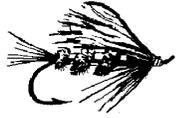


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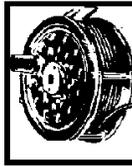


Jim Foley's grandson, Jack, with his first trout at Connetquot beat 12.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Jim Levison

☐ Sight Fishing for Striped Bass ☐



President's message

The 3rd Annual White Fly Trip to the Housatonic River was a great success due to the joint effort of all who went on the trip. Annie and I want to thank all who pitched in to help. Some set up the dining area, others helped prepare a meal, still others showed off their grilling skills and some even picked up a sponge and soap to wash dishes. Many hands do make light work. Now let's continue this new tradition and pitch in to help out on the next trip you attend.

The weekend was a success for other reasons too. Many people caught fish. All types of flies worked: dries, nymphs and wet. Even the new members (**Michele and Joe**) who joined the trip for the first time were able to net a few fish. The weather held out even though it rained in Kent it never rained on the river. Some of the woman ventured into town to walk around enjoyed the day browsing. All had a terrific time.

This past weekend we had our annual Family Picnic. It was held at Belmont State Park right next to the lake. There was a good group of Flyrodders who showed up: our best yet. I want to thank **Roy Placet** for organizing the day and making sure it went off without a hitch. **Nancy, John Langan's wife**, showed off her fish tossing skills and landed the trout in the hole. **Roy, Andy Murad and Ken Arstark** manned the grill with the help of **Ryan**, Andy's son. All had a relaxing time and enjoyed catching up with each other.

Casting for Recovery will be held the weekend of September 29, Oct. 1 and 2. We will need volunteers to assist and act as river guides to work with the women on Sunday, Oct. 2. I encourage all to participate in this outing. It is a very rewarding experience and you get a great lunch.

If there is anything I can help you with, please feel free to ask. I am here for you!

Tight Lines,
Rich Cosgrove





For Your Nymphormation
By Lee Weil



Tippy Canoe and Fly Rods Too

Some of the best bass fishing is found in rivers with alternating areas of flat shallows and deep holes. The upper Hudson is prime Smallmouth territory with a bottom consisting of shelves and pits where the bass can lie in ambush. In the summer months, lower water levels usually allow wading access to these spots, but rain and high water can prove frustrating, especially when you see fish working bait just out of your casting zone.

The high water also affects smaller streams and creeks when banks that were formally paths to open areas are submerged. What's an angler to do? The perfect solution to fluctuating water levels and limited launch access is the canoe. Since we purchased our canoe (Paddlin Maddlin), we have enjoyed many hours in places we never fished in spite of their proximity.

Fishing from a canoe presents many advantages; it can be easily transported without a trailer, doesn't require a lot of water to navigate, and if the water becomes too shallow it can be portaged over to the next stretch. As for angling advantages, a canoe can provide a stealthy approach into weed beds and give you the best casting angle to target the pockets.

Flyfishing in a canoe, especially with two anglers, is slightly more challenging than spinfishing, but once you develop certain habits and skills it's easy to adapt. Rods should be strung on shore and handed in once one angler is seated. Lay the rods with the tips straight off the bow and stern to prevent interference while paddling. A chest pack can be worn with the mandatory life vest to keep tippet, nippers and flies

close at hand, or you can simply store your flybox under your seat.

Casting can be done by turns, or anglers can cast across the bow and stern. Jeff and I have found that facing opposite while casting works well, as long as there's no strong wind. Backhand, across-the-body casts and the water haul are techniques you should practice as well. Canoe flyfishing will definitely give you a reason to increase your casting skills. When the fish are rising you won't have to wait for your turn to make a cast, you can simply change your technique to suit the situation.

When bass fishing from the canoe, a 9 ft. rod will give you an added advantage. Remember that you will be casting while seated and the extra foot will keep your line up on your backcast, plus give you a little more muscle when dealing with bass bugs in a breeze.

Canoe flyfishing has become one of our favorite pastimes on rivers and lakes, especially since there are so many options available. I can honestly say that purchasing "Maddlin" was one of the best investments we ever made. Many ponds and lakes in New York prohibit motor boats and there's a special peace to be found while paddling along a lily pad dotted shoreline, casting to each promising pocket, with only a couple of loons and shore birds for company. A box of crackers, a little wine and cheese in the cooler and you've got all the makings for a perfect day trip.

Tight lines and God bless, Lee



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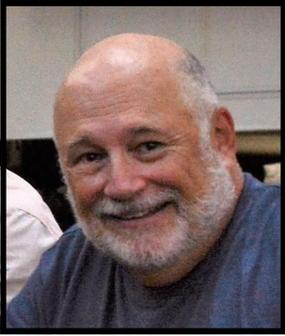


LIFR Annual Family Picnic - 2016
Belmont Lake State Park



Evolution of a Flyrodder

By Howie Solomon



When I was 6 years old my father bought me a spinning outfit to be used fishing off the wall at Gravesend Bay in Brooklyn. He would take me there when we went to visit my grandmother who lived two blocks away. It would be the beginning of my love for fishing.

Towards the end of the 80s my uncle and I would go to South Pond in Rockville Center on Saturday mornings to fish for largemouth bass, perch or anything else that was in there. One day my uncle suggested that we try fly fishing. I agreed and we purchased some rods. We really had no idea how to use them but I would go down to White's Pool on the Nissequogue River during the winter and practice my casting, trying to catch some fish without much success. On one of my trips to a fly shop I noticed a newsletter from a club that met at the Hicksville library once a month called the Long Island Flyrodders. My uncle and I decided to go to a meeting and see what it was all about.

I remember walking in to the meeting and finding maybe 10 or 15 guys. I remember thinking that these guys were serious about fly fishing and that I should join this club if I wanted to learn more about the sport. As the club grew we had to move to the Elks Club in Hicksville. Each month I would listen and learn from these older guys (they were probably in their 50s and 60s except for the kid that was part of their group). The guys were Gian and Gil Padovani, Morty and Herb Schneiderman, Al Westbrook, Danny Van Buskirk, Al Mantz and the kid was Paul McCain.

After a while I decided to take a fly tying class that was being taught by Herb Schneiderman. While taking the class I met a couple of guys who suggested going on a trip for bonefish, which we did for several years going to many of the islands of the Bahamas, Mexico, Belize and Florida.

When I was still starting out I asked my wife Sue if she wanted to try fly fishing and with some hesitation she agreed. I took her to the Connetquot and she really started to enjoy it. I thought she was ready for a real trip so we went for a weekend to fish the Esopus River. She enjoyed it so much that she agreed to start coming to the Flyrodder meetings. Those of you who don't know me have to understand that I am not very outgoing and that over the years, although I rarely missed a meeting, most of the members did not even know my name. After bringing Sue to a couple of meetings everyone knew who she was and knew me only as Sue's husband.

In all the years that I was a member I had never gone on a trip with the club. One night while at a meeting Sue suggested that we sign up for the Housatonic River camping trip that was being run by Paul McCain. We watched in amazement as Paul cooked for a group of about thirty people for the whole weekend. We looked forward to upcoming trips and spending time with the friends we made. While meetings were fun, trips were the best way to get to know fellow Flyrodders.

After a while Sue suggested that we run a trip. I still remember telling her that I thought she was crazy and that we could never handle something like that. She said she really wanted to do it so, like most of you know, I can't say no to her. Sue did some research and decided that we would run a trip to the Deerfield River in Massachusetts. The trip came off without a hitch (we even visited the Thomas and Thomas Rod Co. to see how a fly rod was made). The next year we started running the Natchaug River trip and have been running it ever since.

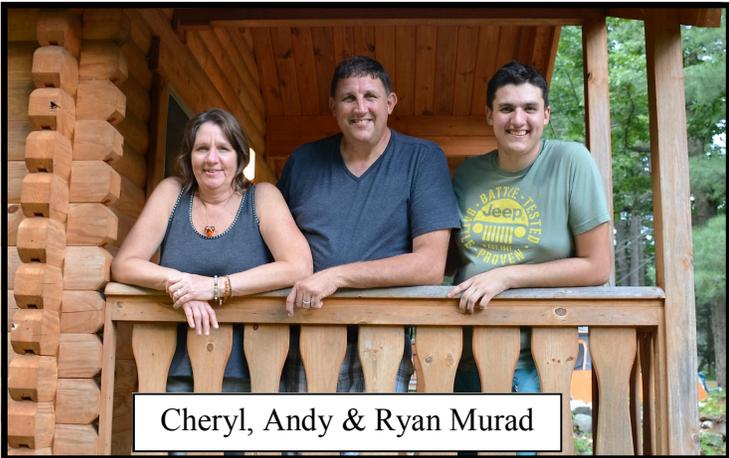
I won't lie to you, it is a lot of work, but it is worth it. People always offer to help, which makes the job a lot easier. Going on and running these trips have been a great experience for us. We have made friendships that will probably last a lifetime. I really believe that these trips are the lifeblood of the Club and the reason that people (new members or people that are just observers of our trips) say the Flyrodders are something special.

We are currently at a crossroad. For years the trips went on without a hitch. Now we are short of people who are willing to run them. Besides having a terrific time, trips offer a great opportunity to meet people, learn about the places they fish and gain fishing knowledge from people who are willing to share what they know. Please take some time to consider the value of these trips, what they mean to you and the future of the Club, and how you can help. You can speak to Sue or me to find out how to get started. If people don't come forward, our Club trips will be a thing of the past and just something you hear about from the old-timers.



Housatonic River

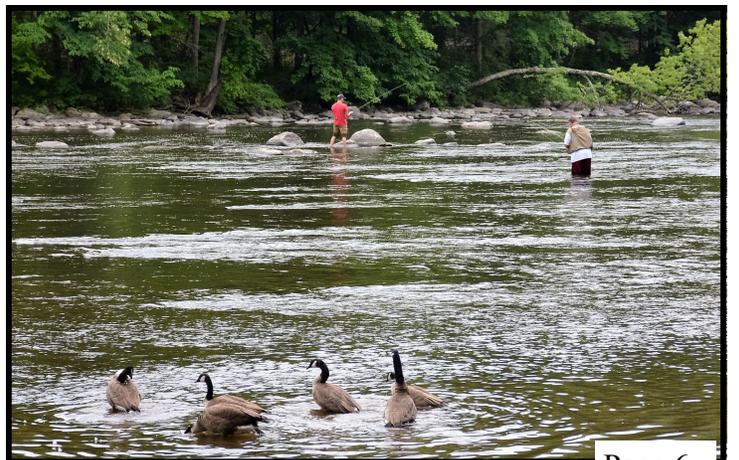
Trip Leaders Rich & Annmarie Cosgrove



Cheryl, Andy & Ryan Murad



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Housatonic River





Silverton-Durango Narrow Gauge Railroad

For Your Bucket List

By Susan Solomon

If you're looking for an offbeat fly fishing adventure and you're willing to travel to Southern Colorado for it, don't miss fishing the Animas River and Cascade Creek.

You can reach these fishing spots by taking a ride on the Silverton-Durango Railroad. The narrow gauge railroad (the same one used in the film, "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid") travels from the canyons of the Animas River to the soaring cliffs of the San Juan National Forest. By special arrangement, they will stop the train to let fly fisherman off at either Cascade Creek or Needleton. You must be back at the tracks at the correct time to flag down the train for the return trip to Durango. Because we would have a longer time to fish between train schedules, Howie and I chose to be dropped off at Cascade Creek.

It was about a 2-1/2 hour trip to the drop-off spot (the train only travels 12.5 mph). The scenery was breathtaking and at times dizzying as we traveled through the canyon with seemingly no track beneath us. The train followed the Animas River and throughout the trip we watched as it churned over huge boulders. We wondered what we had signed up for and decided we would make the best of it, whatever happened. The conductor told us when our stop was coming up and the train came to a halt. As we disembarked passengers yelled good wishes to us. The conductor guided us in the right direction and we were left in the wilderness with hopes that he would keep his bargain and pick us up on the return trip.

We found a trail and followed it to an Animas River that was a lot calmer than the one we witnessed from the train. It wasn't long before Howie had a wild brown trout on his line. Just across a bridge we met up with Cascade Creek, where I caught a cutthroat. These mountain rivers were beyond beautiful and Howie and I agreed that it was a very special place.

The five hours we had between trains flew by and the time came to meet the train much too quickly. I followed the directions we were given to flag down the train, by waving my arms across my chest. You can't just wave, because people wave to the train all along the route, and the engineer just waves back. My signaling worked and the train stopped to pick us up, as promised. We completed our ride back to Durango exhausted and content that we had



Howie fishing on the Animas River



August Presenter, Paul McCain

August Meeting

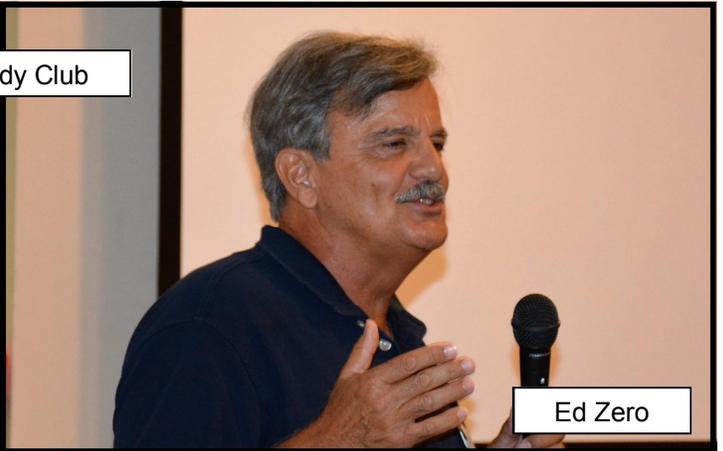


Double Winner, Jerry Berkson



Mike Postol

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Casting Practice

August Meeting



Owen, Julie, & Paul McCain



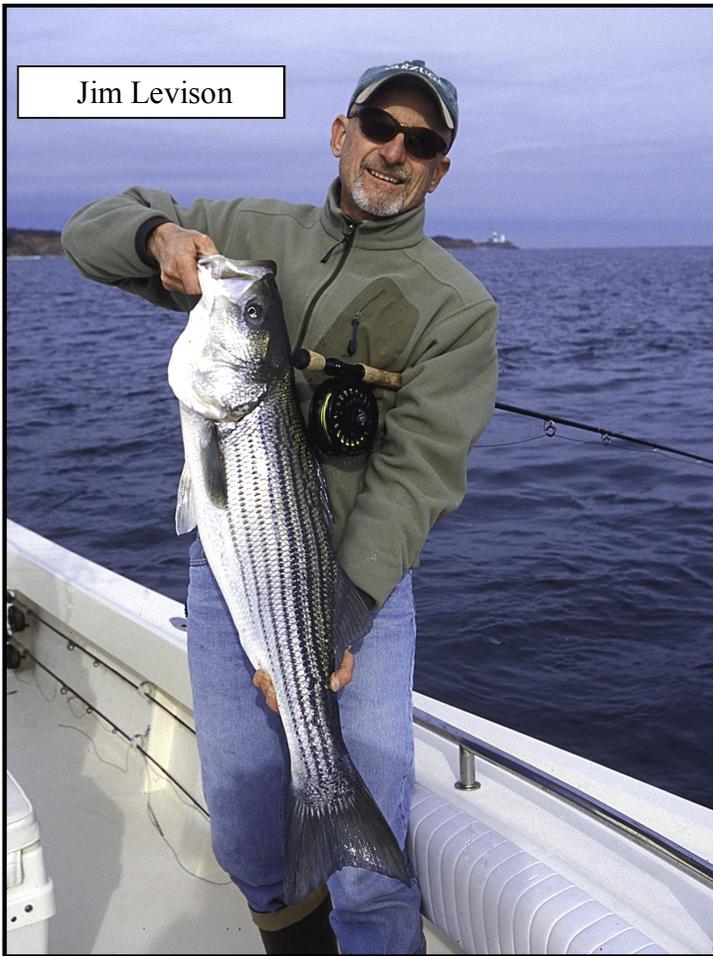
Linda Macy, Nora Solomon, Anmarie Cosgrove, Cheryl Zadek & Cheryl Murad

Hey Paul- I said it last night at the meeting, but feel compelled to reiterate our gratitude for your presentation last evening AND your service to the club. On behalf of Richie, the Board of Directors and the entire membership, I THANK YOU. Your "Summer Hatches" presentation was well executed and especially well-received, as was evidenced by the large number of folks remaining for its entirety and the follow-up questions and comments. I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity, through River Bay Outfitters, in providing discounted goods for use in our monthly and "special" raffles. It has helped us to raise funds to keep the club viable and provide many of the great activities like the clean-ups and BBQs you lead. Lastly, I'd like to personally thank you for your guidance in the art and sport of fly fishing. Our fly tying classes, many conversations and trips to the Farmington, Housatonic and Croton have been most educational, but more importantly... FUN! You're a great friend and I look forward to many more fishing adventures together. **Many Thanks & Tight Lines,**
Kenny Arstark



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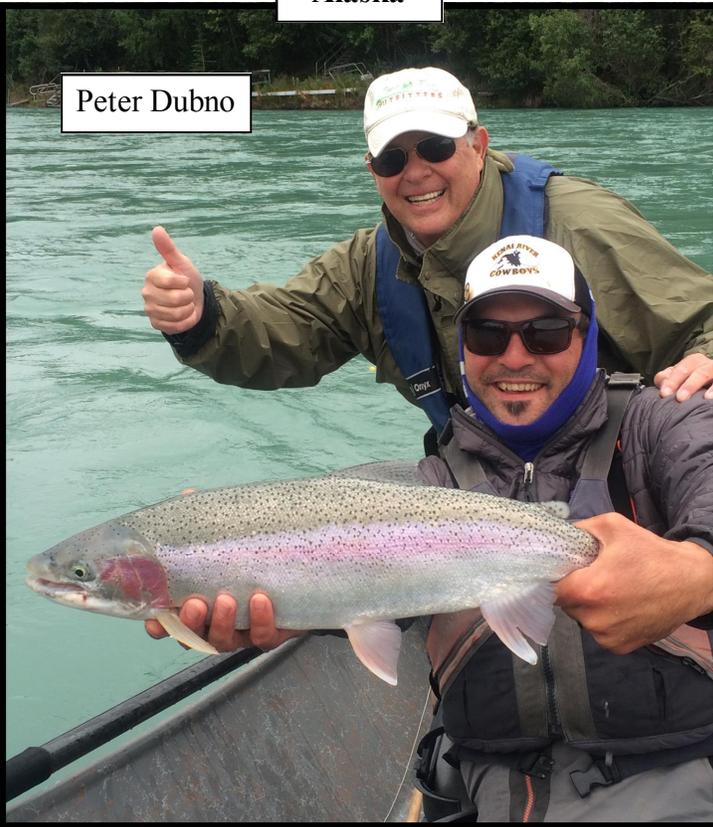


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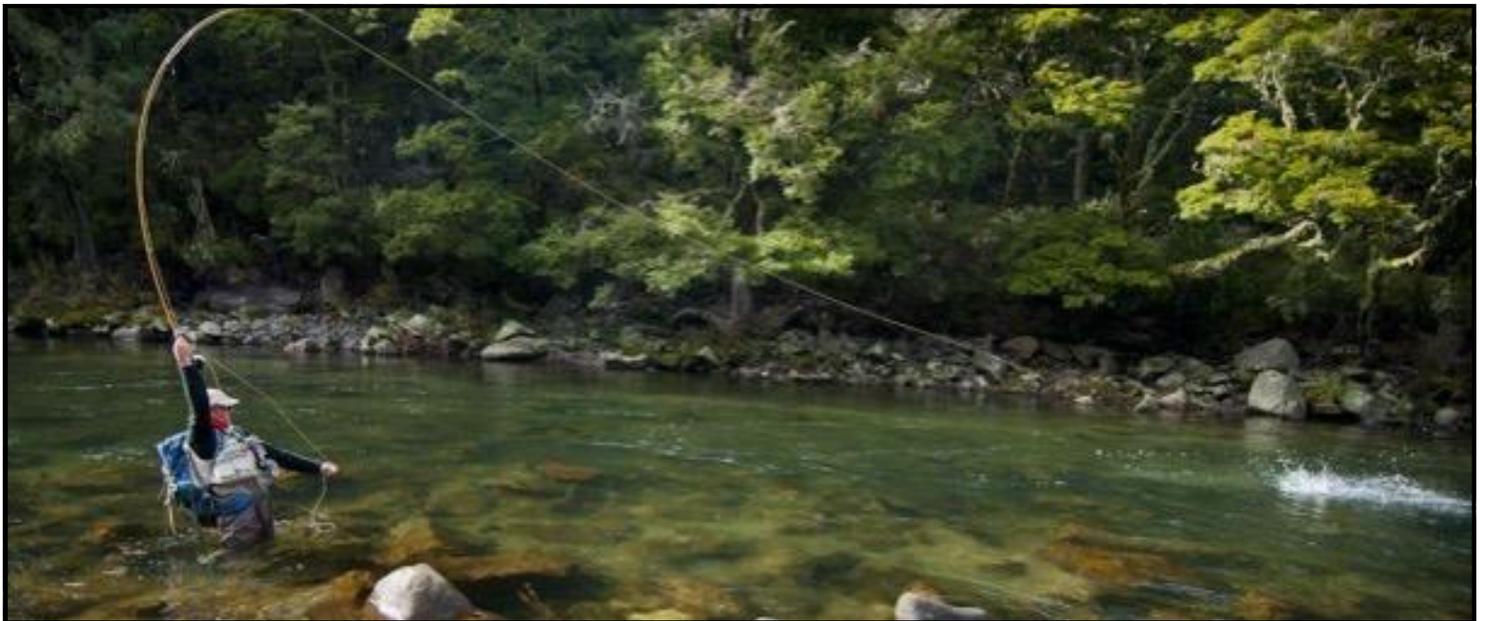
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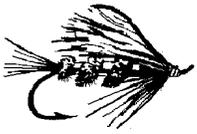
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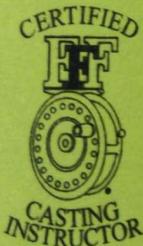
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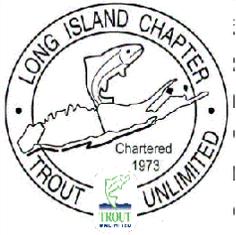
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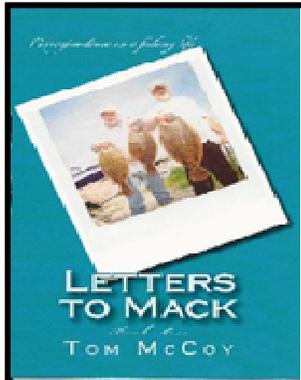
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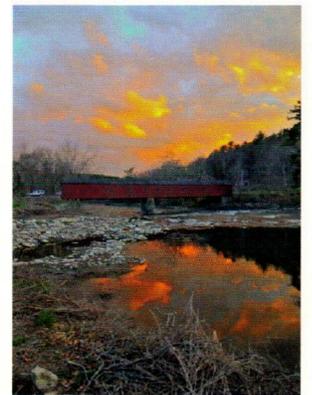
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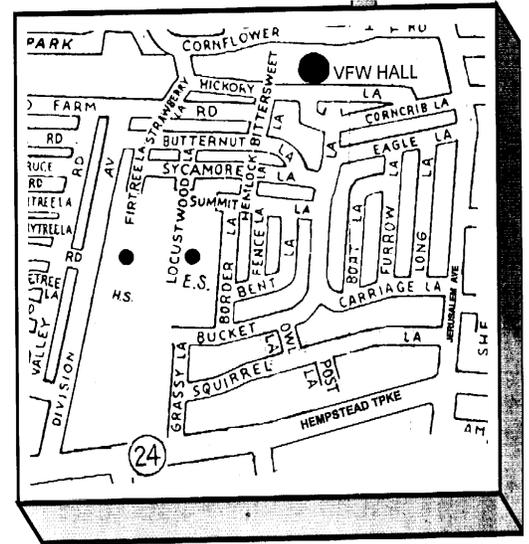
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September - 2016

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Casting on the Lawn with Tony Ertola & Lou Minghinelli - Beginner & intermediate
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- Sept. 16 - 18 **Beaverkill Roscoe Camping Trip**
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- September 19 **Connetquot Monday Fishing**
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