation to the guys without whom these events would not be possible. I apologize in advance for anyone whose name I may have inadvertently omitted.

*Have a blessed Holiday Season!  
Tight Lines, Lee*

*Herman Abrams  
Joe Caroleo  
Jim Foley  
Coreen Gelber  
Mike Gelber  
Paul Granger*

*Jack Hinger  
Jerry LeBoyer  
Jessie Lilly  
Linda Macy  
Len Melnik  
Frank Mendolia*

*Joe Otterstedt  
Wolfgang Porté  
Susan Solomon  
Bob Stapf  
Eileen Stapf  
Carl Wurzbach*



*And the winner is ..... Lee Weil*  
Pres. Mike Gelber with Lee, who won the Annual Dinner rod raffle.

*Top right: On the chow line.*

*Bottom right: Awards and prize table.*

## OAK ORCHARD RIVER TRIP

*By Al Battistelli*

During the week of October 20th nine Flyrodders made the second annual club trip of 450 miles to fish the Oak Orchard tributary of Lake Ontario. This tributary is famous primarily for its spawning run of huge brown trout in addition to steelhead, king salmon and coho salmon runs. Last year we hit the brown trout run just right and caught mainly these large spawners. This year, however, due to the different weather this summer, the brown trout run had not yet materialized to any extent but the king salmon run, which should have been waning, was at its peak and we had a ball with these 20 to 35 pound giants.

While the fishing was fantastic, (hooking up to one of these bruisers was like being hooked up to a runaway freight train), what really made the trip unbelievably great were the local people. Last year, we had to park at a place called Tom's Landing, a grass field where we paid \$2.00 to park and then had to walk down to the river and then wade in the river, in the dark, for quite a distance to get to the pools to fish. Well, **Jim Foley** remembered that there was a club by the name of "St. Mary's Archers Club" right on the bank of the river by the pool where we fished last year. Jim decided to call the club and initially was told that it was a private club and not open to the public. However, after talking with their president, **Bob McGannick**, telling him about the Flyrodders, we were invited to park our cars by the club, right by the popular Archers pool.

As great as this was, upon arrival at the club on the first morning at about 5:15 a.m. in order to secure good spots on the river, we were amazed to find two members of the St. Mary's club already there cooking breakfast for us! We could have eggs, bacon, hash browns, pancakes, coffee, etc. - whatever we wanted. After a hearty breakfast, we of course asked what we owed them. We were told there was a jar where we could, if we wished, make a modest donation to the Club - but if we didn't have any small bills/change with us, not to worry about it. Later, af-



*Left to right: Wolfgang Porté, Gordon Mueller, Armen Melkonian, John Wester, Gene Stephens, Jim Foley, Al Battistelli, Andy Zagoran and Jerry LeBoyer.  
(Oak Orchard, NY trip - October 2004)*

ter an active morning of wrestling with the huge salmon, we were invited to participate in a lunch of burgers, franks, venison stew, chili and kielbasa in sauerkraut with coffee, tea or soft drinks. This was repeated each day of the trip. These guys treated us like long lost brothers!

On the last day of fishing, when we went to say our goodbyes and thanks for the wonderful treatment, they wouldn't let us leave until they broke out a keg of beer and wanted to cook us a supper of bison steaks. (Even the local conservation officers joined in the party). We certainly are going to keep in touch with this Club and look forward to a return club trip next year. The people are great and the fishing is great. You can't beat it. Be sure to check out the trip photos on the LIFR website and think about making the trip next year which is tentatively scheduled for October 17, 2005. One last comment, unlike Pulaski, the wading is extremely easy. No korkers, studs or wading staffs needed. The bottom is primarily sandy, no rocks to speak of and the current is relatively mild. Also, the folks fishing there are, in general, friendly, helpful and courteous.



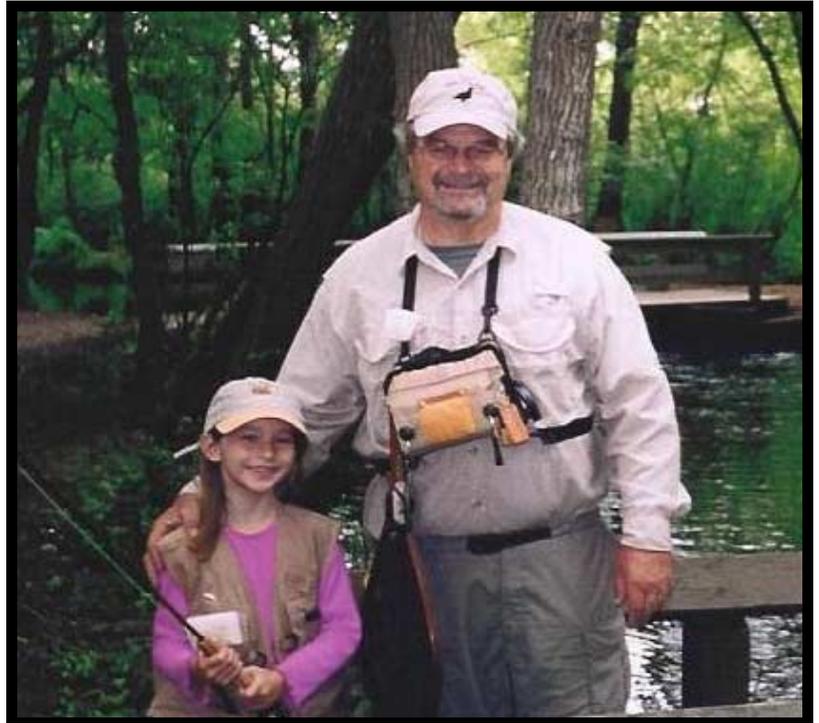
*Gene Stephens*



*Wolfgang Porté*



*Al Battistelli*



Anna and proud grandfather Cliff (Poppy) Dies.

*Left:* Our youngest member, 6 year old Anna Paulin holding her first brook trout that she caught on her first fly fishing outing. By session's end, she had caught and released (all by herself) eight brook trout. (Connetquot River, July 25)

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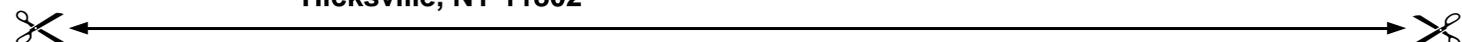
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We would like to express our appreciation to these members who came and demonstrated their skills at the November General Meeting Fly Tying Night. Thank you all!

Herman Abrams  
 John Fischer  
 Bruce Greco  
 Allan Manz  
 Paul McCain  
 Wolfgang Porté  
 Bill Teresco  
 Mark Wayne  
 Lee Weil  
 Peter Yuskevich



**Just a Little Outdoor Humor**

Taken from Acadiana Fly Rodders newsletter – On The Fly  
 Submitted by Jerry Kunnath

A Louisiana game warden sees a man walking back to his camp at a State park with a bucket full of live fish. He stops the man and asks if the man has a fishing license to keep the fish. The man answers the warden that these fish are his 'pet' fish. The man says that every day he takes them in the evening down to the lake, throws them in and that when he whistles the fish will return and jump back in the bucket. The warden tells him that that's a bunch a malarkey and reaches for his citation booklet, intending to write the man a citation for a fish and game violation. The man tells the warden that if he doesn't believe him, then the warden should follow him back to the lake's edge and he will show him. As they get to the water, the man spills the fish into the lake. He then turns around and starts to walk away. The warden, who by this time is quite fascinated, asks the man 'when he will whistle'. The man asks him 'who he's supposed to whistle to'? the warden says, 'for the fish'. The man says 'what fish'?

