



# THE BOB DWYER FISHING CLUB APRIL – 2022

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THEN CLICK ON THE HOME PAGE.**

Here you can find information on all the Club Trophies (what year established and winners/sizes of trout throughout the years). Also, click on ***“links”*** after which you can click on any of the following:

Mountain Brook Inn website, Official NYSDEC website, NYSDEC freshwater fishing regulations, the Delhi 5-day weather forecast, Official NY Yankee website, Trout Unlimited website, the Cooperstown Hall of Fame website and the “BDFC: The Early Years documentary. Additionally, you can check out all of the BDFC News Letters back to the year 2008.

## **President’s Corner**

*“Hope springs eternal in the human breast. Man never is, but always to be blessed. The soul, uneasy and confined from home, rests and expatiates in a life to come.”* Alexander Pope (An essay on Man 1733-34)

Beautiful, right? No doubt you’ve seen the discovery of Sir. Ernest Shackleton’s ship Endurance, in the Weddell Sea of Antarctica (circa: 1915). How appropriate that two years into the global pandemic that we rediscover the Endurance; a timely reminder of enduring difficult times with testament to the resiliency of human spirit. With that said, it really is the time of year – *“Where all things seem possible!”*

## **Reasons to be cheerful:**

- Baseball is Back! Full season!
- Joe Buck is NOT.
- March Madness and the incredible upsets blowing up everyone’s brackets.
- St. Patrick’s Day and the glorious parades.
- Marriages, Babies, Graduations, Travel and Retirements.
- Successful surgeries (and recoveries).
- Spring has sprung.
- Trout fishing officially opened on April first.
- BDFC Spring Meeting coming up.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for our Spring Meeting.

- **2022 PH Grimes Trophy period:** Monday May 9th through Sunday May 15th.
- **Lucky Friday the 13th Fish fry:** Friday May 13th.
- **Banquet Dinner and Club Meeting:** Saturday May 14th. With the Bob Dwyer, Perry Dimmick and Ray Williams 2021 Trophy presentations.

It's never too early to book your reservations with Gary at the Mountain Brook Inn:  
[mountainbrookinn@aol.com](mailto:mountainbrookinn@aol.com) or 607-832-4662

### Fall 2021 Meeting Reflections:

Another amazing meeting in the books. What rain we had! Torrential rain while on the streams with the wind blowing so hard, seeing was not an option. For added spice, we had a little power outage back at home base.

It seems that Lenny Winstanley and Jon Dwyer have a new **best friend** at the In Between Restaurant. Please direct any story inquiries to them, as I subscribe to the code that: *"What happens at the Inn Between, stays in between."*

Boy did we catch fish! The streams were absolutely on fire and we had way more than enough to fuel Friday's Fantastic Fish Fry. **Delicious!**



Picture on the left is one of the pans of trout from the refrigerator being delivered to the **Kitchen of Chef Gary** to be prepared for the delight of the honored guests;

And on the **Right!** ... a culinary **Delight!**

**Thank you Gary!**

**We had some Club History:** the Dwyer boys were asked prior to our 2021 Fall Meeting to speak about some of the original members of the club and how each of them came to know and fish with one another back in the early days. Thank you, Captain Bob Dwyer. Bob took the lead in not only documenting but presenting in vivid detail the exploitations of the **Club Pioneers**, sharing his wonderful memories and providing color and richness to the club. He even provided a copy of his pitch to club members present. Jon and Rick also did a great job of introducing some of their recollections as well.

It was a great read, one I have gone back to more than once since then. Related, I also want to remind everyone of **"BDFC: The Early Years,"** An interview with the Brother's Dwyer produced by **Kevin Grimes**. Tipping the scales at just under two hours. It is a bit of a chew, but well worth the listen:

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- Under "Up Loads," click on the: *Club Logo*

**Our Streams are Healthy:** Thank you to our friend **Scott Wells** for shocking the stream and not shocking our volunteer members, Tim Flynn, Chris O’Gorman, Brian and Kevin Grimes. Alas, much appreciation of the “*Cheat Sheet*” and discussion around the new fishing regulations.

**There were plenty of other amazing’s:** Laughs, Stories, Music, Cards, Wine, Lumber Mills, Golf, Hemp, Mini-Golf and Food.

Once again, we were spoiled. Crab cakes, hard boiled eggs, soup, salad, cheese sticks, fresh fruit, sausage and biscuits, corn on the cob, short ribs, skillet fried trout, potatoes and multiple desert. **What?!!!**

Thank you to our great friend and wonderful host **Gary Simmons!** You do it year after year ... “**Spoil at Will!**”

Finally. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the amazing job **Tim Flynn** has done as President of the Bob Dwyer Fishing Club. Under Tim’s leadership we resiliently navigated the pandemic and remotely celebrated our **50th Anniversary**.

We have consistently filled the Mountain Brook Inn, have regularly guest speakers, new members catching trout, financial soundness and better wine. Tim’s actions over the years shows just how much he loves this **BDFC Family**.

Personally, Tim introduced me to the sport, the Club, the card game, the Catskill community **and all of you great men**. He is the **only President** I have ever known and has set a **high bar**. I am proud to be the new President of the Bob Dwyer Fishing Club. **I am honored** to be part of the wonderful legacy.



*“Many men go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.” (Thoreau)*

For the sportfisherman, it is often **the getting away,**  
**or the solitude** of a mountain stream.



Let us pray for the beautiful people of Ukraine



**See you soon my friends,**

*Rob Crowley*

**President – BDFC**



## Some Further Past Highlights



But before I get started, allow me a bit of humor:

### The Selfless Irish

The Irish never hesitate to come to the aid of their fellow man ... in this case, fellow **air passengers!** Shortly after takeoff on an outbound evening Aer Lingus flight from Dublin to Boston, the lead flight attendant nervously made the following announcement in her lovely Irish brogue:

*“Ladies and gentlemen, I’m so very sorry, but it appears that there has been a terrible mix-up by our catering service. I don’t know how this happened, but we have 103 passengers on board and unfortunately, we received only 40 dinner meals. I truly apologize for this mistake and inconvenience.”*



When the muttering of the passengers died down, she continued:

*“Anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal so that someone else can eat, will receive free and unlimited drinks for the duration of our, ten hour flight.”*

Her next announcement came about two hours later:

*“If anyone is hungry, we still have forty dinners available.”*



**Bob Dwyer, Dan Wilson, Rob Crowley and PJ Snetzko, greeting one another on arrival.**



**The Dwyer clan (Rick, Rob, Bob and Jon) as Robbie finally arrives later in the week.**



Never ask a woman  
drinking wine  
straight from the bottle  
how she’s doing.

**At far left is Lenny snoozing (awaiting others to arrive.**

**My wife Shelley offers Us this bit of ... “Wise Advice.”**





**The three Amigos: Kevin and Brian Grimes along with Jon Dwyer fishing on the upper reaches of the West Branch of the Delaware River, Jon gets a nice one (right)**



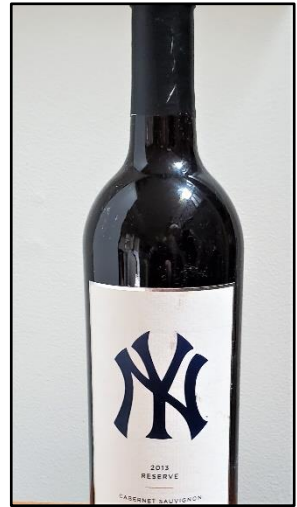
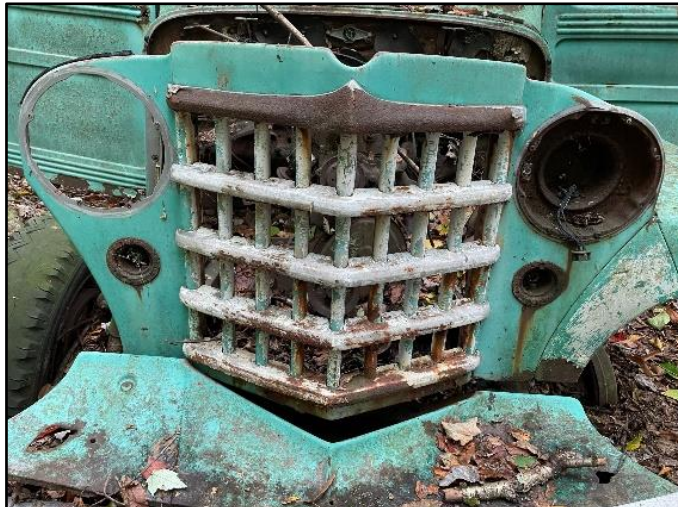
**Kevin (on left) with 20 ½ inch Brown Trout which won him his dad's 2022 PHG trophy.**

**Dwyer Grimes with another beauty as well.**





The “Shock-Jocks:” Tim, Brian, OG, Kevin & Scott assembled together then charged the stream!



Some of the catch, as far as fish go: perch, trout, bull-heads minnows & other aquatic species.

“Oldie but Goodie!”  
Like some of our elder statesmen.

Reminder to all attending,  
please bring 2-3 bottles of wine to help offset club costs.



Gary led us in the “Blessing of the food.”

“Yum-Yum Good” dinner is served





Gary's local Catskill favorite "Short Ribs."



"Uh-Oh!" Double trouble, they've got bones in em.



Bob Dwyer presents Kevin Grimes with the 2020 Perry Dimmick Trophy (16 ¾ inch Brook Trout). Dwyer Grimes, was also recognized for his 2020 double trophy win with his 20 inch Brown Trout.



Again, Kevin comes up BIG! with his morning catch, a 20 ½ inch Brown Trout from the Little Delaware. "Like son - like father," he too wins the PHG & BD Trophies for 2021.



As Rob Crowley mentioned on page-2 of the news letter, Bob Dwyer delivering his passionate talk!



Treasurer Peter Snetzko presenting Tim Flynn a gift for his outstanding leadership over the years. ( 7 of 8 )





## “THE PASSING OF THE GAVEL!”



Looking forward to it,

*Jon Dwyer*

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