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Thanks to the members of **LIFR** and **LITU**
who donated their time and skill to give the ladies of
Casting for Recovery a wonderful day on the river.

(L to R) **Wolfgang Porte, Fred Golofaro (editor of *The Fisherman*), John Fischer, Scott Beck, Bob Picciano, Jeff Farrell, Howie Solomon, Joe Otterstedt & Boyd Shockley. Not pictured, Herman Abrams.**

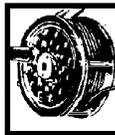
Guest Speaker:

Bob Lindquist

**“Frugal Flyfishing - Managing Your
Angling Portfolio with Local Opportunity”**



God Bless America



President's message

As I reported to the membership at the July meeting, we are now half way through our club trip schedule for 2009. The good news is that we still have seven more trips before seasons end including both fresh and salt water outings. Check out the club website at www.lifr.org for remaining trip details. I strongly urge all our members to take advantage of at least one of these trips, it's a great opportunity to pick up new fishing skills and knowledge from our talented and experienced members, not to mention that these trips are just plain old fun.

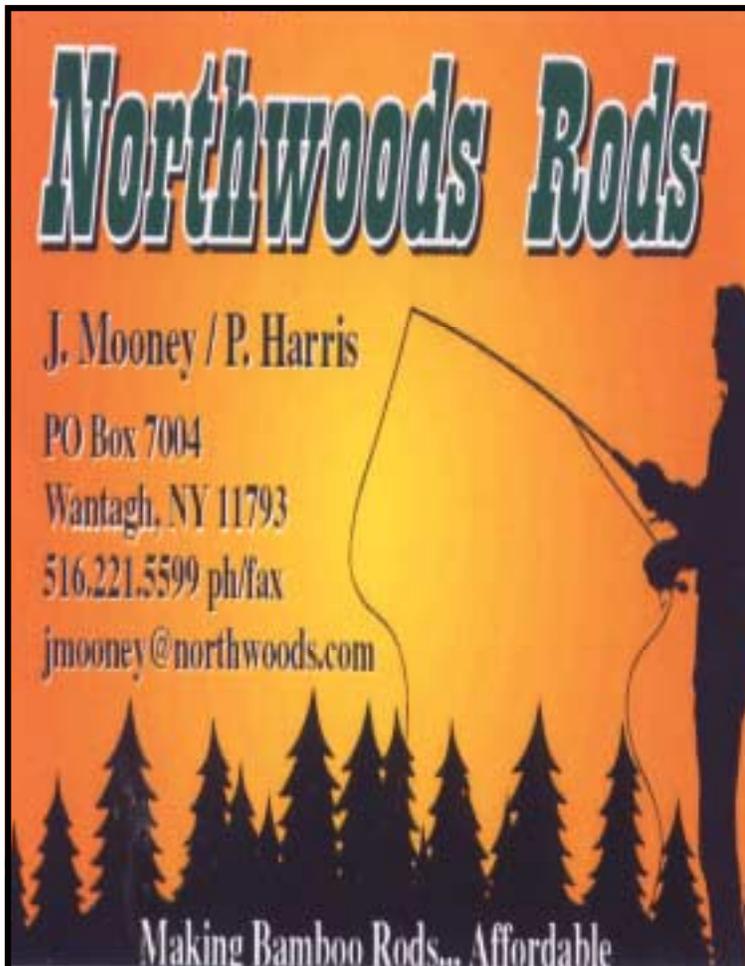
I was talking to **Fred Golafaro** of the LI **Fisherman Magazine** at the Casting for Recovery (CFR) fishing session on the Conny July 12th. He validated the many recent reports I have been hearing and reading of big stripped bass along the south shore and east end. If you are into the salt on fly, this is a good time to wet a line either from the shore or boat, and take advantage of this premier game fish our local waters provide.

Speaking of the CFR outing, we had another great retreat with nine women participating led by club members **Lee Weil** and **Susan Solomon**, and the usual club members participating as river guides for the women on Sunday's fishing session. Although the State did some stocking on Friday July 10, only a few fish were caught, and even fewer seen on the river. Despite the lack of fish, the CFR participants had a great time and were all smiles when awarded their fly fishing certificates and trophies courtesy of the **Fisherman Magazine**.

I would like to congratulate **Herman Abrams** who was voted in by the LIFR Board of Directors to serve out the remainder of a vacated board position. Herman is a past president and we appreciate the knowledge and sage advice he brings to the board.

Tight Lines, and I'll see you on the water

Joe Otterstedt



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FoFYour Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



Blues Off The Bow; Stripers Off The Stern

After promising ourselves we would book a trip with Capt. Jeff Becker for two years, we finally put it together and made a date. We couldn't have picked a better day; the sun was shining and the breeze was just enough to keep us comfortable, but not to make casting a fly rod difficult, especially since Capt. Jeff put us close to the fish.

As we motored out of the Orient Point marina on the "JayKay" the sun rose on a perfect sea; the rifles sparkling light on the surface. We immediately found fish, and hooked up with some feisty blues. We bounced between the flocks of terns that cried "Fish! Fish!"; working back and forth past huge rocks, visible on the ebb tide. We were so intent on the fishing that I didn't notice the audience we had. There, lying on the rocks like sunbathers on the beach, were several seals. When the captain pointed them out I was amazed. I had seen seals from boats many times, but never at that range. He was kind enough to indulge me and we took a break from the action to take pictures. He eased up closer until I was able to get some good shots, and I was surprised to see the different colors in their coats. They watched us with some interest, but soon decided we were harmless and went back to basking and ignored us with their eyes closed, noses turned up into the sun and tails curled.

After the photo shoot we moved on to the rock strewn shore of a nearby island. Capt. Jeff threaded the boat in and out of pockets, playing it through the currents caused by the confusion of the ending ebb. The birds continued to confirm his suspicions, and the fish kept showing up. I was casting off the port and out of the corner of my eye I saw a boil a mere 6 feet off the bow. I did a reverse roll cast on top of the spot and a

bluefish emerged from the depths to grab the Clouser. I laughed when I missed him – too much slack to react in time. Jeff hooked up behind me and landed his; another blue. Shortly afterward I hooked into another, and I swear he was so close I could see the angry expression on his face as he savaged the fly.

Later on, we worked the rip and got our sea legs tested. Casting a double haul on terra firma is one thing, but it's really much more fun with a rolling deck beneath your feet. Fishing off the stern, stripping back through the waves, I saw an apparition that stopped me cold. Three shapes, sun reflecting off silver and stripes, came charging out of a wave behind the transom. The captain yelled "STRIP! STRIP" jolting me out of my trance just in time to set the hook on the one farthest to the left. The bass took off, burning the line through my fingers while I prayed out loud for the line not to foul around my feet. We laughed when the fish was safely on the reel, peeling line off into the rip and making me brace myself against the gunwale. After a tough battle I managed to bring it alongside for a photo. As I released it, the fish bit down firmly on my thumb and shook his head, scraping the hide off my knuckle before splashing me in the face and swimming off. Jeff's next fish was also a striper, comparable in size and girth, that tested the rod blank severely before surrendering. Another photo session and he too was returned to fight another day. (See photos on page 4.)

All too soon it was time to head back in, arms sore from fighting fish and images of shadows charging up from the bottom burned into my memory. The fish, the seals, and a perfect day on the water. It just don't get any better than that.

Tight Lines & God bless, Lee

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Fishing Reports

Jeff Farrell



Lee Weil



See Lee's column on Page 3



**Caleb Smith State Park, Nissequogue River
(L to R): Al Battistelli, Wolfgang Porté, Mike Kress & Bob Picciano**

Fly Donations Needed

Our annual drive for fly donations to be used in the January Somerset Fly Fishing Show raffle boxes is underway...

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A Brief Presidential History of the Long Island Flyrodders

By Dan Van Buskirk

The Long Island Flyrodders was started sometime in 1980 or 1981 out of the Merrick Tackle store on Merrick Road in Bellmore.

The club was founded by **Ron Prawicka, Jim Watts and Tom Loney** with the first meetings being held at Newbridge Road Park in its Community Room.

Ron Prawicka was President until the club was chartered by New York State in 1984.

Once the club was incorporated, elections were held every year.

This is the list of the Presidents and the years that they served.

Gian Padovani	(1984 - 1986)	Bob Skoy	(1997 - 1998)
Roger Mims	(1986 - 1987)	Lee Weil	(1998 - 2001)
Dan Van Buskirk	(1987 - 1989)	Herman Abrams	(2001 - 2002)
Gian Padovani	(1989 - 1992)	Paul McCain	(2002 - 2004)
Paul McCain	(1993 - 1995)	Mike Gelber	(2004 - 2006)
Allan Manz	(1995- 1996)	Paul McCain	(2006 - 2008)
George Simon	(1996 - 1997)	Joe Otterstedt	(2008 - Present)

Trout Unlimited Asks Manufacturers to Eliminate Production of Felt-Soled Waders and Equipment by 2011

Effort will help prevent spread of aquatic nuisance species in America's rivers and streams.

SALT LAKE CITY –At its annual meeting today, Trout Unlimited (TU) asked fishing equipment manufacturers to stop producing felt-soled waders and wading shoes by 2011 to help stop the spread of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) by anglers in America's rivers and streams.

Many waders, wading boots and shoes used by anglers have felt-soled bottoms that are used to provide traction while walking in water. Felt is a material that transmits aquatic nuisance species such as New Zealand mud snails, the invasive algae called didymo and the parasite that causes whirling disease, a disease fatal to trout. Felt soles can very easily become impregnated with mud and other organic matter, and become difficult or impossible to clean and disinfect.

“While the elimination of felt soles on waders and boots will not entirely prevent the spread of ANS, this action will help reduce the risk and help protect our precious aquatic resources,” said David Kumlien, executive director of the Whirling Disease Foundation. This action will also help make the public more aware of the threat of ANS and hopefully will motivate them to change their behavior and practices related to other aquatic recreational activities that may also contribute to the spread ANS.”

New technology and materials provide viable alternatives to felt. Some manufacturers are already using these newer materials on wading shoes and angling products.

Preventing the proliferation of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) is central to TU's mission to conserve and protect North America's trout and salmon fisheries. The impact of ANS to native species is substantial, second only to loss of habitat, and is responsible for causing losses in biodiversity, changes in ecosystems, and impacts on economic enterprises such as agriculture, fisheries, and international trade. The costs of preventing and controlling invasive species are not well understood or documented, but estimates indicate that the costs are quite high.

“It's like a war on our streams, rivers and lakes, with a new enemy rearing its ugly head each week. First, whirling disease, then mud snails, then some invasive aquatic plant,” said Jack Williams, Trout Unlimited's senior scientist. “We have to be more aggressive in our battle against the spread of invasive species.”

ANS are present in many rivers, streams and lakes around the country. For example, zebra mussels were first found in Lake St. Clair near Detroit, Michigan in 1986 and now infest waters from Vermont to Oklahoma. Each year \$30 million is spent in the Great Lakes to monitor and control zebra mussels, which are responsible for massive changes in the Great Lakes ecosystem including elimination of native mussels and creating toxic algae blooms. Additionally, zebra mussels are creating significant impacts on Great Lakes fishery resources and fishery restoration efforts. The invasive algae didymo, often called “rock snot”, is present in rivers throughout the country, from the Upper Connecticut River in New Hampshire, to South Dakota's Rapid Creek.

Didymo was first seen in New Zealand, in 2004. The country has placed a ban on felt boots for the upcoming 2008 season. A number of U.S. states where aquatic nuisance species are found have reportedly discussed the possibility of outlawing felt-soled wading equipment.

For more information about invasive species and what anglers can do to prevent the spread of ANS, go to [_www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org)

Contact: Erin Mooney, National Press Secretary 703-284-9408

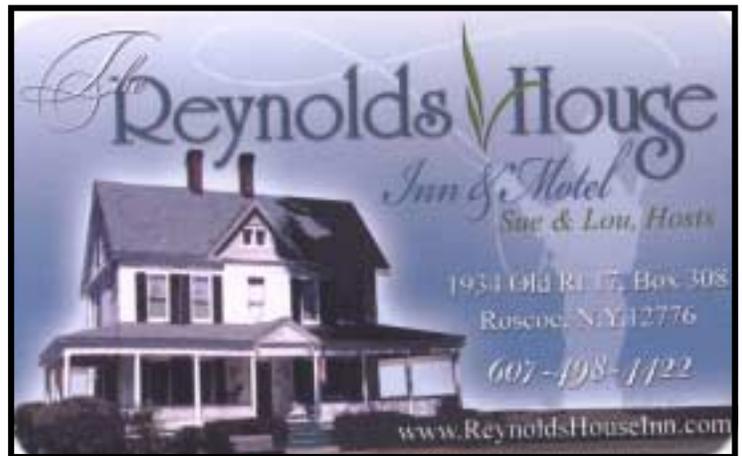
Welcome New Members:

Christina Galicia

Bob Gillcrist

Rose Ann Karasavas

Martha Leider



"Club Fly Tying Night at Pancho's"
will start in November. (Every second
Tuesday of the month, thru April, 2010)
Look for details in future issues

Beginners Fly Tying Class
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- 1a. Contestants must be LIFR members.
- 1b. Subject must be related to Fly Fishing.
- 1c. Prints, (no transparencies), size 4" X 6" in color or black & white.
- 1d. Digital photos, minimum size 800 X 600 megapixels.
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 at each Club meeting May through 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 or e-mail them to:
Tom Cooleen
maria@cooleen.net
516-483-8544
- 9b. Email digital photos as attachments only. (not embedded in the body of the e-mails) along with your name and a short description of your submission.



The Long Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at:
 Hicksville VFW Hall
 320 S. Broadway
 Hicksville at 7:30 p.m.
 Visitors are always welcome.
 See www.longislandtu.org for more info.

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Hey, Flyrodders. How's the fishing been lately?

Let's let our members know.

Send reports and/or pics to

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Thanks, Morty



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The undersigned hereby applies for membership or renewal, in the LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS, INC. ("LIFR"). I understand the inherent risk in participating in the activities of LIFR, including fishing trips, of one day or longer, which LIFR may make available to members. I understand that LIFR activities may take me into remote areas, and that I may not be able to be promptly evacuated or receive proper medical care in the event of injury or disease. I further understand that I am solely responsible for all costs of medical treatment and transportation.

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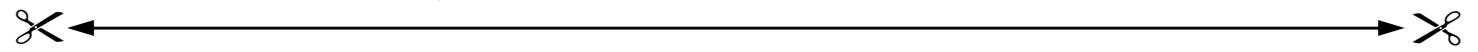
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No advance reservations will be accepted.

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

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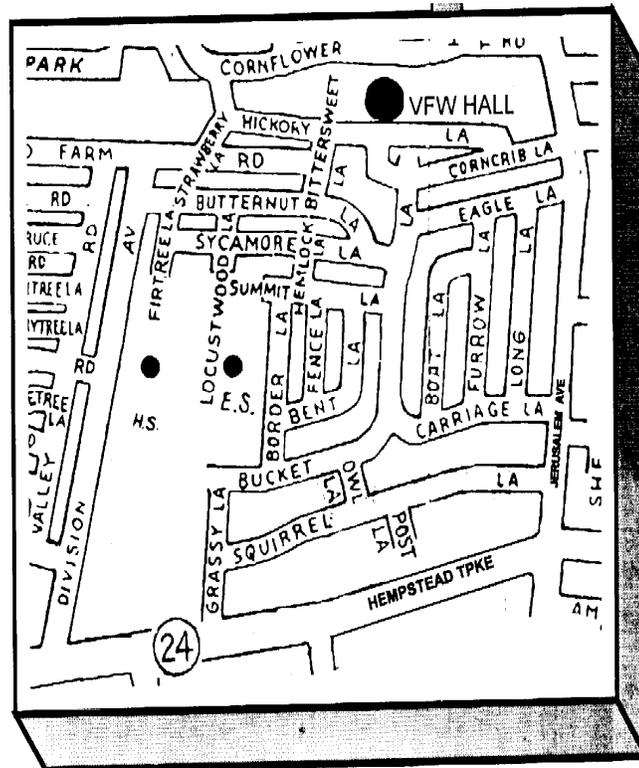
You must have a creel in your possession to fish in the park and on the stream

Only members with 4 weight rods or larger will be allowed to fish on the Monday Sessions

LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS

August - 2009

- August 4 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
Speaker : Bob Lindquist
"Frugal Fly Fishing - Managing Your Angling Portfolio with Local Opportunities"
Barbeque with Paul McCain before the meeting
Come early with your appetite - 6:00 to 7:30 pm
- August 7 - 9 **Allenbury Resort, PA**
Contact: Joe Otterstedt (631) 361-8145
- August 17 **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**
Contact: Wolfgang Porté (516) 741-2342
- August 25 **Board Meeting**
7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- August 28-30 **Housatonic River Camping Trip**
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