



THE BOB DWYER FISHING CLUB NEWS LETTER

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President's Corner

Allow me to share two recent communications that I feel are related by a common theme. **The first** is a conversation I recently had with Jack Flynn. Jack and Chris O’Gorman were able to get up to the Catskills for a couple of days of fishing in early August. Jack shared the adventure with me as follows: *“So there we were, on a small back road in the middle of nowhere. Chris was driving up and down this road, with the steering wheel in one hand and his copy of the book ‘Land of Little Rivers’ in the other. The book was covered with sticky notes and handwritten directions as to where to fish. While driving, Chris kept saying ‘The stream has got to be here somewhere!’* Fortunately, they found it and a few nice fish as well. So with that turn of fate it turned out to be a pretty good day after all.

Have you had a chance to read this book? Author Austin McK. Francis writes in his introduction: *“This book has been given to me as a vessel to fill ... I believe it is this power – call it passion, dedication, commitment, love or what will you – That has inspired the myriad of fly fishers who in small ways and large have created, fought for, and extended a great sporting tradition in a hallowed land, and I respect the honor of presenting them, their feats, and their little rivers in these pages.”*

Mr. Francis filled this book with **a gift** for the generations to follow. That gift being a record of the traditions and history of fishing in the Catskills.

I thank Bob Dwyer for the gift of this book to the entire Club. Bob took the time to research several books. He shopped around not only for the best deal but for the best book as well ... and decided on this one. After making that decision, he even hand delivered the books to our membership. Great job Bob, the perfect choice and a wonderful gift to the next generation of fishermen!

The second communication was via e-mails between Brian Grimes and me. After some back and forth with regards to fishing, meeting minutes and generational things, Brian wrote: *“Speaking of generations, I am trying to schedule a meeting/dinner with the Sisson and Glavin brothers to talk a bit more about the Club and its future. It would be nice to see them around more often.”*

I replied: *“That’s great news Brian, it really is! What we have, is a small group of like-minded individuals. A Club started by your grand-father, to honor the Dwyer boys’ Dad. A lot of self-reflection while on a stream*

alone; the thrill of a big strike; the comradery of eating breakfast together in the Delhi Diner and playing pitch until early in the morning – **this is a very special thing.**

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Something most people don't even know exists, let alone, get to experience. **I know you get it!** I knew you did when you were six years old. This needs to be carried forward for our own kids and grand-kids. So get those boys fired up! We miss them! Please tell them for me, that I often look at the photo below which was taken over six years ago on May 3, 2008. Tell them, that I look forward - **to the day** – they return.'



Tim Flynn, flanked by a few of his fans, which include Clarke Gavin and John Sisson on his left and Matt Sisson on his right

This tradition as well as the history of trout fishing in the '**Land of Little Rivers**' is what it's all about. And passing on that tradition is a true gift to the next generation. To me, that is one of the defining attributes of the Bob Dwyer Fishing Club.



I look forward to seeing you later this month,

Tim Flynn

President



Where is this beautiful waterfall?

Can you guess where this beautiful *waterfall* is? If *you can*, I will treat you to an Italian Dinner in Stamford. One of our newer preferred places to eat & drink ... **it's really good!**

I have now eaten "*alone*" the past four newsletters. All you guys know is the Little Delaware and the West Branch. BUT ... many of these waterfalls are actually in streams that flow into these waters

There are a few of you that will know the one pictured above because either brother Jon or I have taken you there. So none of you are eligible and you know who you are.

My email address is rsdwyer@aol.com if you wish to venture a guess. I will let you know if you are correct.



Bob Dwyer

Field Editor

BDFC

Dinner meeting minutes (as follows):

BDFC Meeting

June 8, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:46pm
Secretary not in attendance (Brian Grimes acting in his stead)
The quorum was met
President Flynn called upon Fr. Tom Keating for invocation

Guests:



Ken Vigiletti
(Tim's friend)



Wayne Cerinetti Sr.
(Wayne's father)



Scott Wells
(DEC Rep)

Old Business:

Reading of previous minutes waved – (not available)
Treasurer's report
-Everyone has paid!
-Current balance of \$7,176.74

New Business:

Trophy Presentation (MC'd by P.J. Grimes)
Perry Dimmick Trophy: David Dimmick 14 ½ inch Brookie (accepting on his behalf, his dad Dave)
Ray Williams Trophy: Peter Snetzko 22 inch Brown
Bob Dwyer Trophy: Dave Dimmick 23 7/8 inch Brown

Jon Dwyer describes history of Ray Williams/Perry Dimmick and associated trophies
Bob Dwyer Jr. describes history of Bob Dwyer, the club, and that trophy
Fr. Tom Keating describes history of his cowboy hat

Bob Dwyer Jr. Presents club perk:
A book on fishing in the Catskills entitled – *"The Land of Little Rivers"*

Bob Dwyer Jr. Presents picture of Otis to Gary

Motion to move the **Spring Fishing Week** to the first full week in May is passed

Scott Wells presents on status of streams:
66% Brown trout ; 6.8% Brook trout
Fish are stocked as 1 year olds ; about 10-12 inches in length

Kevin Grimes announces next meeting will be the very first historian report
President Flynn talks about getting the graphic shirt designs together
Motion to close accepted



Kevin Grimes met with the Dwyer boys (Jon, Rick and Bob) at Jon's home in Tega Cay, South Carolina on March 3, 2014 they all got together in an effort to help Kevin document some of the history of the Bob Dwyer Fishing Club

Some fishing week highlights



Always a nice sign to see



Always a nice guy to see (Bobby D)



Rob Crowley's 18-incher



Historic sign and bridge, on the *back road* along the West Branch of the Delaware

Horses behind Church – Bovina Center



Look at what was hiding in the grass

Magnificent tree along the Little Delaware

Lenny Winstanley on Coulter brook



Nice brookie Dave (14 1/4 inch)

Check out the crayfish this baby ate ... now I ask you "why aren't we using them for bait?"



Bloomville Special

Not Bad!

lunch in a secluded spot



The Boys of Summer



Damaged goods



“Tex”



Tim, Jack & O’G – tuning up



PJ back from the stream



Waiting for the opening bell



Brett Gardner ...er ah ... Brian Grimes recording the minutes



Gary's handy work RPD Jr. greets Scott Wells of DEC Reg-4 Bob also presents Gary with a picture of him & Otis

PJ Grimes emceed the 2013 trophy presentation ceremonies: The winners (first row) and their winning catch (second row)



Winner of the BDFC Trophy
Dave Dimmick



Winner of the Ray Williams Trophy
Peter Snetzko



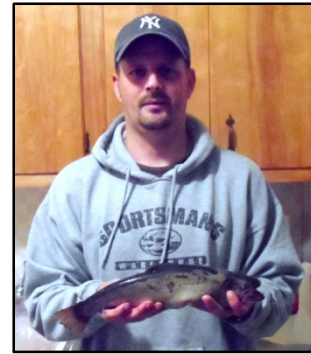
Winner of the Perry Dimmick Trophy
David M. Dimmick (in absentia)



23 7/8 inch Brown Trout



22 inch Brown Trout



14 1/2 inch Brook Trout

On a closing note:

As some of you may know, Bob and I will not be coming up for the Fall-Get-Together. Unfortunately, Bob was recently diagnosed with bladder cancer. He will be starting weekly treatments that will run for six consecutive weeks and therefore will miss our time together. In light of this, I plan on spending the "fishing week" with him in Raleigh. He expresses, as do I, our disappointment and we look forward to seeing you next May (keep Bob in your prayers).



Look forward to seeing you the next time,
Jon Dwyer

Publisher

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