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***This Month's Meeting:  
March 1, 2016***

Art Flick TU, Long Island TU, Long Island Fly Rodders, Salty Fly Rodders, River Bay Outfitters and The Fisherman present

## The 1st Annual Long Island Fly Fishing Expo

**March 19th, 2016**

**10:00am - 5:00pm**



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*GUEST SPEAKER:*

**Rod Rohrbach**

☐ Techniques for Tough Trout ☐

## President's message

I would like to thank **Bob Hegarty** for stepping up to the plate and joining us as a new LIFRS board member. It's never too late to participate. If joining the board is something that you think you'd be interested in, come to one of our board meetings and see what's going on. I am also grateful for all of the men and women who help run this wonderful group of anglers. At the next meeting you will have the opportunity to meet all the officers and board members. Even if you're not an officer or board member there are plenty of ways to help out the club. Just come and see me and I'll hook you right up.

Now March is going to be a very busy month for the LIFR's. On March 6<sup>th</sup> the club will be attending the Ward Melville Annual Fishing Expo. We are very fortunate to participate in this event where we will be having a table so we can showcase fly tying. If weather permits we will have some casting lessons. We will also be spreading the word about the Long Island Flyrodders and what a great group we are. If you're free that day we could really use some extra hands to do simple things.

We are also have a big part in the the 1st Annual Fly Fishing Expo on March 19 right here in our own backyard on Strong Island (HA HA). Art Flick, Long Island TU, Salty Fly Rodders, Riverbay Outfitter and The Fisherman Magazine are sponsoring the event with us. What a great way to celebrate this awesome sport that we are all part of. So let's all send out the message and get as many people there as we can.

I'd like to congratulate **Andy Murad** on winning the flies that you guys donated for the Somerset show in January. We raised over \$500 for the club. I would also like to congratulate **Lee Weil** for winning the raffle for tying the flies. A BIG Special Thanks goes out to

**Tony Ertola** for making a customized rod for the club. We had a limit of 50 tickets and I'm proud to say we reached our goal. The drawing for the rod will be held at our next meeting on March 1. Sorry if you weren't part of this. But I can tell you we have a lot more special raffles to come like a guided trip in Colorado and a complete Orvis Rod combo. You have to be at the meetings to participate.

I look forward to seeing every one of you at the next meeting or even on the river like Connetquot this month. If there's any fishing related topic I can help you with, just say the word.

Tight Lines, **Rich Cosgrove**



Andy Murad, winner of the Fly Raffle at the Somerset Fly Fishing Show.





## *For Your Nymphormation* *By Lee Weil*



### In“Vest”ory

The weather is beginning to tease us with whispered promises of warm sunshine and spring thaws, and it's time to do an inventory of what didn't get repaired, replenished or replaced at the end of last season. Everyone thinks of the usual routine checklist; i.e. cleaning fly lines, stocking up on flies, etc. But some of the most important details are often overlooked. For example, those spools of tippet that have been hoarded away in your vest may be older than you think; especially the less used sizes such as 7X and 8X. While 4X may age better, the smaller diameter mono can become brittle and weakened. A quick test can be done by pulling off about a yard of the material and try the breaking point of a section that was wound inside the spool. If it snaps easily when tugged it's probably not up to it's test strength, and you're better off replacing it than waiting till AFTER you lose a big fish.

I carry a small plastic squeeze bottle of bug repellant in my vest. If I don't refill it now in February, I won't think about it until about 7 p.m. on a summer night on the river, when the fish are rising and the mosquitoes are just beginning their assault. If you don't have any in your vest, I suggest you purchase a small bottle or some of the convenient packets and stock your vest now.

A first aid kit is one of the most overlooked items in a flyfisher's gear bag. While I don't carry a whole medic's bag on the stream, I do keep a few Band-Aids and a packet with aspirin, Pepto Bismol and single use saline solution and bacitracin. It doesn't take up much room and you can patch up little "mishaps" if you're out in the woods, without having to hike back to your vehicle in the middle of a hatch.

A compass, a whistle and a firestarter stick with matches may sound like overkill, but if you fish remote places and frequent those streams "off the beaten path" it's not a bad idea. If you do get lost a fire is a good way to help someone locate you, and will keep you warm till they arrive. A whistle can alert your buddy if you step in a sinkhole or twist an ankle, and it can be heard a lot better than your voice at a distance, especially over the sound of a river.

So, when you pull out the waders and reels to gear up for Opening Day, take an extra minute or two to go over the "other" essentials. That way, when you stumble out of the house at 4:00 am, you can rest assured that you're prepared for whatever comes your way; big fish, bugs or bad backcasts.

*Tight lines and God bless, Lee*

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Christina Galicia presenting the Long Island Flyrodders with a Certificate of Appreciation in honor of our club's support for Casting for Recovery.



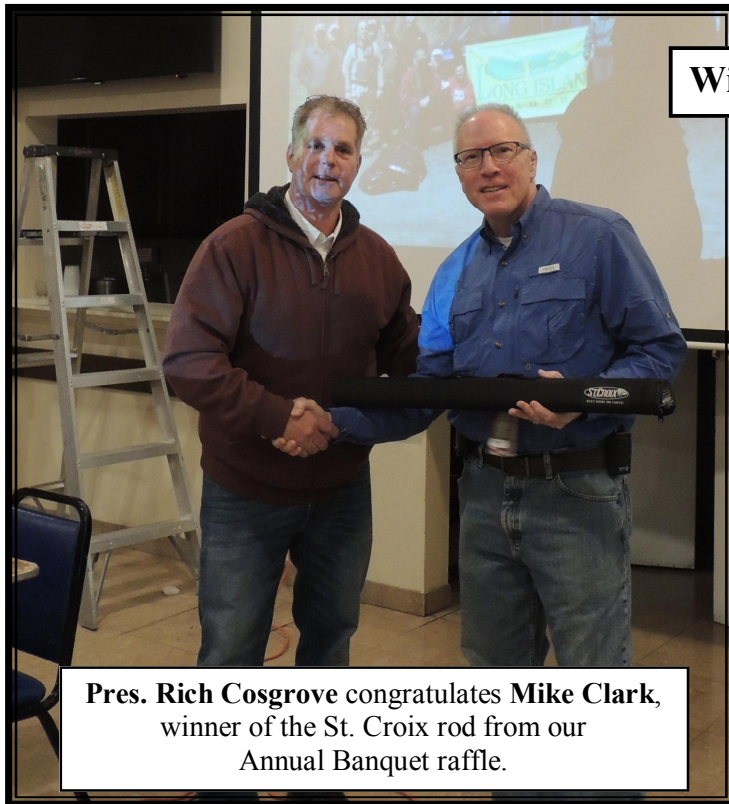
### February Meeting







**Owen McCain**  
at the fly tying table

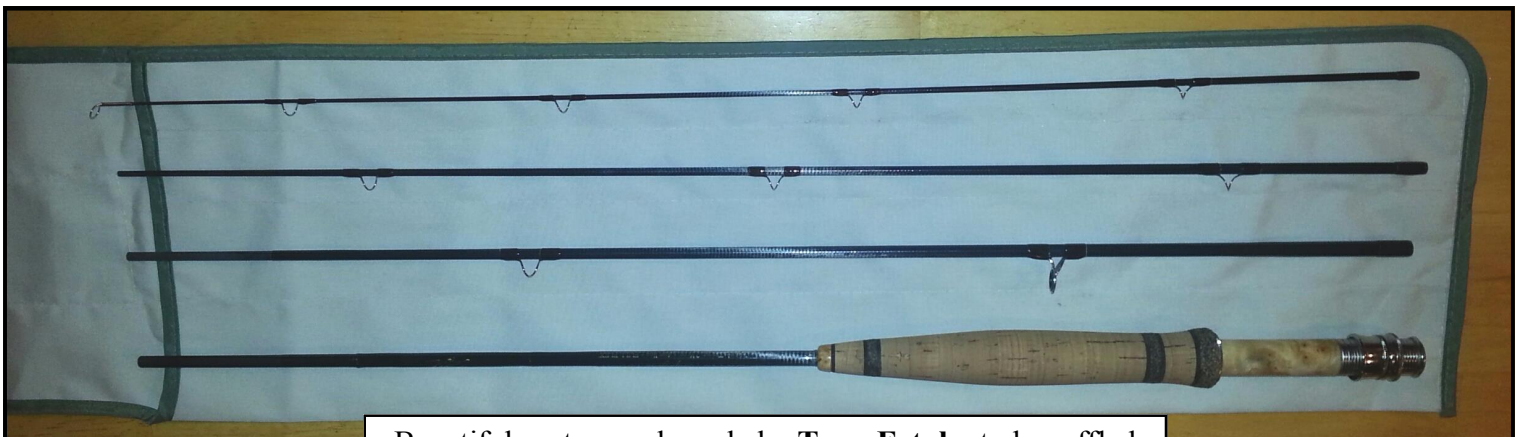


### Winners

**Pres. Rich Cosgrove** congratulates **Mike Clark**, winner of the St. Croix rod from our Annual Banquet raffle.



**V. Pres. Ken Arstark**, winner of the raffle prize at the February meeting.



Beautiful custom rod, made by **Tony Ertola**, to be raffled off at a future date. Tickets can be bought at the meetings.



## 14 MAY 2015: 12th Annual Casting for Recovery Long Island Dinner & Auction Fundraiser @ Watermill Caterers



**Casting for Recovery provides a no cost retreat weekend for women in all stages of Breast Cancer diagnosis.**

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We provide an opportunity for women whose lives have been profoundly affected by the disease to gather in a natural setting and learn the sport of fly fishing. Just as importantly, the retreats offer an opportunity to meet new friends, network, exchange information, and have fun. Please join us for a fun filled evening.

***Please contact Christina Galicia, Program Coordinator at 631-252-7195 for ticket information.***



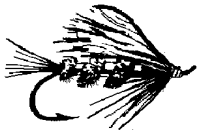
### **We are fishing Connetquot**

**on Monday, February 22nd !!**

For the morning session, we meet in front of the barn at 7:30 AM  
(afternoon session at the hatchery)

All anglers must sign up and get their tickets before going out on the river, and we will be fishing Catch and Release only. Current NYS/DEC licenses are required. Cancellations must be **CALLED** in to 516-997-6743 by the Saturday night deadline, or the angler must pay the fishing fee.

For reservations or if you have any questions,  
call Lee or email Rich at [rcosgrove50@gmail.com](mailto:rcosgrove50@gmail.com)



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Thank You

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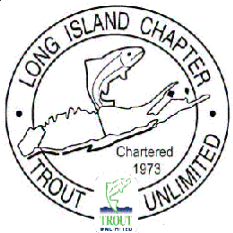
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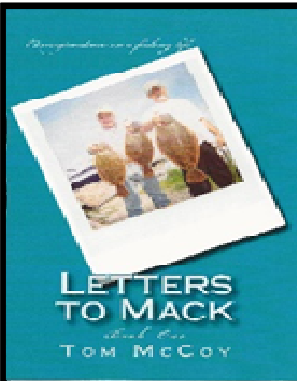
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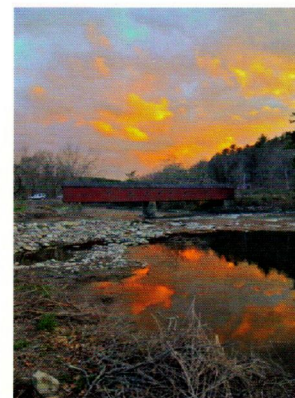
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on the new site.

Email can be addressed to **Roy Placet**, our  
webmaster at:  
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January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

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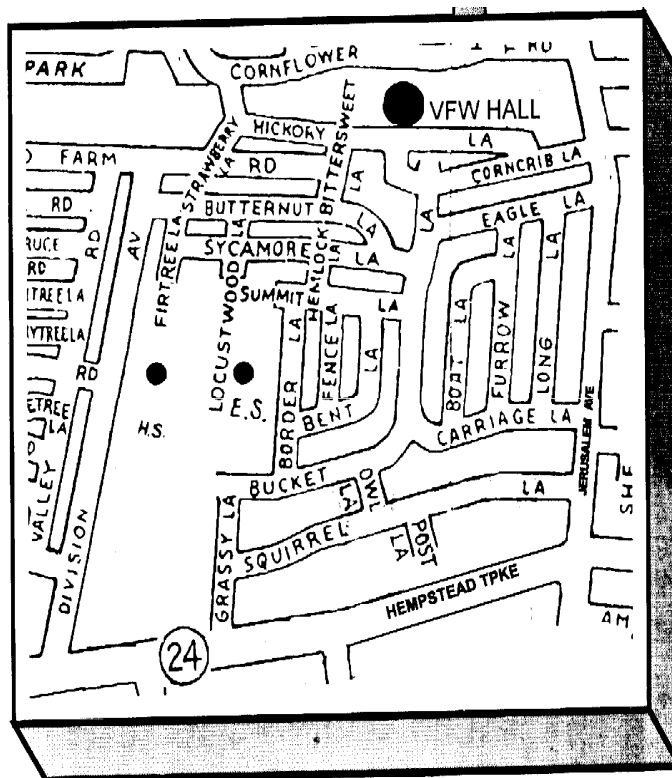


**LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS**

**March - 2016**

- March 1      **General Meeting - 8 pm**  
Guest Speaker: Rod Rohrback  
☐Techniques for Tough Trout☐
- March 6      **Ward Melville Annual Fishing Expo**
- March 19     **1st Annual Long Island Fly fishing Expo**
- March 22     **Board Meeting**
- April 5       **Open House & Used Tackle Sale**

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