

President's Corner

I just spent two hours on the computer checking out the fabulous website that **Rob Dwyer** spent so much time and energy constructing for the **BDFC**. The *good old fashion hand written code* by **Eric J. Schwarz** of *Club Website Hosting* is absolutely phenomenal! It contains twelve major sections, and what's amazing, is each section has a full background picture associated with it – some Pulitzer Prize winning photography for sure.

The sections are as follows:

- A **Home Page**, which explains the origin of the Club, as well as its intent and purposes.
- **BDFC News Letters** from 2008 through and including 2016.
- **BDFC Officers** (current)
- A section entitled **Trophies** explains each of the Club's Trophies, followed up by a section on each, which states the year it was established as well as each year's winner since its inception.
- These four follow up sections I mentioned are entitled: **Bob Dwyer Trophy / Perry Dimmick Trophy / Pat Grimes Trophy** and **Ray Williams Trophy**.
- The section entitled **BDFC Images** contains action packed pictures taken over the years and I mean ... "over the years" ... as the following attest:





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- Another section entitled **Links** gives you immediate access to the following links:
 - (1) BDFC on Facebook; (2) The Mountain Brook Inn Web Site Bovina Center, NY (3) NY State DEC Web Site; (4) NY State Fishing Regulations; (5) Discover the Catskill Mountains of New York; (6) Five Day Forecast Delhi, NY; (7) NY Yankees Web Site; (8) MLB Regular Season Standings and (9) The Trout Unlimited Web Site.
- There is also a section called **Contact Us** which allows you to send pictures, questions or comments via the following email address: bdfc1970@gmail.com
- And last but not least, there's a section entitled **Members**, which when I clicked on it ... it stated the following: "This page is only visible to members and administrators only."

"Hello!" // I am a // "Member!" // I guess Rob is going to have to explain this one to me.

Well I'm sure by now, you can understand, how I could spend that much time exploring the new web site and all of the enhancements that Rob has made. I suggest that each of you (if you haven't already) **check this baby out** before you embark upon the Catskills.

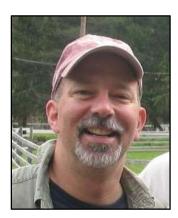
You can do so, by clicking here: http://bobdwyerfishingclub.clubhosting.org or just googling **Bob Dwyer** Fishing Club and clicking on the first entry.

The Spring BDFC meeting and trophy dinner will take place at the MBI on Saturday (May 6th). The Pat Grimes Trophy eligibility period will begin on the previous Saturday (April 29th) and close on Sunday (May 7th). The Bob Dwyer, Perry Dimmick and Ray Williams Trophies will be awarded during the meeting.

The Ray Williams Trophy for 2017 will commence on Saturday (September 23rd) and will conclude with the Fall BDFC Dinner Meeting on Saturday (September 30th). This will shorten the RW Trophy eligibility period by one day this year ... however, it may be cause for some extra excitement as the winners will be known before everyone departs for home.

Note: These last two paragraphs were first written by Robbie back in November and taken by me from the new BDFC Website.

If you haven't already, please be sure to get your reservations in to Gary at the Mountain Brook Inn mountainbrookinn@aol.com or by phone at 607-832-4662.



Am looking forward to seeing you soon,

Tim Flynn

A Few Reflections



Less than two months after the passing of the 2016 trout fishing season, the BDFC experienced another ... passing ... that of our beloved Chaplain **Fr. Thomas F. Keating**. Fr. Tom was introduced to the Club, first as a deer hunter by **Jon Dwyer** back in the early seventies. Jon and his wife **Shelley** partnered with Fr. Tom as part of a Marriage Encounter Team back then.

Fr. Tom joined them one evening at their home for a planning session, when he observed the mounted head of a ten-point buck adorning the wall in their den, the rest is history.

This evolved to his becoming **involved** – with the likes of all of you – in quest of trout from the Catskill Mountain streams of New York State. He was also the first member of the Club to obtain a personalized license plate for his vehicle with the letters: **BDFC**; We cherish the memories.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. may his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace ... Amen.



On March 3, 2014, Kevin Grimes met with the Dwyer boys (Jon, Rick and Bob) at Jon's home in Tega Cay, South Carolina.

They did so in an effort to put into motion, the process of developing a segment of Club History.

Now thanks to the ongoing work of **Club Historian** Kevin Grimes, that segment entitled:

"BDFC Historical Diaries" Chapter – 1 "The Early Days"

Is now completed. Kevin did show a part of it at our last Club Meeting, however he did so on his laptop and it was hard to see/hear. He gave me a CD, but what I didn't realize at the time was the fact that it was a **Power Point** production. Just two weeks ago, I loaded it into my computer and hit the Power Point App and much to my surprise – it downloaded.

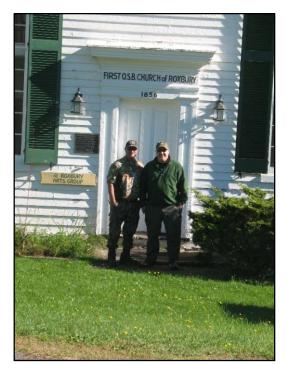
Shelley and I spent the next two hours laughing our way through it. Hey gang ... this is a ... Must See!

Kevin did a **tremendous job** not only in creating it but **narrating it** as well. Everyone in the Club should have a copy of this to play and enjoy at their leisure ... what say ye Kevin?

Oh by the way, I can't wait to see Chapter - 2.



A few of the boys assemble along with Otis before heading out to the streams (Otis is to the extreme left)



Billy Warren and Robbie Dwyer headed over to Batavia Kill first, but of course ... "first things first"

you know what I mean?

Thank the Lord they found ... Bob's Porta-let!











Billy's checking out the bridge ahead where he gets a nice shiner trout, meanwhile Jim's navigating the Little-D





Bob pulls in a beauty ahead of Jim,

but what's this? - Due to low water Jon goes WAY down river





and it paid off, Jon at left with the Ray Williams Trophy winner. A hefty 19 1/4 inch Brown Trout.

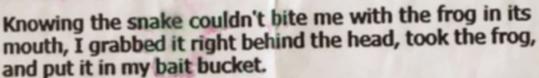
Bob Dwyer joined brother Jon later and landed this nice 18 inch Brownie (above right).

Jack Daniels Fishing Story

I went fishing this morning, but after a short time I ran out of worms.

Then I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in its mouth.

Frogs are good bass bait.

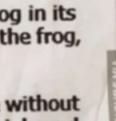


Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. Its eyes rolled back, and it went limp.

I released the snake into the lake without incident and carried on fishing, using the frog.

Not long after, I felt a nudge on my foot. It was that damn snake ... with two more frogs.

Life is good.



Now it's off to the Dinner Meeting ...



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Another beautiful evening at the Mountain Brook Inn









Jim plays a tune of welcome on his harmonica, but check out Otis' face. He wants no part of it.

Next we see Ken Vigiletti with the \$5 purse he won by kicking butt in the semi-annual MBI Open.

And to the right we find: Jon & John "Where's Dave?"



A toast was made to another great time together, it



"Houston!" We have an acute flatulation

was great to have Roger Sackett join us at table again.

situation at table-4. There needs to be an internal investigation as to who is the cause.

Publisher's note: I'm sure it wasn't Vinny DelPrete or Robbie, check the faces out.





Peter Snetzko accepts the Patrick Grimes Trophy for the 21 3/4 inch Brown Trout he caught in the West Branch. Presenting the trophy is Kevin Grimes along with Bob Dwyer and President Tim Flynn – Congratulations Peter.



Brian Grimes and Jon Dwyer are having a private conversation, what might they be discussing?



The evening continued with Robbie, Tim and P.J. serenading all of the pitch players - till the wee hours of the morning



Now opening day is just two days away but I'm sure that what with, the weather they've had in the Catskills there won't be much competition along the streams.

BUT WAIT! Is that Peter Snetzko I see, leaving that Katonah Citco Station?

"OMG ... he's on his way!"



Let me see if I can beat him there,

Jon Dwyer

Publisher BDFC

Publisher's note: The "Masthead" for the BDFC News Letter has been changed to include the newly designed Club Logo which Rob Crowley worked so hard to achieve – thanks Craw!	(8 of 8)