



THE BOB DWYER

FISHING CLUB

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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 and the Cooperstown Hall of Fame website. Additionally, you can check out all of the BDFC News Letters back to the year 2008.

President's Corner

- The **Ray Williams Trophy Period** will begin on Saturday (September 18th) and close on Sunday (September 26th).
- The **Fall BDFC Fish Fry** will be held on Friday (September 24th).
- The **BDFC Dinner Meeting and Banquet** will be held on Saturday (September 25th).
- The **2021 PH Grimes Trophy** will be awarded at the Dinner Meeting.

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.

A Few Reflections

I have been reflecting of late on the realization that this September marks one and a half years since the beginning of what would become one of the most difficult periods in each of our lives. We and our families have been forever changed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

What started as a two-week quarantine turned quickly into eighteen difficult months of sacrifice, courage, patience, and isolation for everyone across this country.

All of us were struggling with grocery shortages, masking protocols, business operating rules and the inability to spend time together (especially with each one of you, as a result of the cancellation of our 50th anniversary celebration as a Club).

As weeks turned into months and the collective reality of the situation dawned on us, we embraced new technology to re-create our business atmospheres and our social lives. Zoom meetings, Zoom cocktail hours, Zoom everything became the norm. Admittedly, it was a poor replacement for sharing adult beverages with family, friends and BDFC club members alike. Not surprisingly, over this time alcohol sales have hit a new high.

Which brings us to where we are now. I am hopeful, that banding together as a Club we can see these tragic circumstances through. So, looking forward, let us keep our heritage alive and continue down this path of fellowship as we celebrate together – arm in arm at our oasis in the Catskills – The Mountain Brook Inn.



See you soon my friends,

Tim Flynn

President – BDFC

Some Recent Past Highlights

Like Tim said, it has been a difficult eighteen months. I apologize to each of you as I came to realize when I sat down to write this, that it's been two years since I put out a newsletter (shame on me). So let me get started ...



We came to learn early on in the south, why the bass weren't biting. So instead of fishing,

I decided to root for the Yankees in the five game series for the American League Division championship versus the Tampa Bay Rays (like the pandemic, that too didn't go very well).

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Peter's 60TH B'Day celebration, Tim with 2 rods and stogie on the WB, Bloomville Ribeye Steaks with corn-on-the-cob would be a formidable entre for this years closing dinner banquet. (hint, hint).



President Tim Flynn announces special Honorary Membership Status for our longtime friend and Inn-keeper, Gary Simmons during our September 28, 2019 BDFC Fall meeting.

Bob Dwyer put it this way in an email he sent to Gary Tuesday October 1, 2019:

"Gary ... just a note to say thanks for another fun BDFC gathering. We have such a super bunch of members of ALL ages and they Seem to enjoy each other more all the time.

We were all overjoyed with mutual emotion when Tim announced Honorary Membership. YOU my friend are the ROCK that allows us to gather twice a year and enjoy each other with all the charm that you and MBI provide us. This recognition is richly deserved! May God bless you and keep you healthy – we love you pal, Bobby D"

Gary responded to Bob's email the following day, as follows:

"Good Morning Bob,

The BDFC has been a constant and ever evolving joy in my life. I've learned so much from you all and none of it has been about fishing. To say that I am honored to be an Honorary Member of the Club is an understatement. In hindsight I probably could have given a speech on how much everyone means to me, but I was really choked up with emotion and affection!

Every time you're here I laugh, I reminisce, I enjoy my work and I try harder to make our time together good. This is what life's all about for me and I take great pleasure in sharing it with you.



Due to NYS rules, southerners from both the Carolinas were not allowed to enter the state without first quarantining for 14 days. Therefore, the Fall Outing was limited to our northerners. This worked out well, as wives were also invited to be in attendance (as you can see). A great time was had by all.



**Rob Crowley and Tim Flynn above
"Pickin and a Gittin!" Peter Snetzko**



**Kevin, Sarah & Brian Grimes along
with Lily Knoeppel enjoying the**

on right with a couple of beauties.

evening together.

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Danny Wilson with the 2020 RWTrophy winner a 17 3/4" Brown Trout



Kevin Grimes with the 2020 PDTrophy winner a 16 3/4 inch Brook Trout



Dwyer Grimes with his 2020 "double banger" a 20 inch West Branch Brown which won both the PHGrimes and Bob Dwyer Trophies.

2021 Spring Highlights



It must be five o'clock somewhere. Why yes it is, at the Mountain Brook Inn. Ken Vigletti

tends bar for the guys. Here he is pouring one of the Club favorites ... “Manhattans!”

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As Tim Flynn said in his commentary: *“Zoom meetings, Zoom cocktail hours, Zoom everything became the norm.”* Well here we go again, a Zoom meeting was set up outside the MBI to allow members who could not attend, to see and talk to those who were there. If you look at the right side of the monitor you will see yours truly. It was my pleasure to be there in absentia (where I spotted a “full bearded” Dwyer Grimes).



Trophy presentation time: On left Rob Crowley 2019 PHG Trophy 20 ½” Brown. In the center, Kevin Grimes accepting 2020 BD Trophy for son Dwyer Grimes 20” Brown. At right is Brian Grimes who was

awarded the 2020 Fr. Tom Keating Sportsman Award for his many contributions/support over the years.

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Dan Wilson wins his first club trophy, the 2020 Ray Williams Trophy for his 17 ¾ inch Brown Trout. Congratulating him (left to right) are PJ Snetzko, Peter Snetzko, Len Winstanley and Matt Snetzko.



As the leaves start falling and float down stream, you know it's time to get out after those big ones. So with that said,

Looking forward to it,

Jon Dwyer



