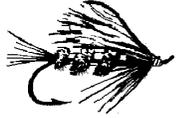


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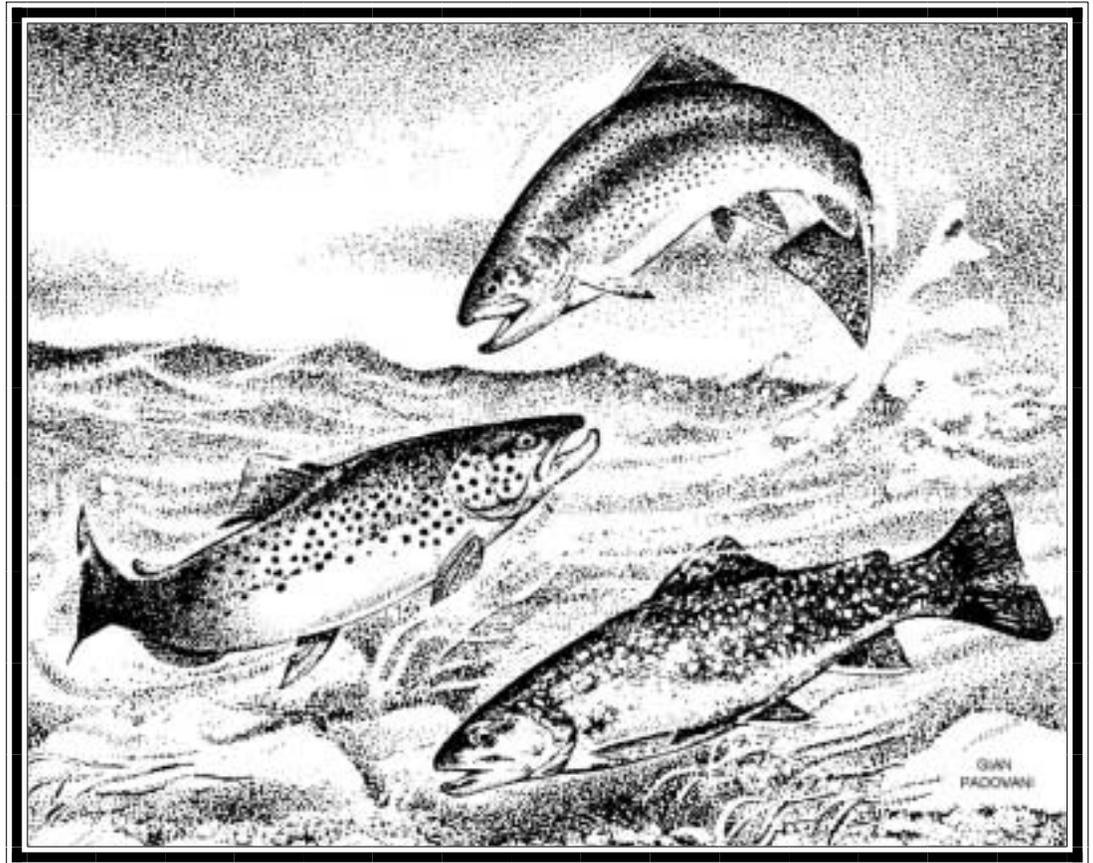
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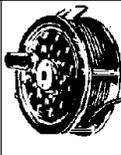
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## President's message

In the July issue of "Fly Fisherman" there was an interesting article on how this was the year of the Cicada. It was one of those things you read and keep going. Well they were not kidding. On my recent trip to Ohio to gather the marshmallow queen (my daughter Elizabeth) we met the Cicadas. The deafening sound and the masses of these insects were incredible. The few brown Cicadas we get around here are not even in the same league as the millions of these Okanagana magnifica that we experienced in the northern part of Ohio. I'm not sure whether the bass or my brother in-laws' dog

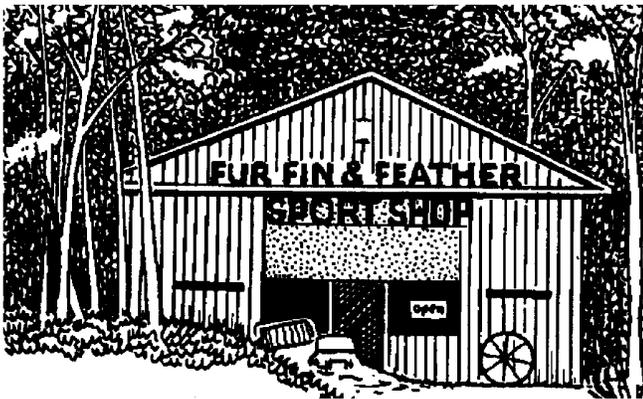
ate more of them. My nephews had a ball hooking those overfed bass in their pond. I think they call it the seventh green water hazard, but I'm not sure why. Their dog spent most of it's time outside munching down mouthfuls of the crunchy critters, she seemed to like the live ones cause they buzzed in her mouth as she ate them. I didn't check to see if the bass got sick from eating too many like the dog did. Maybe by 2021 I'll get around to tying some Cicada patterns for the next hatch.

Well, it is fishing season and the trips are in full swing **Lee Weil** tells me that her crew had a great time on the Peconic catching some of those warm water species. As always the Connetquot is a wonderful place to fish with **Gil Bergen**

and his staff maintaining one of the jewels of the state parks.

In May members of the Flyrodders helped out at the Casting for Recovery alumni outing at Caleb Smith. It was the first time **Coreen** and I had a chance to be "River Helpers" and it sure won't be the last. Everyone who attended had a great time. Being a "River Helper" was simple, mostly just watching the women fish and helping if needed. There is going to be another retreat at Connetquot on Sunday July 18 and help is always appreciated. Besides it could be one of the few times someone asks your advice on fly fishing. If you would like to volunteer contact Lee Weil.

See you on the river,  
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# For Your Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



June is always a month full of activity; graduations, weddings, vacations, etc. **The Long Island Flyrodders** were busy as well with trips and events. On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Casting For Recovery held an alumni fishing day at Caleb Smith Park for past participants of Long Island Retreats. **Betty Ann Timmermann**, who also serves as a volunteer instructor for CFR, brought it all together with the help of volunteers from the **Long Island Flyrodders, Salty Flyrodders and Trout Unlimited**. It just goes to show you what we can do when we combine our forces.

Speaking of **Casting For Recovery**, we are recruiting volunteer River Helpers for the retreat to be held at Connetquot on

**Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please see Lee at the meeting if you are interested in signing up.

The Fifth (WOW!) Annual **Peconic River Trip** took place on June 8<sup>th</sup>, with a great turnout and good weather. Fishing was a little slow, but I believe everyone managed to stretch their lines at least once. The usual sharpies took their fair share of bass and pickerel. Shawn Sullivan even used the trolling method with his kayak to hook a nice pickerel. **Nick Friedman** came through with flying colors twice, providing a spare rod for one angler who forgot his, and even managing to produce a folding table for the picnic (I forgot that one!) I also want to thank **Dan Van Buskirk** for sharing his ca-

noe with me. Fly fishing in a canoe with someone isn't always easy and it's a risky proposition at best, but I'm happy to report neither Danny or myself have any new body piercings. In light of the comments I received and the camaraderie we shared, I hope be able to announce our Sixth Annual Peconic Trip next year.

One more thing; now that the kids are out of school, it's a perfect time to take a day out of your life and share a day on the stream. Believe me, you'll enjoy it as much (if not more) than they do and it will make memories for them that they will never forget.

*Tight lines and God bless,  
Lee*

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An Airlifting Experience  
by Phil Schlereth

It was my first LIFR club trip, Peconic River, June 8, 2004 and my first fish with a fly rod. It was only a bluegill on a popper, but it's a start. It was a memorable experience in more ways than one. The club members were friendly and offered advice on fly selections. After about five hours on the river, lunch was prepared by **Lee Weil** which hit the spot. However, the real story concerns safety and the proper securing of car top boats on vehicles. On the way home on the LIE, my Jon boat ripped the Yakama roof rack off the car and went airborne, landing in the middle

lane narrowly missing other vehicles. With the assistance of fellow members, **Nick Friedman** and **Dan Van Buskirk**, along with a State Trooper stopping traffic, we secured the boat back on my vehicle. There were no accidents and virtually no damage to my boat or car. Just thinking about what could have happened is frightening. I should have tied safety lines on the front and rear of the boat to the vehicle besides the lines to the roof rack. A lesson learned. All in all, it was a pretty good day.

*Editor's Note:*

I mistakenly attributed the two articles published in the June *Flyrodder*, (“Saving Wild Salmon” and “Lead Fishing Sinker Ban Takes Effect”) to Linda Macy. Linda has advised me that she only gathered this information from various websites and presented it for our members’ information. Linda has always been in the forefront of environmental issues and, once again, we thank her for her interest in sharing this knowledge.

# The Three Kings

by Lee Weil

The middle of July was not exactly the perfect time for fishing; for the trout nor the angler. The temperature had risen considerably since sunrise from the cool, welcome dampness that greeted me when I woke up and rolled down the car window. I had arrived several hours before dawn to take my place in line for the morning session, along with other devoted anglers who were willing to give up some sleep for the chance to fish one of the finest streams in the country.

Now, at 10:00, the sun was hanging high over the stream and I was inclined (as were the trout) to seek some shade and take a siesta. I took a seat under a flowering bush on the bank of my beat; studying the bees that were working diligently among the pink blossoms. They were within inches of my face but totally oblivious to my presence. The drone was almost hypnotic, and I was unaware that I had a visitor until I heard a twig snap across the stream. I looked up to see a sight that caused me to freeze; not daring to breath and break the spell.

Rising out of the brush was a buck's head, sporting a very impressive rack. He stood perfectly still, and I realized that he hadn't seen me. After a few seconds, he stepped down to the stream and lowered his head to drink. While he was sipping, I heard rustling behind him and saw a second buck peeking tentatively over his shoulder. I realized there were two silhouettes against the sun; then all three of them were in front of me.

I had seen many deer at Connetquot before, but not like these. They were in their prime with heavy racks and well-muscled shoulders. As I sat there, one stepped into the water and began

to wade upstream away from me; stopping to forage along the bank as he went. He didn't intend to cross and seemed perfectly happy to browse while immersed up to his elbows in the cool water. The others soon followed suit, and I soon understood why they were out on the stream at this time of day, when as a rule they are usually bedded down in the shade. Like the ponies on Chincoteague Island, they were taking advantage of the water to provide relief from the heat and insects.



I could have sat and watched them for the rest of the day; however at that point I was startled by a caterpillar, which dropped onto the back of my neck. I swatted at it; knocking it off into the water, causing the silent scene to erupt into a chaos of splashing. I looked up and the three kings were gone, leaving only the ripples and stirring grass behind.

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All of a sudden, I was back on Long Island; back in the civilized world. I closed my eyes and tried to imprint the memory of the moment on my mind like a precious photo I didn't want to lose; the drops of water falling from the glistening black muzzles, the liquid brown eyes, and the heavy racks of ivory. I knew I would remember that day for a very long time and I reflected on how much the park had come to mean to me. I had been blessed in so many ways by its remarkable essence of wildness, preserved by caring efforts in the midst of a sadly changing world where our childhood havens are being destroyed all around us. I thanked the Lord for another "greeting card" from Connetquot and prayed that I would not see the day that this precious sanctuary would become, like so many of our gifts from Him, another faded memory.

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