



THE Bob dwyer Fishing club March - 2012

President's Corner

The trip up to the Catskills was quite upsetting this time, seeing firsthand the damage to people's homes, bridges, roads and general woodlands as a result of the hurricane that devastated the area. Many homes were so damaged that they will probably have to be demolished. Margaretville was a disaster area, you could not cross the bridge into town and there was debris of all sorts along the streams and in the woods. I would suspect that it will be many years before the local population finally recover, if ever. Our hearts go out to all those affected.

Upon arriving Thursday along the West Branch, we found the weather to be a little misty and the stream to be somewhat cloudy and at a nice level which surprised us after all the storms that had come through the region.

Peter Snetzko had some luck catching three browns near the bridge by the Hidden Inn.

The next day, the streams cleared up and fishing proved more difficult. Peter fished, for the first time where Kiff Brook comes into the river and caught a nice 17" brown. Special thanks go to **Jim Flynn** who told him about the spot.

One which affords easy access and especially good terrain for those *challenged members* of the BDFC. That trout made a nice addition to the Snetzko dinner table the following Sunday night.



Peter Snetzko's 17 inch Brown Trout

The members assembled for a trout dinner Friday evening at the Mountain Brook Inn with the main course of freshly caught brown trout and brook trout courtesy of the membership and the Catskill Mountain streams. A great time was had by all. **Gary Simmons** and his crew did a terrific job in adding just the right mix of good fixings including an excellent tomato soup. While Gary prepared the meal club members, including **PJ Grimes** who was in attendance for the first time in four years, discussed the days catch, locations (when revealed) and plans for the next day.

Some of the guys took to the links, with **Fr. Tom Keating** and **Jim Flynn** playing the College Course at Delhi teeing off at noon but having to quit after just nine holes because of darkness (must have been a record number of strokes taken). Considering the fact that, **Tim Flynn** and **Chris O'Gorman** managed to get in 18 holes in just 1 ½ hours.

President's Corner (continued)

The *Hidden Inn* at South Kortright is now open under new ownership. Peter Snetzko, Jim Flynn, Father Tom and I enjoyed a nice dinner there Thursday evening. They were going through *opening day* growing pains but the food was good and the discussion with BDFC buddies was great!

Speaking of dinner, Saturday night's banquet was the usual good time including the cocktail hour with special hors d'oeuvres and a fantastic main course with salad, beer, wine, deserts and a lot of good comradery. Again, a lot of good conversation, debate and tales of the last few days as well as the retelling of stories of old.

The Club Meeting took place before dinner with 13 members present. It was called to order at 6:45pm with an invocation by Fr. Tom followed by a reading and passing of both the treasurer's and the secretary's reports. Nominations were made as follows for Club Officers: **President** – Tim Flynn ; **Vice President** – PJ Grimes ; **Treasurer** – Peter Snetzko ; **Secretary** – Jim Flynn. However, it was decided that the present slate of officers will serve through 2012 and a motion was made and passed that the election be put off until the September 2012 meeting. At such time, additional nominations may be made and the final election will take place.

In Memoriam: Our condolences and heartfelt sympathy goes out to the entire **Flynn** family and especially Jim, on the passing of his twin brother **Robert Emmett Flynn, Sr.** on February 15th.



We will gather together for our Spring outing the first week in June with our Dinner/Meeting scheduled for Saturday ... **June 9, 2012**. Be sure to make your reservations with Gary at the Mountain Brook Inn. At phone number 877-692-7665 ; or email mountainbrookinn@aol.com. I look forward to seeing you there.

Our members were thankful for the fishing conditions of the streams last September and some of them did quite well. John Miselnicky won the **Ray Williams Trophy** with an 18 inch Brown trout. Brian Grime's 23 ¼ brown trout caught on Memorial Day weekend stood up, with him winning the **Bob Dwyer Fishing Trophy** for the biggest trout of the season. And I am proud and happy to say that "*yours truly*" won the beloved **Perry Dimmick Trophy** for the largest brook trout caught in 2011. A 15 ½ inch brookie which I caught out of the Little Delaware just below Bovina Center. All of these trophies will be awarded at our dinner meeting to be held **June 9, 2012**.



Len Winstanley

**President
BDFC**

The Week in Review

Eben Jordan informed me, after I questioned him with regards to a set of pictures that Fr. Tom sent me from the September outing. The two pictures are as following:



Eben said that the pictures are of a fly rod that he built this past winter and spring. The new rod is bamboo, seven and a half foot long for a five weight line. The reel seat is curly maple and the major fittings are nickel silver. The rod is wrapped with dark green silk with black tips. He went on to say that he is having great fun with making the fly rods and came up with the idea of starting a company called the **Bovina Rod Works**. The rod pictured is engraved on the butt cap. The *model* is the **Pink Street Special** which is named after the street on which **Mike Glavin's** farm is located. The serial number is 0001 and I gave this rod to my good friend and fellow BDFC member Mike Glavin.

I am now building serial number 0002 which I will keep for myself. The next step for **BRW** will be to build a **Roses Brook** model. We are thinking of a seven foot model for a three weight line. This of course would be for a much smaller stream such as Roses Brook. This would be a bamboo rod as well. I have named BDFC junior member and university student in Ohio, **Clarke Gavin** (Mike's son) president of BRW. Clarke will be focusing on both "sales" and "marketing."

In response to Eben's input, I thanked him for the information he gave me and told him that I might be interested in serial number 0003 with the same weight and length of his first production. I am sure that we all join together in wishing Eben well in his new endeavor.



Johnnie Miselnicky with 18' brown (LH)



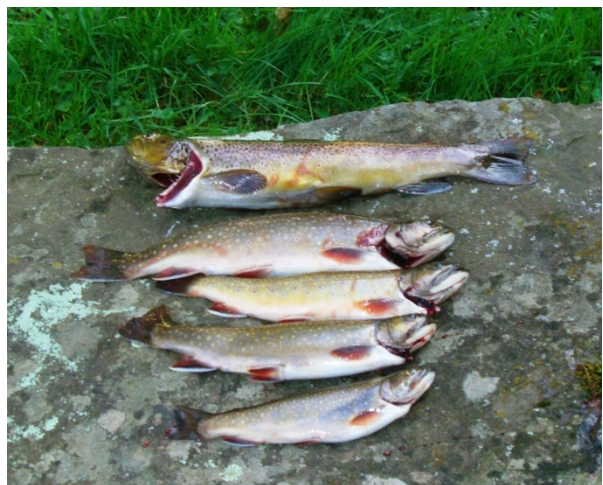
Dave Dimmick with a nicely colored brown



This is a picture behind the church along the upper Batavia Kill, notice that all the great holes are now washed out as a result of the flooding that took place



Peter Snetzko's catch of trout



Lenny Winstanley's brookie magic



Roger Sackett and Tim Flynn enjoying that world famous tomato soup



Johnny boy and past Prez Dave Dimmick taking a break in the action



Tammy Favret looks on as Tim Flynn, after being nominated for President takes over the meeting while dad Jim takes it all in



The ambience of a nice fire



**Mike Glavin tutoring "*the teacher*"
Chris O'Gorman on the art of casting**



I can't recall who sent this to me, but it's a picture of a brookie after being cleaned, serving up a mouse it had eaten. I have experienced the same on occasion even *baby ducks* consumed ... by large brown trout Jack Flynn and Eben Jordan sharing some secrets maybe Jack's looking to buy some stock in the BRW



And the pitch game went late into the evening with the Grimes boys sticking it out!

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But can you believe that Dwyer Grimes bid “four” on this hand definitely a chip off the old block



Dave Dimmick reports that “Spring Training” is under way on the Cohocton River in his neck of the woods, with water temperatures of 47 degrees. Here’s two he caught on March 8th



Menu items for the Friday night fish fry

Maybe this will help you in packing for the trip to the Catskills, I know it helps me

I am Looking forward to seeing all of you in June.

May you & yours have a happy and blessed Easter.



Jon Dwyer

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