



# THE BOB DWYER FISHING CLUB AUGUST – 2023

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## President's Corner

The “*Dog days of summer.*” What a great time to think about the cooler climate of the Catskill Mountains and the wonderful fellowship we share at the Mountain Brook Inn.

Some key dates for the BDFC Fall 2023 get together:

- (1) The Ray Williams Trophy Period will begin on Saturday, September 23rd through Saturday September 30th
- (2) BDFC Friday Fish Fry will be held on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>
- (3) The BDFC Dinner Meeting and Banquet will be held on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>
- (4) The 2023 PH GRIMES Trophy along with other 2022 trophies will be awarded at the Dinner Meeting.

It is never too early to book your reservations with David at the Mountain Brook Inn. David's contact numbers are as follows: Cell Phone: 650-269-4382 Email: david@mountainbrookinn.com

Some brief reflections of our Spring 2023 gathering follows. It was another great time together regardless of the stormy cold weather and high streams, the fishing was simply amazing for many of us. Thus, providing more than enough trout for our Friday night feast.

For dinner Wednesday evening, we called “*a play*” from previous years and had dinner at the HIDDEN INN. The Inn is beautifully refurbished and they provided us with an absolutely delicious meal. Kurt DuBois is doing an amazing job over there. Be sure to “*check them out*” the next time you get a chance.

The BDFC Membership was on best behavior and David & Emily were extremely gracious. Best of all, we were able to lure Gary out of retirement on Friday night for a fantastic evening. Well done all!

Stormy weather, cold temperatures, power outages and high streams could not deter another brilliant week celebrating our unique fellowship. Laughter, friendship, food, drink, stories, card playing, cigars, music and fishing; a true elixir (or cure-all) for whatever ails you.



*Castle Grimes* was once again the location of our wonderful family BBQ get together and dinner, including *Madame Grimes*. At left, Tim Flynn shows off the many pictures of Kevin's sisters and brothers that adorn the walls throughout the household.

At right is Arlayne visiting with Jon Dwyer. Many thanks to Kevin and Brian for doing the cooking and Arlayne for supervising the affair. It was fantastic fun and great times!



Friday we hit the links, hit the streams. A stunning day. Long and straight was the theme for golf while fat and plentiful was the theme for fishing.

Perfectly integrated with cinco de mayo's black bean soup and guacamole, Gary put together the trappings of a fish fry including deserts worthy of kings.

Saturday more fishing and county exploration. Catch and release for some. Catch and keep for others to take home.

Our slightly delayed celebration of the Club's 50<sup>TH</sup> anniversary took place at the Andes Hotel. Newly updated, Scott Mastrangelo provided us with a private room. Some great cocktails, appetizers and the best prime-rib meal we have ever had - by far!



Safety first, we all headed back to the Mountain Brook Inn for Club business, trophy presentations and desert.



See you in September  
**Love and Peace,**

*Rob Crowley*

**President – BDFC**



## 25<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of the Bob Dwyer Fishing Club

Yes, we officially celebrated the 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of the Club in the Spring of this year, but let's not forget our Silver Anniversary some 25 years ago. How did that go?

Well, let me show you:

Sunday, September 24, 1995

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# Club, awards tribute to

When Bob Dwyer of Binghamton, an ardent trout fisherman, died in 1970, his friends decided the best way to honor his memory was to organize a fishing club and name it for him. I can't think of many better memorials. Thus was born The Bob Dwyer Fishing Club.

"(We) decided the best way to honor him was to start a fishing club in his honor," said Pat Grimes, a club member from Bovina Center. "(We) marveled at his courage and determination. Though fighting a battle against cancer, he still joined his fishing pals in camping along and fishing the small streams of the Catskills, which he loved."

Although business commitments have scattered the membership, most if not all were planning to attend the club's 25th annual dinner meeting last night at the Hidden Inn in South Kortright. And today members were scheduled to visit the club's property in New



**DAVID  
ROSSIE**

Kingston to dedicate plaques in memory of two other recently deceased members, Phil Librizzi of Larchmont, and Ed Hulbert of Binghamton.

Honorees at the Saturday dinner were Rita Dwyer, widow of Bob Dwyer, and Doris Dimmick, whose late husband, Perry Dimmick, is remembered by way of the Perry Dimmick Trophy, which is awarded each year to the member who has caught the largest brook trout from a Catskill stream.

The Bob Dwyer Trophy is also

awarded each year to the member who has caught the largest brown trout. A 24-inch brown trout caught in a tributary of the East Branch of the Delaware River, and a 16-inch brook trout caught in a Pepacton Reservoir feeder were this year's winning fish. Rita Dwyer and Doris Dimmick still reside in Binghamton.

Grimes said the club over the years has espoused environmental causes in the Catskills and has also endeavored to introduce children to the joys of fishing. And although their first love is the garland of Catskills brooks, a dozen members traveled to Montana this summer to fish some of its great rivers, such as the Yellowstone, Madison and Beaverhead.

But their hearts belong to the Catskills, especially its smaller brooks. And anyone who has ever fished those glorious waters doesn't need to ask why.



# Bob Dwyer Fishing

The Bob Dwyer Fishing Club of New Kingston is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Founded in 1970, the club is named after the legendary Catskill fisherman who was born in Binghamton. A lifetime of fishing Catskill Mountain waters found him staying in the Downsville area until his World War II service.

After the war he and his young children stayed at the Hoyt farm (now abandoned) off the junction of Miller Ave. and Bramley Mtn. Rd. in Bovina. Later they stayed with Margaret and Charlie Eisele outside of Kelly Corners and finally with Martha and Jack Hewitt at their Crystal Springs Farm in Denver along the banks of the Batavia Kill.

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USA. Last year, President Kevin Grimes returned from France for the annual reunion during the last week of trout season.

In 1984, at the suggestion of Jack Hewitt of Denver, the club bought property on Winter Hollow Road in New Kingston. In memory of their deceased membership, a tree has been planted and a name plaque placed in their honor at the site.

Two members were lost this year—80-year-old Ed Hulbert of Binghamton who died February 17, and Philip Librizzi, a young man from Westchester County who succumbed after a 10-year coma caused by an automobile maintenance accident. Philip had made his First Holy Communion in Sacred Heart Church in Margaretville when Fr. Dwyer (no relation to Bob) was pastor.

As the members' children were

In 1970, Bob Dwyer passed away after a bout with cancer. His love of fishing and his courage and determination could be seen as he continued to camp and fish along his favorite Catskill streams despite his illness.

To recognize this exceptional fisherman, a club was formed to honor his name. His appreciation of the wonders of nature could best be reflected in his comment, "Nothing is as beautiful as a male brook trout in the fall when he dons his mating colors."

The club has about 20 members, all of whom call the Catskills home during the trout season. Over the years work has caused them to relocate to various parts of the

## TU plans fly tying, fishing schools

The Catskill Mountains Chapter of Trout Unlimited will soon conduct fly fishing and fly tying schools.

Trout fishing classes will take place at the Ulster County Community College gymnasium.

Fly tying classes will be held in a room adjoining the gymnasium.

Registration is Thursday, Mar. 16 at 7 p.m., after which classes will be conducted until 9:15. Sessions will resume every Thursday between 7 and 9:15 p.m. through April 13, for a total of five classes, plus a day of fly fishing instruction

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As the members' children were introduced to the Catskills, it became part of their lives. Member John Hurley decided to attend Delhi Tech and has as teacher, Mike Noonan of Bovina. Member Joe Librera met and married Sharon Minatti of Margaretville.

### Trophy winners

This year the annual club dinner was held at Andes Hotel February 18. Trophies were awarded for the largest brown and brook trout caught by its members that year.

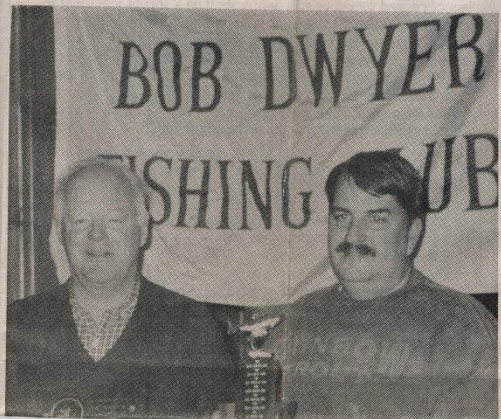
Trophy winners must have caught their fish only in Catskill streams, not lakes or reservoirs.

The Bob Dwyer Trophy for the largest trout was caught by Dave Dimmick who landed a 19-inch brown in a small tributary of the East Branch of the Delaware.

It was especially appropriate for Dave to gain top honors since the Dimmick family has long been associated with the Catskills. An early ancestor, Col. Noah Dimmick was the Commander of Ft. Monroe, Virginia during the Civil War. Dave's father, Perry, and grandfather Keudelka Dimmick were born in an old stone house at the headwaters of the East Branch in Grand Gorge. His great-grandfather Perry and great-uncle Lem of Canada Hollow near Margaretville attended the old schoolhouse just outside of

Catskill Mountain N

## Club marks 25th



FISHING AWARDS -- The New Kingston-based Bob Dwyer Fishing Club held its 25th anniversary dinner at the Andes Hotel Saturday, when Pat Grimes (left) and Dave Dimmick won awards for the largest trout caught on Catskill streams in 1994.

Margaretville. The cemetery in Arkville was once called Dimmick Cemetery.

The Perry Dimmick Trophy, named in honor of Dave's father, for the largest brook trout caught in 1994 was presented to Bovina resident Pat Grimes, for a 14 1/2 inch fish caught in a tributary of the West Branch of the Delaware.

At the dinner it was noted that D. Kay Sanford, aquatic biologist of Region 4 of New York State, has announced plans for an electrofishing survey of the Tremper Kill in July or August 1995. This came after advice that BDFC members had witnessed a decline in fishing results over recent years.

Biologist Sanford expressed the concern of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation since the Tremper Kill is regarded as one

of the Catskills' best natural spawning streams for wild trout.

Current Club President Jon Dwyer, son of club namesake Bob Dwyer, is very pleased as he looks toward the future of the club and fishing in the Catskills. He pointed out that this past year a third generation fisherman, two-and-a-half-year-old Brian Grimes, caught his first trout fishing with his grandparents on the stream site where Elisha B. Maynard reached the valley of Maynard Brook in 1792 and established the first settlement in the Town of Bovina.

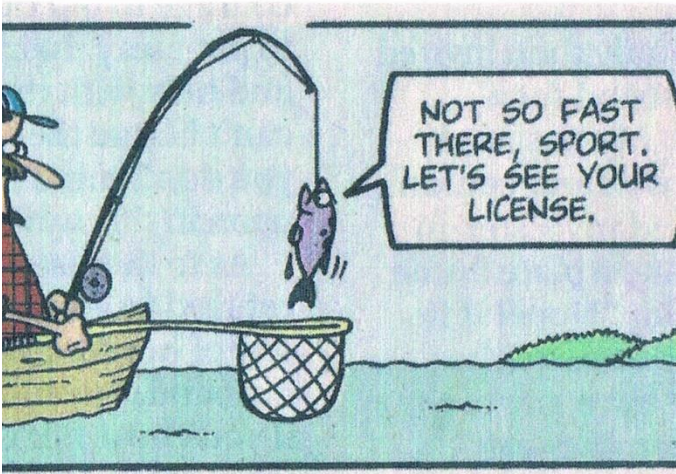
Today we know it as the headwaters of the Little Delaware.

Pat Grimes



It took "some doing" for me to piece these together, but I hope you can read and enjoy the happenstances of that glorious time in Club History when Brian Grimes was just two-and-a-half years old.





**First things first, make sure you have a valid one. The Dwyers arrived Wednesday night to see snow flurries while passing Gary's home on the way to MBI**



**Although the streams were too high to cross on Thursday, the fishing turned out to be phenomenal.**

**There were six trout caught between 19 and 21 inches long. Above is a picture of Ken Vigiletti's twenty incher which tied for the lead for the Spring's PHGrimes Trophy – "at the time!"**





**It was Jon Dwyer who tied Ken with HIS OWN twenty incher, an extremely heavy hook-jaw Brown Trout from above the South Kortright bridge area of the West Branch of the Delaware.**



**Left to right above, are Peter Snetzko's 19 and 19 1/2 inch brownies respectively. Both of which were caught somewhere in Delaware County ... Great job Peter!**

**Peter also provided a video of him releasing both trout back into the stream. "Catch & Release" man.**





Well, what do we have here? And who (Missie?) claims to have made the catch? I think that Tim Flynn claims to have caught this 19  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch Brown Trout but I'm not sure, how about you guys? Interesting!

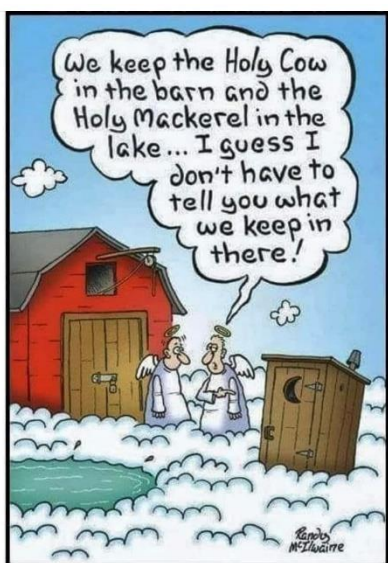


Rob Dwyer & Wayne Cerinetti kneel for prayers answered as well as Kevin Grimes with this 18 incher.





**It's a Bird, it's a Plane! No, it's SUPER PREZ! With a SUPER CATCH and a CATCHY SMILE! Congratulations to Rob Crowley for landing this 21 inch Brown Trout; Which wound up winning him the PH-Grimes Trophy, for the largest trout during the Spring Outing ... Sorry Ken and Jon.**



**We live in a world where your kid cannot pretend to be an Indian. But a grown man can pretend to be a woman**

**Still guessing?**

**Wayne Cerinetti's 2022 Brookie winner**

**Need I say more?**





After a great catch on Thursday, Ken Vigletti had an even bigger catch on Friday – HIMSELF!



Jon Dwyer caught most of his trout on his favorite Bass lure, a five inch – Floating Rapala.



**HOLY COW!** How pleased we were to have Chef Gary Return and Prepare all the trappings of a Great Fish Fry!



Bob Dwyer presents the 2022 Perry Dimmick Trophy for the 15 7/8<sup>TH</sup> inch brookie he caught out of the upper reaches of the Little Delaware.



Here, Club Prez Rob Crowley presents Bob Dwyer the Ray Williams Trophy for the 18 1/4 inch Brown he caught where Roses Brook enters the W. Branch.





Bob Dwyer presents Tim Flynn two trophies for a single trout he caught. His 19 inch Brown Trout held up to win both the Ray Williams Trophy & the Bob Dwyer Trophy for the largest trout caught during the “Fall Outing” as well as for the “entire year.” That says one thing ... 2022 sucked compared to 2023

As is our practice, drink, live music, cards and cigars closed the night.

Then Sunday morning David and Emily provided a wonderful breakfast spread and creative foods. The Hawaiian/Polynesian inspired Spam was to die for.

After which came the “goodbyes” and “good cheers” as all headed home in different directions.



**Look forward to seeing you in September**

*Jon Dwyer*

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