

THE BOB DWYER FISHING CLUB JULY - 2011

President's Corner

I hope that everyone was as pleased as I was with our June get together. The rains came at an opportune time, especially for **Dave Dimmick** and **John Miselnicky** as they caught the West Branch on *the rise* and were able to cash in with two limits of big browns that Friday afternoon. Overall, a number of nice trout were caught by many of the members. My son-in-law **Peter Snetzko** caught his *personal best* on Sunday morning, an 18 inch brown out of the Little Delaware (he got it to hit a yellow panther martin). **Brian Grimes** caught a number of big trout, including a 21 inch brown Saturday morning from the same stream. The Little Delaware also gave up a couple of big brookies that week, with **Jon Dwyer** catching a 15 incher and yours truly catching a 15 ½ incher (which incidentally leads in the quest for the Perry Dimmick Trophy). Brian Grimes still leads the pack for the Bob Dwyer Trophy with the 23 ¼ inch brown trout he caught over the Memorial Day weekend.

I would like to thank our Field Editor **Bob Dwyer** for his efforts in getting NYSDEC Aquatic Biologist **Scott Wells** from the Region 4 Bureau of Fisheries in Stamford to join us at our Dinner Meeting.



Scott Wells The guys were really appreciative of his being open and candid about the many issues that were talked about. Some of which included: the *Didymo Alert*, *Hydraulic Fracture Drilling* and the *Merganser Infestation*. We certainly enjoyed having him with us and hope that he too, enjoyed being there as well. I am sure that that's the case, since Bob Dwyer has already informed us that Scott has agreed to join us at our September gathering. This time, Bob has made arrangements for Scott to gather the members together at the Mountain Brook Inn at 2:00pm Saturday afternoon before the Dinner Meeting. After which, Scott will accompany us to a section of the Little Delaware where we can do a simple one site survey; by shocking, netting and measuring the trout in that stretch of stream. In order to accommodate this activity as well as navigate some wedding dinner commitments that Gary Simmons has at the Mountain Brook Inn, we have set the date for the Ray Williams Trophy week as follows: Sunday September 11th through and including Saturday September 17th with the Dinner Meeting that night. We also plan on having a trout dinner at the MBI on Friday evening (9/16) comprised of trout from our members. Please let Gary know **well in advance** if and when you'll be staying at the MBI as Delhi College will be having its *homecoming* that week (phone 877-692-7665).



Len Winstanley

**President
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FLEEING FELT

As biologists and trout fishermen grow increasingly aware of disease threats posed by microorganisms being inadvertently moved from one trout stream to another, increasing numbers of anglers are turning away from the use of felt-bottomed wading boots.

In some places, where felt soles are no longer permitted, it's simply a matter of conforming to the law. In others, turning from felt is a voluntary move for the sake of stream conservation — and one backed by Trout Unlimited.

Some anglers remain opposed to the change or are on the fence. Although no one wants to contribute to stream problems, some do not want to replace gear, or they not have found what they consider a suitable substitute that allows for safe wading in the waters they fish. Some naysayers contend that thorough cleaning of all stream gear is a better solution than abandoning felt.

Several manufacturers are now producing felt alternatives, with one fairly widely accepted solution among anglers being a special rubber called Vibram. Simms Fishing, whose StreamTread boots were the first to utilize Vibram, has taken the stand a step farther by discontinuing production of all felt-bottomed wading boots in 2010.

With increasing numbers of states outlawing felt, an angler would be wise to talk with fellow anglers who have made the switch and to begin exploring alternatives. —Jeff Samsel



Didymo Alert

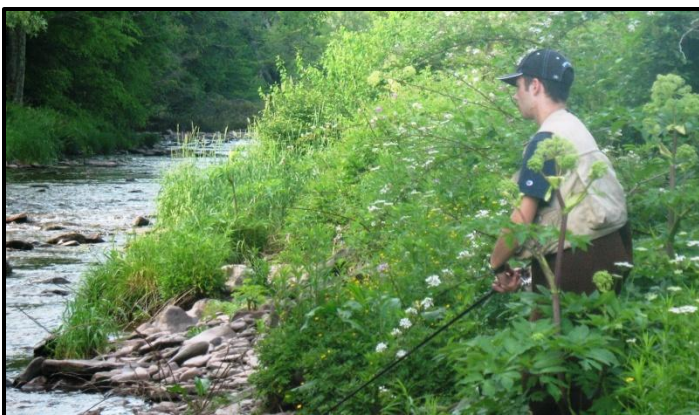
Didymo is a microorganism that produces large amounts of stalk material which forms thick mats on the stream bottom. During blooms, these mats may completely cover long stretches of stream beds, altering stream conditions and choking out many of the organisms that live on the stream bottom which can affect trout and other fish.

Didymo, also known as **Rock Snot**, has been documented in the East and West branches of the Delaware River as well as in the Beaver Kill and Willowemoc system.

Felt-soled waders and wading shoes have been identified as ways in which **whirling-disease spores** and **didymo** can be transported, and they are difficult to disinfect. Rubber and/or studded soles are readily available now, provide similar if not better traction and are much less

likely to transport these invasive species. I just bought myself a pair of River Guard ultra light wading boots from Orvis. They have durable and lightweight uppers and what they call Eco Trax Soles which have a proprietary Orvis-exclusive lug pattern with sharp leading edges for better traction. Also included are a set of PosiGrip Screw-in Studs which maximize the traction in slippery wading conditions. They come in a **hiking boot** style and new **lacing system** which makes for a comfortable fit. I also found that they have ankle-high waders to use with your wading boots for those times you want to wade “wet” when it’s real hot (pretty cool, no more five sets of socks to fill the space). You can check it out on www.orvis.com under fly fishing / wading boots.

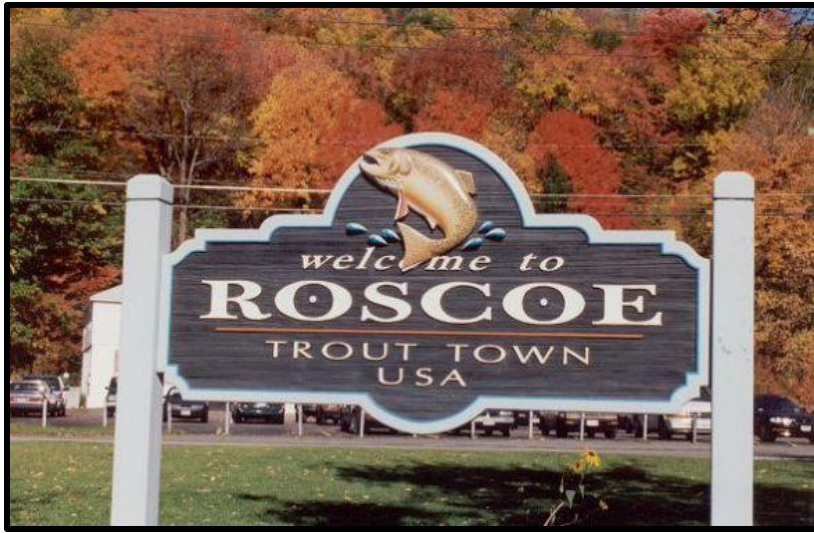
Speaking of Wading



Brian Grimes in the bushes on the Little Delaware



Ryan Dwyer in deep water on the West Branch



Roscoe, New York

Although New York is best known for the theatre, fine restaurants and the world-class night life, it is also a great place to wet a line. In fact, after anglers cast more than a million online votes Roscoe was named winner of the **World Fishing Network's 2011 Ultimate Fishing Town USA** contest.

Roscoe is a small hamlet of about 600 people with such a strong fishing history that it has been known as *Trout Town USA* for decades.

Its choice natural setting offers anglers some of America's top trout streams. It is conveniently located approximately two hours from New York city, Connecticut and New Jersey at the gateway to the Catskill Park and is surrounded by some 20,000 acres of State Forest Preserve.

After more than 300 towns all across the United States were nominated in March, a preliminary round of voting in April narrowed the field to 20 finalists. In the end ... Roscoe won out. The town will also receive *national recognition* from the honor and have a feature produced about fishing in Roscoe to air on WFN later in the year. The **Bob Dwyer Fishing Club** extends their congratulations to **Elaine Fettig** of the Roscoe/Rockland Center Chamber of Commerce, the group that spearheaded the town's efforts.

Fishing Small Streams



Roscoe, New York is another small town suffering from the current down turn in the economy and the decline in participation in out-of-doors activities. We hope that with the \$25,000 grand prize and an upcoming television show this could serve to be a jump start to inform others of the trout fishing pleasures in store for them in that neck of the woods. Of course, with that comes greater pressure when fishing some of the area's *blue ribbon streams*.

So my suggestion is to take off your waders, put on your cutoffs and lose yourself on a little out of the way trout stream. The less pressured of these streams, you will find, are indeed very rewarding trout fisheries. There is usually a trout every place you would expect to find one: in every deep hole, at the edge of every current line, behind every rock, under every overhanging bough and tucked into every shadowy undercut bank. The bottom line is, if your cast doesn't summon a trout (at least for a look) – you have not cast well.

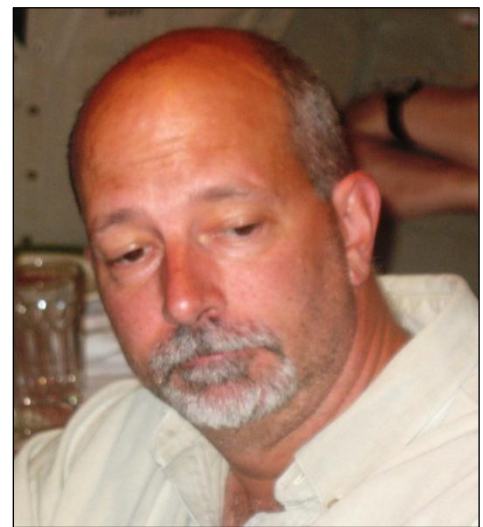
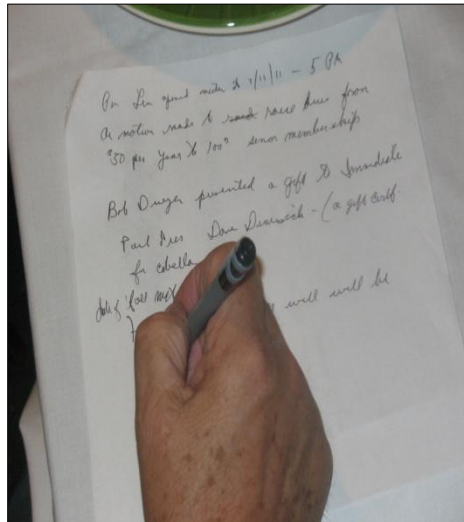
Bob Dwyer was among one of the best at it and he loved fishing those little streams. Here he is ascending from Bramley Brook which empties into the Little Delaware at Bovina Center, New York where he was quite often rewarded with a mess of little brookies.



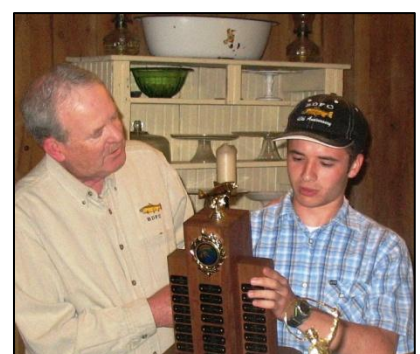
Speaking of Brookies



Jon Dwyer's 15 inch brookie on a piece of driftwood and Len Winstanley's leading 15 1/2 inch brookie



The meeting has started and Secretary Jim Flynn is concentrating on what's taking place as well as writing down the "minutes" while his son Tim looks over his shoulder to ensure all is right

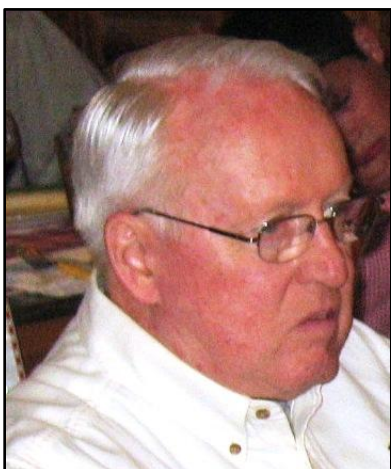


Bob Dwyer presents outgoing president Dave Dimmick with a \$10,000 gift certificate from Cabellas in recognition for his tireless effort in leading the club over the past few years. Then Jon Dwyer presented trophies to John Miselnicky who won the Bob Dwyer and Ray Williams Trophies with the 21 3/4" brown trout he caught in September and Brian Grimes with the Perry Dimmick Trophy for his 14 1/2" brookie

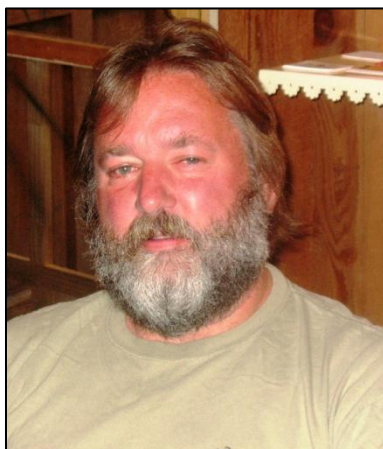


The highlight of the meeting was the standing ovation the membership gave to our *Founding Father* Patrick H. Grimes for his many years of dedicated service for the good of the club. As one member put it ...

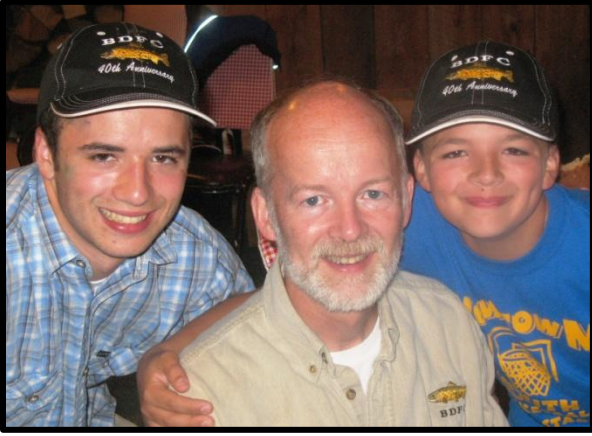
“Not one of us would be here tonight, if it weren’t for Pat.”



Father Tom Keating says the blessing before the meal after which Rob Dwyer give a thumbs up for the food as Tim Flynn and Roger Sackett wait their turn



Jon Dwyer Grimes sneaking an oatmeal cookie on the way to the buffet as John Knoepfel shows off his new shirt



Brian, Kevin and Dwyer Grimes look on as the kitchen staff Lisa Weaver, Gary Simmons and Tammy Favret relish in the fact that “it’s over!”



With that, Robbie serenades the crowd as Gordon looks on



But wait!

**I forgot to show you Peter’s Trout
an 18 inch brown out of Coulter Brook**



Three generations of Dwyers (Bob Jr., Ryan, Russell and Rob) all in the Catskills together



A gathering of friends. Left to right: Len Winstanley, Peter Snetzko, Father Tom Keating Patrick H. Grimes, Jim Flynn, Mike Donohue, Jon Dwyer and Bob Dwyer (photo from Bob Dwyer)

So, there you have it – *“The Week in Review”*



Jon Dwyer

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