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Long Island Flyrodder Ladies Honored at Casting for Recovery Dinner



L to R: Linda Macy, V. Pres. Lee Weil, Coreen Gelber, Pres. Susan Solomon & Mercedes Toro, receiving bouquets in recognition of their efforts for CFR

Guest Speaker:

Capt. Paul Eidman

"Flyfishing the NY/ NJ Bight"



President's message

I don't know which is more upsetting; having to pay \$80. for an annual Connecticut fishing license or finding out that the price was lowered and I can not get a refund on the \$25. I over-paid. Either way, I'm not happy and I sent a letter of protest on behalf of the Flyrodders to the Ct. DEP. If you would like to let the State of Connecticut know what YOU are thinking, you can e-mail them at dep.webmaster@ct.gov, or send a letter to Ct. Dept. of Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Ct. 06106. If they get tired of hearing complaints, maybe something will be done.

Gil Padovani has written to the Governor and **Howie Solomon's** Letter to the Editor has been published in two Connecticut newspapers.

Like the buds on the trees, Flyrodders are beginning to emerge from their winter dormancy. They have been spotted fishing on the Carmens River, at the LIFR Connetquot day,

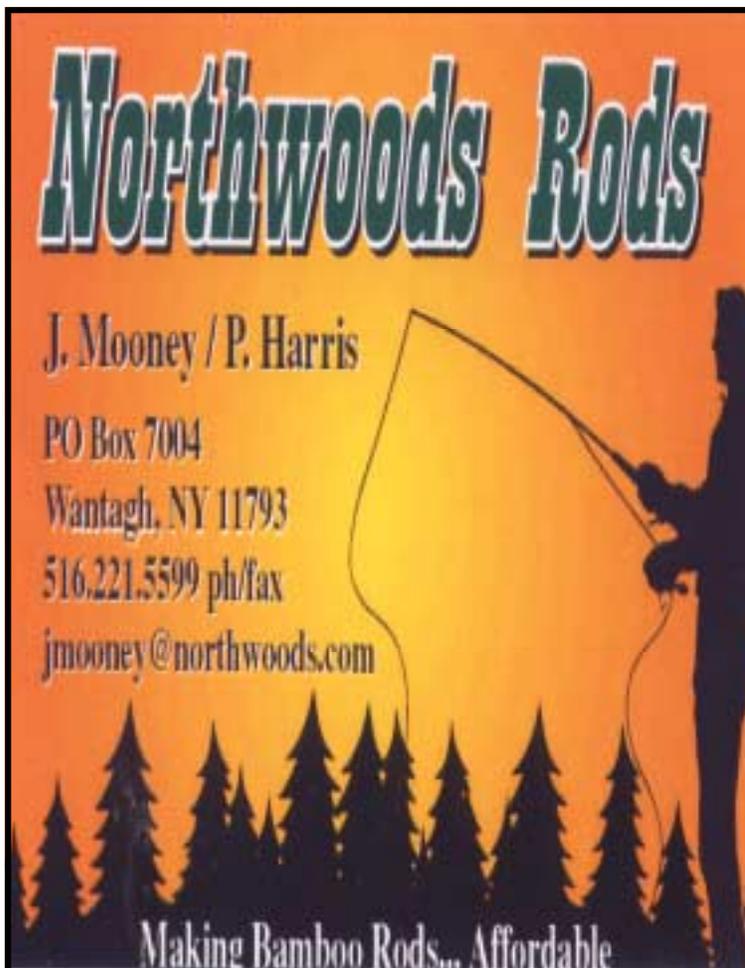
the LIFR Day at Camp-Site, the Willowemoc cleanup and at the TU and CFR Banquets. It's good to see everyone getting out and enjoying themselves again.

The month of May holds more opportunities for Club activities. See **Paul McCain** if you're interested in helping (and fishing) at the Housatonic Clean-Up on May 15. **Herman Abrams** will be running a trip to the near-by Croton Reservoir on May 22 and we're looking for women to join our Womans' Flyfishing 101 class.

Don't forget that Herman will be offering casting help before our monthly meetings now that it is light enough to see.

Please join me in wishing **Frank Chin and Ed Tateosian** a speedy recovery and congratulating **Bill Gordon and Dan Van Buskirk** on their retirement.

Susan



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FoFYour Nymphormation

by Lee Weil



When I woke that morning I lay in my sleeping bag listening to the sound of the canvas flapping overhead in the Solomon's camper. The wind promised to make dry fly fishing difficult, to say the least. The stiff breeze and the fact that the Gunpowder River was a funky green due to the reservoir turnover had convinced us that streamers and 5 weights were the way to go. We were resigned to fishing the heavy stuff, but after seeing Theaux at the Backwater Angler he convinced us to try a small feeder stream instead.

Theaux's directions made it easy to find, and we were soon picking our way upstream. The chilling wind was replaced with a cool calm and the wet smell of moss covered stones. As I cautiously crept from one tiny plunge pool to another I saw little yellow star shaped flowers and wild violets, and regretted not bringing the camera. I missed the first half dozen takes I got on the size 20 Adams I flicked onto the gin clear waters of pools less than 3 feet across. Each fish darted up out of nowhere to take and reject my offering before I could react, like a flash of lightning you aren't quite sure you've seen. I shook my head and laughed at my rusty reflexes, until I finally hooked a 5" brookie, and marveled at the colors as it lay in my palm.

By now Jeff was out of sight, way ahead above me. I climbed back up to the trail, thinking to catch up. As I walked I watched the stream below, and was stopped in my tracks by the sight of a nice fish that rocketed up from the bottom of a kettle hole to take a natural from the edge of a bubble curtain. I backtracked, careful to keep my silhouette behind the trees, and worked my way back to the tail of the pool. I cursed at myself for being hasty when a dark shape darted from right off the bank, so intent on my target that I never saw the other fish beside me. Crouching

Shared Blessings

beside a tree, I began to cast carefully. I caught a movement above and saw a gray haired couple emerge from the trail above, walking toward me. My heart sank as I realized they would throw their shadows right over the pool I was working, but they stopped and backed up to sit on a log and watch. On my second drift the trout emerged from the edge of the bubbles and took the fly perfectly, almost in slow motion. I was surprised and impressed by the bend it put in my 3 weight. A nine inch wild brookie with a 20" attitude. As I brought it to hand and released it I looked up to see the couple smiling down at me from their sunny perch.

I shook the icy water from my hands and reeled in, then climbed up to join them. "Didn't you get it?" asked the woman. I explained that I released it without needing to net it, and the man nodded, smiling. "Good for you" he said. "My husband used to fly fish" the woman added. I looked into the man's face and saw the memories brought back, of fish and places like this. "Well, perhaps you can bring a rod next time" I suggested. He looked at my rod and said "Yeah, a small rod like that is perfect". We both smiled and the bond that forever exists between fishermen was established, and after a few moments we bid each other a good day and parted.

I headed up the trail to find Jeff, and they continued on down the path. I believe sometimes we are destined to share our blessing, and that God puts people together for precisely that reason. My memory of that fish will always include that couple, how perfectly it all happened, and the smiles we shared. And I hope the fisherman will return someday, with his rod to make another memory of his own.

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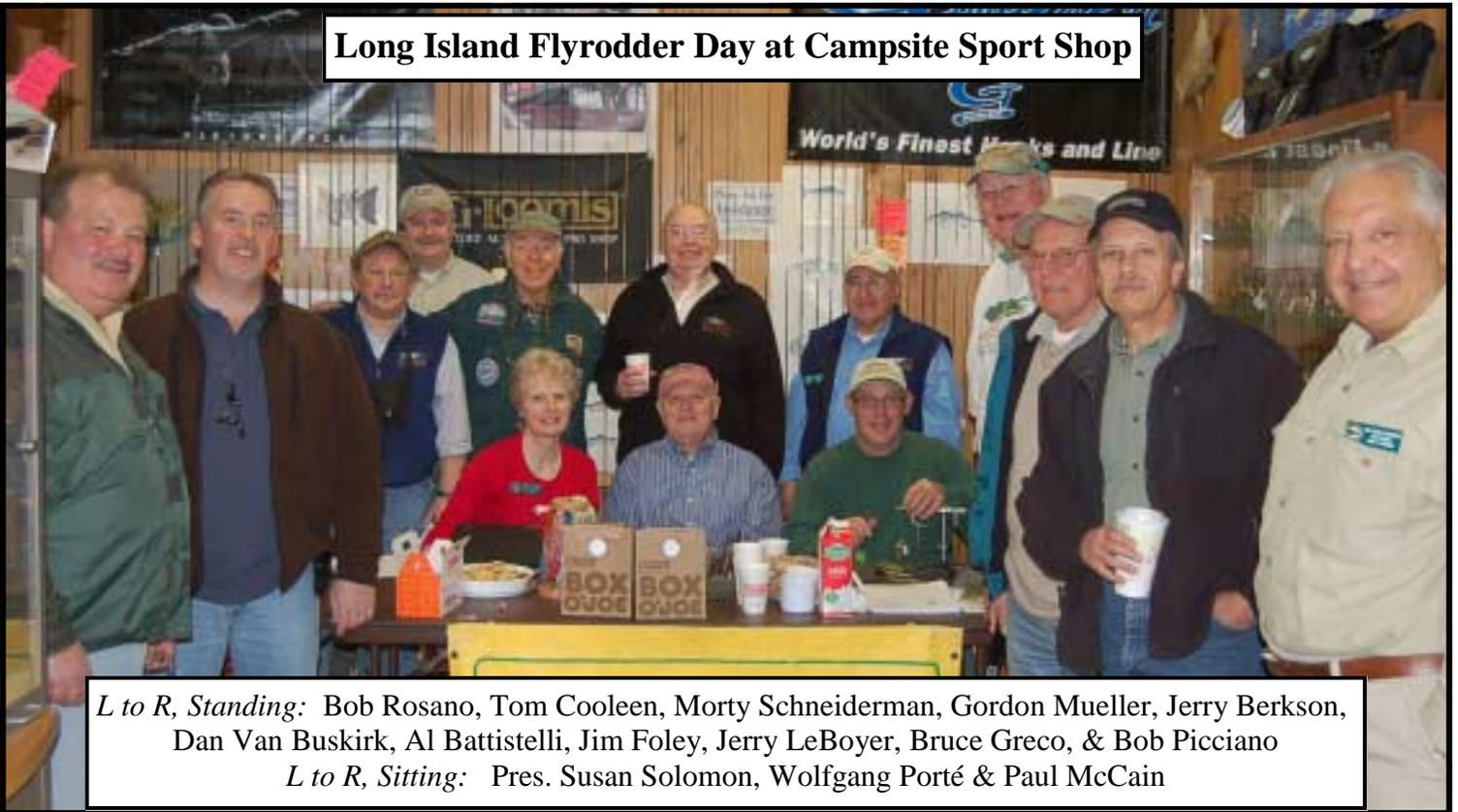
Tom Cooleen officiated over the recently held knot tying class while students Frank Gesualdo, Pete Smith, Susan Solomon, Howie Solomon, Bob Picciano, Rich Catalano and Dan Saporito watched and learned.

Scoutwalk 2010

Scoutwalk at Christopher Morely Park on April 24 was exhausting for **Mike Gelber, Wolfgang Porte and Susan and Howie Solomon**. The event was attended by over 1,000 people and it seems like they all wanted to tie a woolly bugger or try their hand at casting. It was a beautiful day to be outdoors and very gratifying to give kids a chance to experience the sport that we love. Many of the little ones had a natural flair and looked like they could teach us a thing or two. If we participate next year, we'll be looking for more volunteers. At times the lines for casting or fly tying were 5 deep. If **Nora Solomon** hadn't stopped by and fetched us some lunch from the food tent, we never would have had time to eat. Hopefully, there was a future flyfisherperson in the crowd and we were there to spark their interest.

Susan Solomon

Long Island Flyrodder Day at Campsite Sport Shop



L to R, Standing: Bob Rosano, Tom Cooleen, Morty Schneiderman, Gordon Mueller, Jerry Berkson, Dan Van Buskirk, Al Battistelli, Jim Foley, Jerry LeBoyer, Bruce Greco, & Bob Picciano
L to R, Sitting: Pres. Susan Solomon, Wolfgang Porté & Paul McCain

Willowemoc River Cleanup, Livingston Manor, NY



Maria Yuskevich



Willowemoc Clean-up 2010 by Dan Van Buskirk

Thanks to the volunteers who converged on the Willowemoc on April 24, the creek side is now rid of at least 12 bags of unsightly garbage. Paul McCain was kind enough to use his pickup truck to carry the bags of garbage to the dump.

Every year there is less litter spread around, so that we are able to extend the area that we rid of garbage. The volunteers came from the Fly Rodders and Long Island Trout Unlimited along with some local residents.

I want to thank **Paul McCain, Morty Schneiderman, Tom Cooleen, Tony Jones and his wife, Peter and Maria Yuskevich, Tom O'Donnell (from PA), Tom McCoy and Tony Mason** for all their hard work.

Back at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum, Paul McCain also cooked a bountiful bar-b-que for the workers. The weather cooperated and provided a nice afternoon to do some fishing. Those of us who stayed over Saturday night, caught fish at the Cemetery Pool on the Beaverkill.

The club along with the CFFCM did a great job in coordinating this event and organizing the volunteers. Through their efforts we were able to accomplish our river cleanup goals, make a contribution to the CFFCM and have time to enjoy the day with friends.

NORTHPORT VETERANS HOSPITAL PROGRAM

Jerry LeBoyer is working with wounded veterans at the Northport Veterans Hospital here on the Island and he is looking for a helping hand.

If you can assist him, please call him at 516-766-3284.

Following is his report:

It was a beautiful day, on April 7, and the sun gods were shining down on us when we kicked off the flyfishing (and fly tying) program for the veterans at Northport Veterans Hospital. These are the American veterans, men and women, who were wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq, and also those who have been wounded in America's previous wars and have been living with their injuries for many years. I met one man who landed on Omaha Beach, and that was a long time ago.

The program was supported by volunteers from the Long Island Flyrodders. The group is active with several other public service programs. With the help of the **Albright Rod Company**, who donated the flyrods and reels, and **Bob Picciano**, **Frank Smith**, and **Bob Gilcrist** we were able to show over forty veterans the basics of fly casting.

Please note that we have formed two groups, one meeting on Tuesday mornings on the lawn behind building 63 and another meeting on Wednesday afternoons at Building 92. All flyfishers are invited to join us. No reservations are necessary. A special thanks to the PAUMONOK chapter of Trout Unlimited for providing additional flyrods.

Tuesday, May 4, - 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Wednesday, May 5, - 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

All flyrodders are invited to join in helping, at either session, both or at future outings. Flyfishing can be fun, and it's not all about the fish.

Jerry LeBoyer, (516)766-3284

**Northport Veterans Hospital
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The Great Connecticut Ripoff *By Gil Padovani*

For the past 16-17 years, the Long Island Flyrodders have run three to four multi-day fishing trips to the Farmington, Housatonic and Natchaug Rivers in Connecticut. These trips have been popular enough that are normally booked a year in advance and in order to keep them manageable, we have had to put a cap on the number of members that sign up. This has been anywhere from 30 to 50 participants. I should mention, that while on these trips, we pay for lodging, food, gasoline, fishing supplies, etc., thus contributing to the local economy.

Prior to the beginning of the 2010 fishing season, the state of Connecticut announced a 100% price increase for their resident and non-resident fishing licenses. Although many of us thought this increase was excessive, we had already committed to three Connecticut trips and as in the past, (and in all faith), the trip organizers urged the members to go online and purchase annual licenses as soon as possible. Many of us did just that.

The price increase did not seem to be very popular, especially with the Connecticut residents. One only needs to go on the internet and read the threads posted by disgruntled anglers. The number of people who said they were not going to purchase a Connecticut license this year was significant. I suspect that this potential loss of revenue had such an impact that the state of Connecticut decided to reduce the amounts of increase. This is what they posted on their website: NOTICE!! Please be aware that as of April 14, 2010, pursuant to the recently adopted deficit mitigation plan (HB-5545), many of the fees for licenses and permits have been reduced. The new bill does not include provisions for making refunds for previously purchased licenses.

This no refund policy is wrong, period. Why should the one that didn't kick a fuss and purchased his or her license prior to April 14 be penalized? The state of Connecticut should reconsider its policy on "No Refunds". It should not be difficult to determine who paid "double" since the date of issuance is included in the license. If it's too much of a hassle to issue refunds, then perhaps provisions can be made to credit the overpaid amount to either next year's license or to a license upgrade (i.e. going from a 3-day license to a full season license).

Speaking for myself, the decision has already been made. If this unjust no-refund policy is not reconsidered, next year there will not be any trips to Connecticut.

HELP WANTED

After many years of being our webmaster, Gil Padovani is looking to hand it over to someone else. We have decided that this would be a good time, with Gil's help, to revamp the current website and add more features which would make it even better than it currently is.

We are looking for you if you have some computer savvy and would be interested in helping out with the design of our new website. If you can give the time and input to this project, please contact Susan Solomon at mrssolomon@aol.com.



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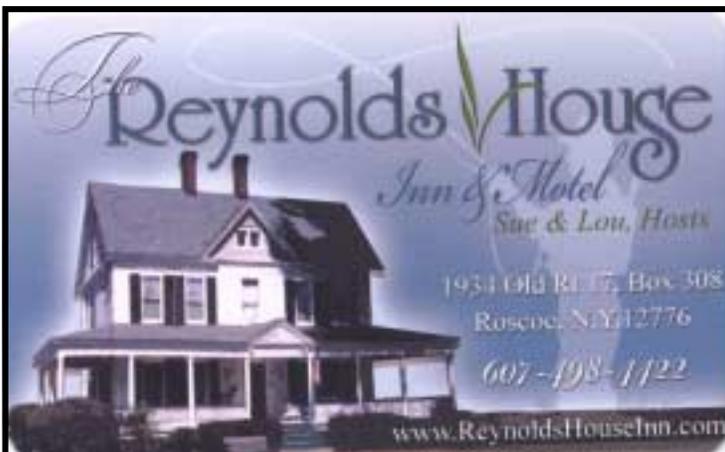
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Thanks, Morty



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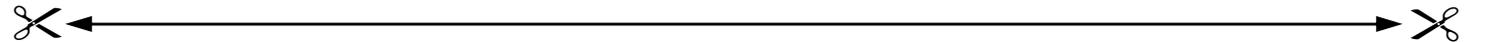
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Members attending the meetings have first priority, followed by those members, chronologically received, who call in the day after the meeting for the remaining spaces available. Reservations are available for 32 anglers for each session; 64 for both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

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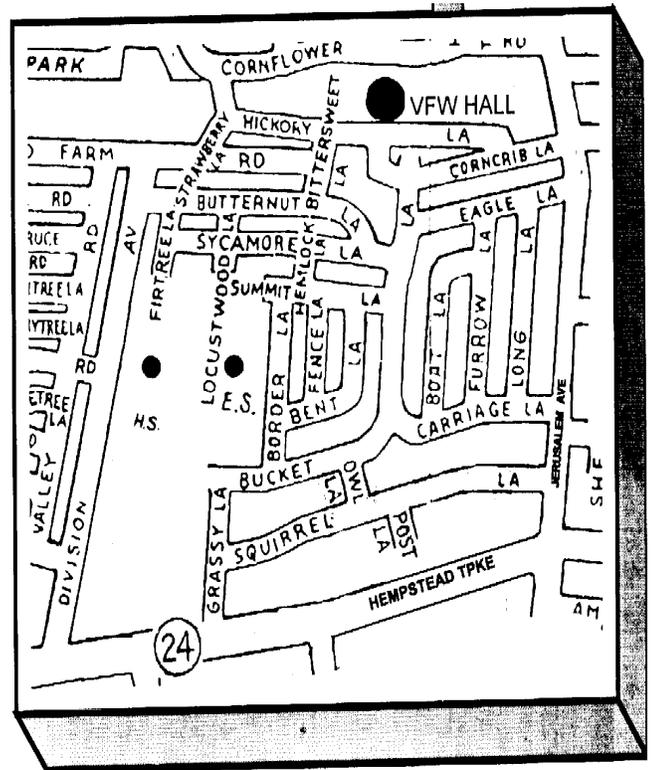
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LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS

May - 2010

- April 30 **Natchaug River, CT - Camping**
May 2 Contact: Susan or Howie Solomon (516) 997-9451
- May 4 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**
Speaker: Capt. Paul Eidman
"Fishing the NY/NJ Bight"
- May 6 - 9 **Willowemoc River Trip, Roscoe, NY**
Contact: Bill or Sue Gordon - (631) 495-5144
- May 15 **Housatonic River, CT Clean-up**
Contact: Paul McCain - (516) 536-1418
- May 22 **Croton Watershed, NY**
Contact: Herman Abrams - (516) 593-6024
- May 22 **Annual Ladies Fly Fishing Clinic**
Contact: Lee Weil - (516) 997-6743
- May 25 **Board Meeting**
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