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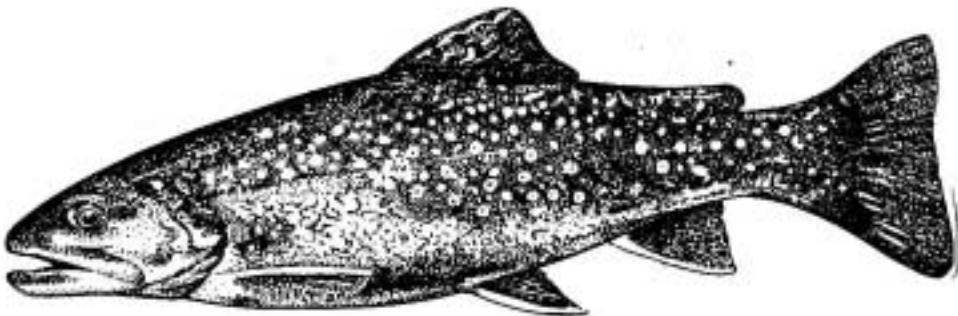
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God Bless America



Dear Flyrodders:

Just a reminder, that if you have not renewed your membership for 2005, this will be your last issue. In order to participate in club activities, fishing trips, and enjoy the many benefits we could not possibly have on our own , you must be a paid-up member.

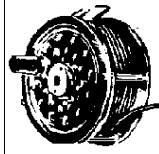
Please renew at the next meeting (March 1), or mail us a check, using the form on page 9, to continue your membership in the best fly-fishing club there is.

Hope to see you again!

GUEST SPEAKER:

John Hildenbrand

“Fishing the Lower Housatonic”



President's message

Every year in January the President of the United States gives his State of the Union speech. He lets us know how we're doing as a country and all the great plans the government has for making our lives better. My fishing partner (the blonde I share the camper with) suggested I do the same. Well, we're doing just fine. The economy, or in our case the bank account, is stable and reflect the same levels as the same time last year. The board has practiced fiscal conservatism and kept spending to a minimum. By instituting e-mailing the *Flyrodder*, we have saved some money on postage and printing, every bit helps. The membership fees have not changed in several years and it does not look as if we will need to increase them in the near future. This year we have more trips planned, with some new faces running them to some different destinations. Besides our regular fishing trips, we will be participating in several community projects including Casting for Recovery, as well as the Handicapped fishing days at Connetquot. We have already scheduled some new speakers for the meetings and will be mixing

up fresh water and salt water agendas. Maybe we can get someone to talk about brackish water? On a serious note, I would like to let all the members know that the officers and board members are very careful about how the club is run. The fiscal health of the club is important to all of us and any decisions involving money are discussed and thought out before anything is done. My fellow Flyrodders....We're doing just fine.

With this years elections, we have had some more changes on the board that usual. With **Herb Schneiderman** moving to Florida and **Al Battistelli** coming on as Treasurer we had some extra spots to fill on the board. **Morty Schneiderman** was voted to fill his brother's spot and **Herman Abrams** was elected to fill Al's spot. The three year terms have been filled by **Nick Friedman, Jerry LeBoyer and Wolfgang Porte**. Having a Board of Directors and officers like these makes my job a whole lot easier and for that I am most thankful.

See you on the river,
Mike



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For Your Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



ATTENTION CONNETQUOT ANGLERS !!!

Last month's FYN Column contained a misprint (my error!) in Rule # 1 concerning the cancellation policy. All cancellations must be phoned in by 7:00 pm **SATURDAY** night, not Sunday. This allows me time to notify any anglers who may be waiting on the stand-by list. Anyone who fails to meet the **SATURDAY** deadline will forfeit their fees, and all "call in" reservations will also be charged accordingly.

As spring is upon us, I'm really happy to announce that we will be conducting a **LADIES Casting Clinic on Saturday, April 9th at Eisenhower Park**, located on Hempstead Turnpike in East Meadow. This clinic will provide basic instruction for beginners as well as more advanced instruction for intermediate casters. Rods will be available for those who do not have their own equipment. We will begin classes at 10:00 am and break at 12:30 for a complimentary lunch, graciously prepared by our **President and gourmet chef, Mike Gelber!**

After lunch we will go over the program and have another practice session with the opportunity for everyone to "kick it up a notch" and take what they've learned to the next level. Finish up time will be deter-

mined by how much energy you have and if we begin wagering on who can hit the bullseye at 30 feet! While the class and lunch are free, we do need to confirm how many will be attending, so please call me, **Lee Weil, at 516-997-6743** to reserve your place.

Our **first trip of 2005 to the Connetquot** turned out to be a good day, in spite of the wet weather in the afternoon. The fishing upstream was excellent and one member caught the largest brown trout of his life, to be followed by an impressive rainbow. As usual for this time of year, many fish were caught on streamers, but I had more success in the afternoon with a nymph pattern tied by Tom Baltz of PA. Once I tied it on I was into fish on almost every cast. Another member had a lot of success fishing a Griffith's gnat, proving once again that you don't have to fish big flies to connect, even in the early season.

There were some sporadic midge hatches to be seen and that can only mean one thing; spring is not far away!

Tight Lines & God bless! Lee



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The Bottom Line

By Lee Weil

Early season water often means higher than usual levels and stronger currents, which can be caused by snow melt and spring rains. This presents anglers with a dilemma; how do we get the fly down to the level where the fish are feeding?

This can be addressed in two ways. One way to look at the problem is as an angler, on the stream. There are many techniques that we can use to overcome the situation encountered during high water. One way of giving your fly a little extra sink time in fast water is to cast upstream, even when using a streamer or wet fly. This trick allows the fly to sink while it is being carried to the point where you will eventually begin to retrieve it with a slow strip, at the end of the "swing". As you begin your retrieve, the fly will be carried upwards by both the current and your stripping. This incorporates a rising, swimming action and will often trigger strikes from fish that are lying under the path of the fly.

Another way to allow the fly time to sink is to mend line. I often use a technique which could be termed as "throwing" line downstream, above the lane I have cast my fly into. This allows slack line to build up and thus the fly has no resistance. It will sink a lot faster and be carried to the bottom in a natural drift. The drawback of this technique is the loss of contact with your fly, making it difficult to detect a take from a fish. Admittedly, you may miss a few fish this way, but if you watch your floating line closely you will be able to detect a "stop", and set the hook.. Using the rod tip to direct the angle of descent is a skill worth learning, and fishing spring currents are a great way to practice.

The other side of the coin is the fly tyer's perspective. Instead of seeking solutions to be used on the stream, we look at the different ways we can "tweak" our flies at the vise. There are many ways to add the advantage of weight without compromising the design of the fly, and without using lead. Beadheads and cone-

heads, both of brass and tungsten can be used to provide weight to get the fly down quickly, but there are also other considerations. We can break down the components of our winter and spring patterns to include materials that will sink the fly even faster. For example, natural wool will sink a lot faster than poly yarn. Adding an additional wrap of wire over the hackle on a woolly bugger will add weight and make the fly a lot more durable. If you aren't sure of the sinkability of a given material, just throw it in a glass of water and wait a few seconds; if it's still floating it's time to go back to the drawing board.

Some wonderful new materials to be added the tyer's palette are the metal dubbings, such as Depth Advantage. These materials are actually made of metal, much like steel wool. They can be spun just like dubbing and come in a variety of colors. I have found them to be surprisingly easy to work with and they really do get the job done when it comes down to sinking your patterns.

So remember, your success in the spring will depend on your ability to get down and reach the fish. Learn to use different techniques, both at the tying bench and on the stream, and use them to increase your hook ups when the water runs high and cold.



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THE FLY FISHING SHOW

By Nick Friedman

It's the end of January and my impatience to fish is zooming skyward. I want to be out on the water hooked onto a big beautiful trout, or perhaps a not so beautiful bass. Instead, I'm tying that boring but successful nymph pattern for the hundredth time. Why is it that I always seem to lose so many? I've cleaned all my lines and I've finished reading all my fly fishing magazines that were lying around since last summer. I've even washed my waders! What else is there to do?

Fortunately, just when things seemed most desperate, I got a mailing for the annual Fly Fishing Show held every January in Somerset, New Jersey. This year it would be from Jan. 28th to Jan. 30th. I received these notifications in years past and despite good intentions, one thing or another kept me from attending. This year I was determined to go. I bought a discount ticket at the January club meeting (\$2 off the regular \$12 daily admission.). Since this would be my rookie year and I wanted to spend lots of time there, I made a reservation at the Somerset Holiday Inn, across the street from the Exhibit Center so I could stay for two days. I was all set.

On Jan. 28th I gassed up my car, threw some clothes into an overnight bag and headed down the Turnpike. An hour and a half later I was walking through the doors of the show. The scene was incredible. Lots of clubs and organizations, including the Flyrodders, had their booths right in the entry lobby. Gil Padovani did a great job of setting up our display. It felt good to get a warm welcome from Gil, Al Battistelli and Ron LaChase who were already there. Over the course of the weekend many other Flyrodders came by while visiting the show to say hello and to help out by selling raffles and publicizing our club. Being there and helping out with the other members really made me feel good to be a part of the

club. It was gratifying to see how many people purchased raffles, especially after learning of the services our club provides to the angling community, such as Project Access and Casting for Recovery. It was fun to speak with people coming up to our table. We'd talk about where they were from, what the fishing was like, tell them about fishing the "Conny" and sell them a raffle or two. For some reason Gil's approach worked well with the women.

Next, I exchanged my ticket for a red hand stamp in the shape of a Royal Wulff and off I went into fantasyland. The exhibits were an unbelievable sight and experience. Anything and everything to do with fly fishing was on display for viewing and trying out and, of course, buying. Top tyers were demonstrating their special patterns and techniques. All of them were available for questions and advice. Workshops and seminars with all sorts of experts on when, where and how to fish both locally and far away took place every day. There were some really good buys on equipment, notably the Elkhorn rod and reel combo that just about flew off the display racks by themselves. It was really fun to try out lots of nifty new stuff like the Korkers wading boots with a convertible sole that lets you switch from felt to studs or other sole patterns in a matter of seconds. I cast lots of rods and the trust factor was amazing, considering we were in the NY/NJ area. A rod maker let me walk off with a \$1500 bamboo rod to test cast after knowing me for only 5 minutes. I found this level of trust and friendship to exist throughout the show. It speaks well of the kind of people we anglers are.

Even with staying for two days there were far too many things to see and do than there was time for. I highly recommend the show. I'll definitely return next year—after a good season's fishing of course!

Reprinted from an earlier edition

Casting for Recovery Fund Raiser to Benefit Long Island Breast Cancer Survivors

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Long Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited 24th Annual Banquet

April 8, 2005, at the Stewart Thomas Manor. Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m., and dinner follows.

In addition, there will be raffles, auctions, and games. All of this is for the cause of conservation.

There are still tickets available, and you can contact **Brian Nazinitsky** at **(631) 269-3424**.

Project Access 2005

The Project Access trip will be the weekend of April 30, May 1.

Meet at the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum at 8:00 AM Saturday morning (April 30). Bring shovels, rakes, hoes, Etc. if you have them. The work should be completed around noon, at which time the club will have a picnic at he Covered Bridge park (our last work site). After that fishing the afternoon is on the schedule.

For those wishing to stay over night at the Rockland House the room rates are \$55/night for a room with one double bed, \$66/ night for 2 double beds and \$60/ night for a King size bed/night, these prices include room tax.

Also those staying over or leaving later we will have dinner at the Rockland House Saturday evening, the cost is \$28, which includes anything on the menu (except Filet Mignon or Lobster), drinks not included.

Sign up at the meeting with a deposit in cash or check made out to:

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Danbury Show - 2005



Relaxing at Paul McCain's family house at Candlewood Lake, CT.
L to R: Wolfie Porté, Bob Skoy, Gordy Grimes, Gil Padovani, and
Al Battistelli



In the booth at the Danbury Show
L to R: Gil Padovani, Cliff Dies, Paul McCain and
Herb Schneiderman

Somerset Fly Fishing Show - 2005



L to R: Nick Friedman, Linda Macy and Joe Otterstedt



L to R: Jeff Farrell, Gil Padovani, LeeWeil and
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A list of the participants who have enclosed their deposit checks will be sent to the Hungry Trout on 4/20 (or sooner if all rooms have been booked). After that, reservations will be on room availability and on a first come first served basis. Deposits will be forfeited on cancellations made after 5/1. (Unless a substitute is found)

NAME	DEP	ROOM WITH (If known)	CANOE WITH (If known)

If not three day package: Check-in date: _____ Check-out _____



CONNETQUOT RIVER TRIPS - 2005

In response to the demand for the limited spaces available for our Monday Connetquot River State Park trips, the following guidelines are in effect:

Members attending the meetings have **first priority**, followed by those members, chronologically received, who call in the day after the meeting for the remaining spaces available. Reservations are available for 32 anglers for each session; 64 for both sessions. The cost of each session is **\$20.00**. No checks will be accepted; **EXACT CHANGE, CASH ONLY, NO SINGLES,**

to be paid at the general meeting or at the park for call-in reservations. Anglers fishing the morning sessions must be at the park by **7:30 a.m.** Cancellations must be made by 7:00 p.m. the Saturday before the session.

No advance reservations will be accepted.

Hours: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

For Details call Lee Weil - (516) 997-6743.

CONNETQUOT DATES - 2005

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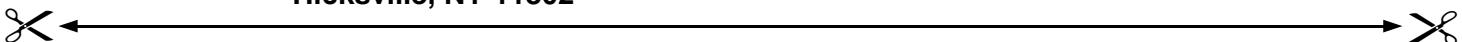


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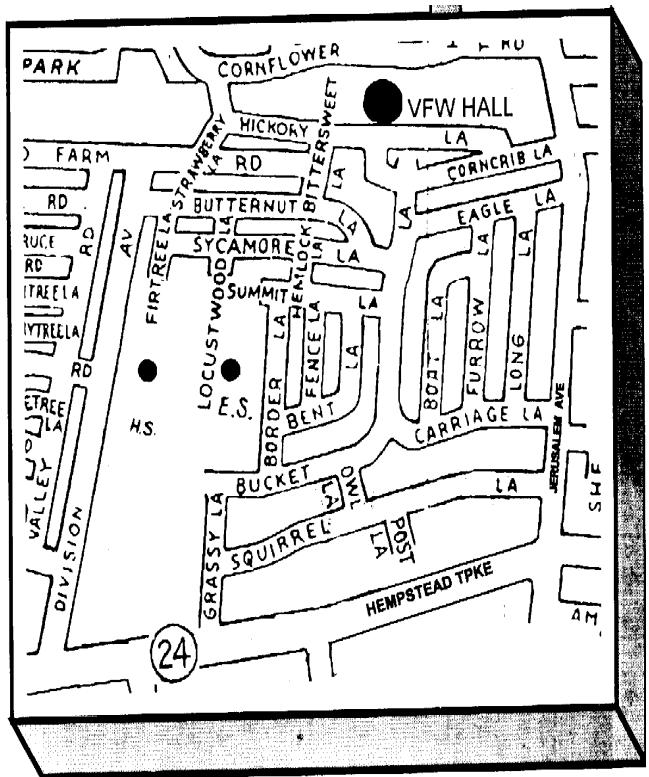
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LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS

March - 2005

- March 1 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
Speaker: John Hildenbrand
"Fishing the Lower Housatonic"
- March 8 **Fly Tying Night - 7:00 P.M.**
at Pancho's Border Grill in Bethpage
Contact: Paul McCain (516) 536-1418
- March 11 **Casting for Recovery Fund Raiser**
Connetquot State Park - Main House
Contact: Betty Anne Timmerman
(516) 742-7085
- March 14 **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State**
Contact: Lee Weil (516) 997-6743
See Page 3 for details
- March 17 **Board Meeting**
7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall



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