



THE BOB DWYER

FISHING CLUB

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President's Corner

Before I get into other things I thought an update with regards to this year's trophy hunt might be in order. **Kevin Grimes** caught a 21 ½ inch brown trout out of the West Branch the last week of April during our Spring gathering. After it looked like we were about to be shut out due to the lack of strikes, he managed to bag two beauties in a stretch of activity that lasted about an hour. He caught two good browns (the other was 19 inches). With the larger holding up to win the **PHG Trophy** for the largest trout caught during the Spring Session. It is only fitting that one of Pat's sons won the *Inaugural Award*.



of course **Jon Dwyer** gave Kevin a run for his money with this 20 inch the following day

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At that point, Kevin's trout might conceivably win the BDFC Trophy as well, however his son **Brian Grimes** would have nothing to do with that. The Grimes boys went down to the Catskills the second weekend in June after which Brian filed this report:

We left on Saturday morning around 7:00 am and got to Tunis Lake about 9:30 or so. We stopped briefly to talk with the Glavin family and made plans to return that night for drinks after fishing. We then went to the upper West Branch and I dropped Dwyer and Dad off on the back road above South Kortright where there are two waterfalls.

I then drove back to South Kortright and crossed the bridge to Route-10 and parked about three and a half hours of fishing time above them at a small turnoff where the river first returns to the road. I tied my #6 gold and black frog finish panther martin on and walked below the parking spot to a nice section of slow moving water.

The sun was out and it was a completely clear day but the water was discolored from a torrential rain the night before. I fished the first hole slowly and missed a small trout at the back end of it before crossing to the opposite side in order to fish the next hole. This hole had a large tree with overhanging branches. The water was very deep and ran swiftly along the trees root system.

My first cast landed at the top of the hole and looped back to curl right along the middle section of the roots and I got the strike immediately. I knew it was massive as soon as it hit, it was here that I switched my hands to fight it from the line instead of the reel. The fish made one big run

to try to get below me into the last hole I fished but I was able to stay downstream of him and he retreated back into the deeper water.



I had my net with me but the beach seemed to be an easy landing area so I fought him up to the edge. Here, he began to roll once or twice and I got nervous so I ditched my rod and dove on top of him – cutting him off from the water (think hockey goalie without pads).

Once I secured him on the bank I realized what a massive fish he was. He had the biggest head I have ever seen and he hit the panther martin so hard that the hooks were caught in the back of his throat along the gills.

I took out the measuring tape and saw it was very close to the size of Dad's trout, so I held off getting an official measurement until he could verify it.

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I ended up carrying the fish for the next three hours, over which time I only managed to catch about another half dozen browns – none over 12 inches. The official measurement took place when Dad picked me up ... it turned out to be 22 inches. When all was said and done we wound up eating the four pound monster that evening with the Glavin family.

Now a note of interest: When cleaning this trout. I found four big crayfish in his stomach, so the bottom line is ... **“Someone needs to come up with a good crayfish lure!”**

Patrick H. Grimes Trophy

At the Dinner Meeting on Saturday night, Bob Dwyer did the honor of presenting to the club the PHG Trophy. Bob designed the trophy and had it fabricated in the Raleigh area.



Bob Dwyer presenting the PHG Trophy to the Club



Arlayne Grimes rejoices at the sight of the trophy that honors her husband and our legendary member, Pat at a dinner in Stamford, NY.



At left, the Grimes Boys (Dwyer, P.J., Kevin and Brian) pose for a picture with the trophy. They represent the second and third generations of the Grimes family in the Catskills

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Speaking of Trophies

Dave Dimmick was awarded both the BDFC Trophy for the largest trout caught over the 2014 season - a 23 ½ inch brown; and the Perry Dimmick Trophy for the largest brook trout at 15 ½ inches. **Jon Dwyer** was awarded the Ray Williams Trophy for the largest trout caught during the Fall Session – a 17 ½ inch brown trout out of the West Branch at Hamden.



PJ Grimes presenting Dave Dimmick the BDFC Trophy Peter Snetzko and PJ presenting Jon Dwyer the RW Trophy



Fish Fry

As bad as the fishing was, we did manage to get enough trout to hold our Friday evening fish fry as evidenced by the picture on the left. A good time was had by all.

Update

Bob Dwyer and **Fr. Tom Keating** continue with their health issues but word is that both of them are hell bent on joining us in the Catskills this Fall.



I look Forward to seeing all of you soon,

Tim Flynn
President - BDFC

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In Response

To Brian Grime's closing remark: **"Someone needs to come up with a good crayfish lure!"** That someone, is me (Jon Dwyer). And I am about to show you what I've come up with. It is a **two component** product put out by a company called **Savage Gear**. The **first component** is a three inch, 1/5 ounce crayfish. By scanning a real crayfish and combining it with careful study of the movement and escape patterns of the real thing. Savage Gear has been able to create a crayfish lure that looks and swims as real as possible – irresistible to even the wariest predator fish.

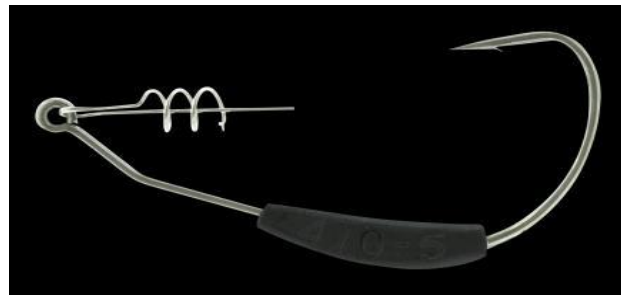
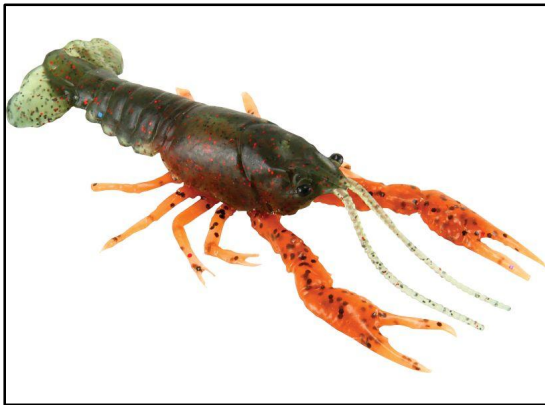
This is a soft plastic lure with ultra-lively moving whiskers and legs. It has advanced two tone colors and superb realistic gliding actions. Its claws and head are air-filled thus it floats unrigged. It is iodine, salt and crayfish scent enriched.

The **second component** is a 1/10 ounce, 1/0 crayfish weed-less hook rig. Savage Gear engineers designed this rig specifically for the 3D Crayfish lure. It has a wide-gap hook, with perfect easy to mount centered corkscrew. The weighted shank weight is balanced for a perfect stealthy glide on the drop and side to side action on retrieve and twitch.



The corkscrew goes into the tail of the lure where there is a “receptive indentation” in the design. The point of the hook is then put into the gut (underside) of the crayfish by its back most legs. The point is imbedded there (not exposed) thus making it weed-less.

If you would like to look this up on the internet you can do so at www.savage-gear.com.



3D Cray Fish Lure at left and Weed-Less Hook Rig above

I will be bringing some of these components up with me next month, so why not order some for yourself – **right now!** I will be glad to show you how to rig them when you get there. So there you have it Brian ... the **crayfish lure** you so desired.

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The week in review

WAYNE CERINETTI	
STOKING	JIM and
TIM FLYNN	DAVE
DIMMICK'S TRIPLE	
THE COALS FOR THE BBQ	
RIBS	STROKING
OTIS	CROWN
T-SHIRT	



THE COVERALL BOYS



ROB and PJ - WHERE'S THE BEER?

THE KITCHEN CREW



**LENNY WINSTANLEY
OTIS**

CHRIS O'GORMAN



Upon announcing the **PHG Trophy** we got an email from **Ciaran Coakley**, which read:

Wow! You make a retired Irishman in England both jealous and nostalgic in equal measure with enormously fond memories of Pat Grimes and my visit to Mountain Brook so many years ago! Good fishing and maybe one day I can join you if someone would be kind enough to teach me how to fish again after so many decades of neglect!

Slainte! (Good Health)



Ciaran, we look forward, to that day you join us.
And rest assured, you can pick your teacher from
amongst the group above – **we sit in wait** - of your arrival.



See you in the Catskills,

**Jon Dwyer
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