

## **President's Corner**

The "Dog days of summer." What a great time to think about the cooler climate of the Catskill Mountains and the wonderful fellowship we share at the Mountain Brook Inn.

Some key dates for the BDFC Spring 2024 get together:

- (1) The Patrick H. Grimes Trophy Period will begin on Saturday, April 27th through Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- (2) BDFC Friday Fish Fry will be held on Friday, May 3rd.
- (3) The BDFC Dinner Meeting & Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 4th.
- (4) The 2023 Ray Williams Trophy, Perry Dimmick Trophy and Bob Dwyer Trophy will be awarded at the Dinner Meeting.

It is never too early to book your reservations with David at the Mountain Brook Inn. David's contact numbers are as follows: Cell Phone: 650-269-4382 Email: <a href="mailto:david@themountainbrookinn.com">david@themountainbrookinn.com</a>

I want to thank Vice President Rob Dwyer in leading the Club Dinner Meeting in my absence last Fall due to my work commitments. I understand he did an exceptional job which is not surprising since he takes after his father.

The following topics were discussed among the members and were agreed upon:

- Last Fall, the Ray William's Trophy Period ended on Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> the last day of the month. Many thought that it should have continued to Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> to make it a full seven day week. The motion was made, "That the fishing week will always be seven days, even when the final week extends into October." The motion passed.
- Tim Flynn made a motion to get our hostess Emily (David's wife) who is pregnant, a celebration gift. Kevin Grimes will get all the women in his life involved, in picking something special.

• Possible BDFC "Yankee's Game." Brian Grimes to research if any dates that might line up in getting members to a game. He will present his findings at the Club Dinner Meeting in the Spring.

Just a reminder, those who won Club Trophies (see item number 4) under Key Dates on first page above. Need to have those trophies engraved with the next winners name & size for presentation this Spring. If you have any questions please let me know.

"When the ground was partially bare of snow and a few warm days had dried its surface somewhat, it was pleasant to compare the first tender signs of the infant year just peeping forth with the stately beauty of the withered vegetation which had withstood the winter decent weeds, at least – which widowed nature wears" (Henry David Thoreau)

"Iiiii ttt'ss time!"

(Bruce Buffer, UFC announcer)

Yes, we can fish for trout year-around. Catch and release for the sportsman. With a small setup in the car and 30 minutes to drop-in the local stream, the spirit receives a trickle charge from nature. Its really good, but it's not great. It's not opening day. It's not the Catskills, nor the Mountain Brook and it certainly isn't the Bob Dwyer Fishing Club.

I certainly missed last Fall's sensational week which produced some of the most beautifully colored trout I've ever seen ... and they were big too. To that point, I don't remember seeing so many trophy sized trout caught in a single year.

The week presented new foursomes on the golf course. Old stories told with new stories made. Cigars and cards. Good food and good drink. Remembrance of loved ones gone and announcements of new lives to be. I look forward to hearing the details. Cheers to 2023!

As for this year, the Spring of 2024. I simply cannot wait to get started. I love gauging water clarity, stalking and tracking the elusive Brown Trout, minding cloud cover, knowing the hole, observing fish aggression, carefully judging stream pace, adjusting line retrieval and all the wonderful things we do to be the "Locked in BDFC trout slayers!" Why do it? Because it's all about fishing. But is it?

The Bob Dwyer Fishing Club is unique. We celebrate nature's beauty, sportsmanship, men of vision, family, camaraderie, story telling, fishing, skill, commitment and honor every time we get together. We've been doing so for 54 years and will continue. Growing our membership will help ensure that continuity. As shared stewards of the Club, it's time to act. So why do it? Because it's all about the fellowship and the life legacy of the Bob Dwyer Fishing Club.



See you in April Love and Peace,

**Rob Crowley** 

President - BDFC

## **Week in Review**



Rob Dwyer, Wayne Cerinetti, Jon Dwyer, Gary Simmons and Bob Dwyer arrive at the MBI in .... "Good Shape?" Or is that in .... "Many Shapes?" .... "And Sizes?"



The BDFC Fall Foursome: Jack Flynn, Kevin Grimes, Tim Flynn and Brian Grimes at the Delhi College Golf Course in somewhat the same fashion .... "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly."

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Rob Dwyer with a Beautiful NC Brown Trout & Wayne Cerinetti with his Brown after the Fall MBI trip



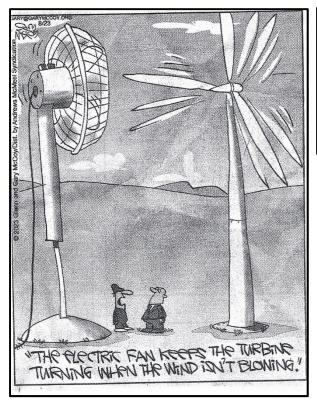
Jon Dwyer's 18" LD Brown Trout along side Bob Dwyer's 2023 Perry Dimmick Trophy winning Brookie





At left, Bob after catching that Brookie had to quickly head to the ----house in an effort to dampen his excitement.

Above, a magnificent heavy Brown Trout caught in the upper reaches of the West Branch of the Delaware River.



## I GET MOST OF MY EXERCISE THESE DAYS FROM SHAKING MY HEAD IN DISBELIEF

Bob and I received an email from Dave Dimmick last month where he told us that he would do his best to see us this year and that he was still depressed over losing his wife Francine.

He also lost his brother-in-law John Miselnicky and his brother Don. We have all lost loved ones over the past few years. We pray for Dave as well as other Club members having gone through such difficult times ... Let us pray:

"May the Lord bless us and keep us. May he make His face shine upon us. May He give us the grace to persevere and give us peace of heart, mind and soul ... Amen!"



Bob, Jon and Tim enjoying a great meal at The Hidden Inn as well as a Manhattan Toast to "JIMBO!"

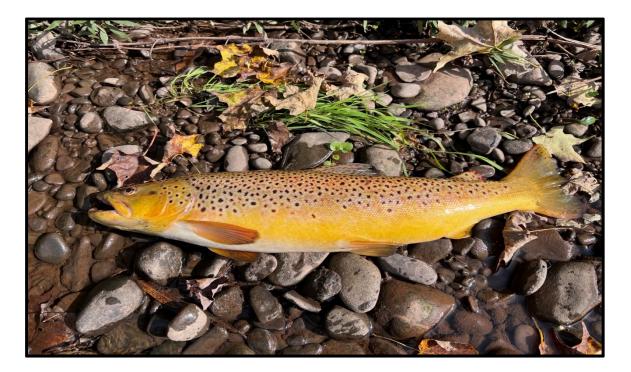




Due to the difficulty in finding the 2022 trophies, at left Bob Dwyer was presented the Ray Williams Trophy for his 18 ¼ inch Brown Trout caught just below where Roses Brook enters the West Branch.

At right, Tim Flynn received both the PHGrimes & Bob Dwyer Trophies for his 19 inch Brown Trout.

Many BDFC members were unable to attend the Fall gathering last year due to work related issues, an unexpected wedding that fell on the same weekend of the Club Meeting, etc. Those who were there missed those who could not attend and reflected fondly on those who are no longer with us. So as last years season came to a close, we looked ahead to this year and the opportunity to get together again.

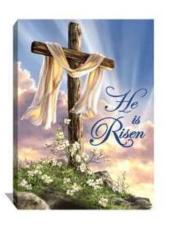


Tim Flynn's "Golden Beauty," a twenty and a half inch Brown Trout caught out of the West Branch.



Rob Crowley's 2023 winning 22 ½ inch Brown Trout which won both the PHG & Bob Dwyer Trophies.





Wishing you and yours A Blessed and Joyous Easter

Jon Dwyer

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