

CFFCM's Castabout

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Fly Tyers 1 - 4 PM

April 5 Ted Patlen
April 6 Lee Hartman
April 12 Stanley Jakubaszek
April 13 Ralph Graves
April 19 Mike Valla
April 20 John C. Klemm Jr.
April 26 Bob Jacklin
April 27 Bruce Corwin
May 3 TBA
May 4 TBA
May 10 TBA
May 11 TBA
May 17 Mike Hogue
May 18 Harold Williams
May 24 Ted Patlen
May 25 Doc Cohen
May 31 Lee Hartman

New Members

John Field
James Lyles
Frank Graziano
Luis Ramieres -
Reynolds House
Jack & Jinnie Crothamel
Rob & Francine O'Neill

March's Membership Winner

John S. Reed Jr.

Each month we award a prize in our monthly CFFCM membership drawing. All members in good standing are eligible. So if your dues are paid and up-to-date, the next winner could be you!

Every April begins with a First Cast. The opening of the 2008 Trout Season and the CFFCM year will begin officially on Saturday, April 5 at 7:30AM at Junction Pool. We hope you will attend. Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther will provide the count down to our four casters: NYS DEC Commissioner Pete Grannis, TV and movie actor Olek Krupa, and hosts Ed and Judy Van Put. Following the ceremonial first casts, we will mingle a bit at Junction Pool before going up to the Museum to check out the new exhibits and see Ted Patlen tying his early season favorites. From 10AM to Noon, Mike Canazon and the boo boys will provide a cane casting clinic in the Livingston Manor Gym, sponsored by the Livingston Manor Rotary, and Richard Bradley will be there testing his new reels. At the Museum, Agnes will be serving her famous soups starting at 11 until supplies are depleted. Last year the last cup was served at 2:32PM after satisfying almost 300 visitors....get here early as it is worth the trip.

There are all sorts of things to do in Roscoe and Livingston Manor as they too welcome the fly fishing community to another fishing season. When you are in the area this season, stop by and visit our local community friends and supporting businesses. **Fly Shops:** Dette's, Catskill Flies, the Baxter House, Beaverkill Angler, Fur Fin and Feather, The Little Store, and Frank Kuttner's are all loaded up with the latest and greatest for the another great season ahead. (Please note that Richard Bradley's Fir Brook Flies and Supplies is closed. Richard is now devoting all of his time making reels from his home shop.) For **Groceries;** Peck's Market, **Eateries;** Kings Catering, Live Bait, Buffalo Zack's, and Peez Leweez. **Spirits;** Roscoe Liquor, **Neat gifts, antiques, art and outdoors supplies;** Annie's Place, the Fisherman's Wife, Morning Star Gallery, Morgan Outdoors, Wildlife Gift Shop. For **over night accommodations** check in and check out: Lanza's, Creekside Cabins, Reynolds House, Baxter House B&B, Roscoe Motel, and The Guest House. If you want to stay longer, Stone Realty. All support the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. Be a namedropper when visiting these establishments; tell them you are a CFFCM member. It will help us all.

Jack Yelle 2008 Season Opener Prints. Jack Yelle issued the first limited Season Opener Prints last year. This year, Jack will once again have a limited edition of only 12 prints. Four of these prints will have the signatures of the 2008 First Cast Team: Commissioner Grannis, Olek Krupa, Ed and Judy Van Put, and Assemblywoman Gunther. These four prints will also be remarked and signed by artist, Jack Yelle. If you are here on April 5, Jack will be signing prints in the Museum from 9AM-9:30AM.

Streamside Notes

March came in like a lion, and with any luck, it will go out like a lamb. The sun will come out, the rivers will warm, and the fish will rise. Not too soon for me!

With the help of many, we are ready for the new season. The museum has been refreshed, Agnes has the soup all cooked, and at this moment the rivers are in fine condition. Joe Fox and Mike Canazon went fishing on Cairn's last Friday after helping with new exhibits in the museum. Using a streamer, Mike landed a nice 18" brown, lost a larger one, and fell in the river. Joe...laughed.

In the January Castabout, we announced that the Maine Varsity Fly Fishing Club would be spending their Spring break here fishing and sprucing up our grounds. Well, that is not going to happen. I received a call from the MVFFC chaperon, Kathy Scott, informing me that the school administrators determined that a school sanctioned trip like this might create a liability situation and that permission has been denied. It should be noted that all funding and full support was generated by student's parents. Outraged parents have voiced their concern that school sanctioned trips to Montreal and other out of state overnight destinations remain allowed. However, those students interested in outdoors destina-

tions have been denied. I am sure we will hear more about this in the future. CFFCM Members who have made plans to work with and mentor these students will no longer be required.

However I am always looking for volunteers...and I always will. One of our newest volunteers is Matt Bednarski. Matt is a Delhi College senior who has been helping with the graphite rod exhibit. He has the passion for fly fishing and is doing a great job, however we will soon lose him. After he graduates, he will be leaving the area to take a job out West. I will simply have to get the most out of him before he leaves. We can do more with more. We are often requested to provide fly fishing presentations, CFFCM involvement with fishing related activities, seminars, event participation, and other functions. Our staff cannot cover it all, let alone manage our everyday member activities. If you want to get involved, we welcome you. I can always find something for you to do. If your local club or organization would like to take ownership of a CFFCM program, I would be glad to discuss opportunities to work together.

Most recently, we launched a coloring contest with the Trout In the Classroom students. We gained interest and support of local Trout Unlimited's to help fund prizes and ensure the future of this program.

Our outreach has also been extended to all boy and girl scouts within a hundred mile radius. We invited them to visit on weekends when we have guest fly tyers. In addition, just last week we were invited to participate in Zane Gray Days this July. This event will take place at the Zane Gray Museum in PA. The CFFCM's role will be to demonstrate equipment of the period. We have been fortunate to participate many of these events with local CFFCM members helping out. All too often, events and opportunities for the CFFCM to promote fly fishing and preserve the past like the above go by the wayside. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sadly, as we celebrate April 1st, the seasons have come to an end for four members of our fly fishing community these past few weeks: Dave Decker, George Mauer, Bruce Hollowich, and R. Palmer Baker. They will be missed.

"In the recollection of the trout fisherman it is always spring."

R. Palmer Baker

I hope I will see many of you at the 2008 Season Opener.

It's all about fly fishing.
Jim Krul

It all begins in April. April officially begins another year for the CFFCM. It seems that after season opening ceremonies, there is no turning back. All heck seems to break loose as the Gordons make their annual appearance. Guest fly tyers are now scheduled most Saturdays and Sundays, please stop in and catch the action in the museum from 1-4pm.

On **April 26th**, our good friends from the **Long Island Fly Rodders** will come in for their second annual **Stream Clean Day**. This is a good excuse to come up and spend the day in the Catskills. Stream Clean up will begin at 8:00 AM and end at noon, leaving ample time for afternoon fishing and socializing. Refuse picked up along the rivers can be dropped off at the Transfer Station on Beaverkill Road. This will give you an ideal opportunity to check out the streams and return later to find some fish. Everyone is welcome to join in the clean up and return to the CFFCM at noon for a barbecue lunch provided by the Long Island Fly Rodders. Hall of Fame member and noted Montana Guide and fly tyer, **Bob Jacklin**, will be our guest fly tyer that afternoon. Make a day of it.

Catskill Fly Tyers Guild Annual Rendezvous will be held on April 19th from 9AM-3PM at the Rockland House. Everyone is welcome to attend. This annual event is one of the largest gatherings of fly tyers in the Northeast. The Catskill Fly Tyers Guild is dedicated to preserving the art of the Catskill style of flies. You don't need to be a tyer to attend.

Annual Day Weekend. Our 27th **Annual Day, Saturday, May 24**, is shaping up nicely. Our Annual Meeting will begin at 10. Our guest fly tyer, Ted Patlen will be in the museum from 1 to 4 PM. Dinner will start at 5:30 with cocktails at Kings. You will soon be getting a packet in the mail with raffle tickets, dinner reservation forms, auction items, and all the details on the “before and after”. This year you can make a weekend of it. On **Friday, May 23**, at 1:00 PM, NY DEC will have a sampling demonstration on our CFFCM pond. It is open to all. We will finally find out if Poul Jorgensen was telling the truth. For years prior to his death, Poul would cast the pond and swore there were 30” pickerel that cruised the shore during the night. Although he designed many flies to catch them, he never seemed to hook one. We do know that there are bullheads, sunnies, perch, silver perch, pumpkin seeds, blue gills, bass and trout. How many, we really don’t know. The DEC sampling team will conduct a survey and census of our pond for evaluation and advice on future stockings and maintenance. This should be a great spectator activity for everyone; bring the family. On **Sunday, May 25**, we will have our First Three Fly Fishing Contest. Get a team together. Entrance Fee will be \$100 with prizes awarded. Proceeds will benefit the CFFCM. You need three members to a team and 1 dry, 1 wet/nymph, and 1 streamer fly per team. We might even be able to tag a fish on Friday for a special prize. Doc Cohen will be our guest fly tyer in the museum from 1 to 4 PM on Sunday.

Our Annual Dinner and auction contributes 20% of our annual required operating budget. Help us meet these financial goals and be a participant. We are always in need of quality items for our silent and live auctions to help us meet this goal. If you have private water to fish, used equipment, books, or flies, please consider sharing with others.

Annual Dinner Auction Update This year’s auction will once again include trips, equipment, books, flies, frames, art and other things everyone would like to have. If you are planning a trip for this year or next, considering buying new equipment, or adding to your fly collection. Please watch for listings of our auction items on our website. You get to bid on an item you like; if you win it, you also get a tax-deductible donation and everyone benefits.

Auction items received to date are: Wild Brook Trout and Landlocked salmon fishing trip for two, three nights and all meals at Lakewood Camps, on Maine’s Rapid River (there is a great article on Lakewood Camps in the current issue of Down East Magazine), Andros Island Bone Fishing Trip for two, a 24k gold plated custom 3” reel hand made by Richard Bradley, Annual Guest Fly Tyers Frame, Framed Paul Ptalis full dress salmon fly, a Bill Taylor custom built Young’s Para 17, 8 1/2’ 8W 2/2 bamboo fly rod from Carmine Lisella, signed books and many other great items.

Five Great Raffle Prizes will be drawn before the auction: **1.** By Eric Leiser, four flies elegantly mounted with Eric’s photo, trademark pin, and signature card from 1991. Donated by the family of Tony Jansic. **2.** Framed, Jack Yelle, *Covered Bridge on the Willowemoc* hand colored print from a series of 26. Donated by Jack Yelle. **3.** TFO 9’7W 4-piece rod, TFO MKII reel and Orvis WF7F/S line. Donated by Bob Selb and the Classic Flyfisherman. **4.** A handsome handmade bamboo frame with five traditional flies from ‘Catskill John’ Bonasera. **5.** Slipcased, limited edition of Standing in a River Waving a Stick, signed by author John Gierach and publisher, Nick Lyons.

March Members Only Book Sale a Success. With little madness this year, we seemed to satisfy the majority of your orders and deplete our used book space. This book sale allows us to meet many of our member needs and finance several of our ongoing museum projects. Books are very important to us. Our library always welcomes missing titles, upgrades, and donations. Books that we cannot use are used for our annual Members Only March Book Sale and others are used for youth programs. Thank you all.

Want to learn how to make a bamboo rod? Our annual Cane Rod Making Classes will once again be held from June 21st to June 26th. Our professional instructors: David Van Burgel, Kathy Scott, and Art Port are finalizing their program and selecting cane for the rods to be built. Only a couple of spaces remain in this very detailed and intensive class. This is more than a craft; it is an art.

Mike Hogue will be 50 this year. He is the first to admit having a birthday or anniversary ending with a 5 or 0 and sure to be attending our third annual Jubilee Day. Join in the fun and celebrate your special milestone with us on Sunday, August 10. We provide the cake; you provide the reason to celebrate. This will be a big day for the CFFCM as we combine our annual Summerfest and Anglers Market on the same day. Plan now to bring the family and enjoy the day with new and old friends. On one side we will have local community tables with craft demonstrations, kids activities, farm market vegetables and fresh flowers, clubs, organizations, and a special barbeque. On the pond side we will be host our favorite vendors of fine fishing tackle, collectibles, and treasures. A kid’s only fishing derby will again be held at the pond.

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2008 Calendar of Events

April

- 5:** Opening of Trout Season at Junction Pool
12: Valley Central School Fly Fishing Program

May

- 24:** Annual Banquet & Meetings
31: Anglers Club of NY Spring Outing at CFFCM

June

- 21-26:** The Cane Rodmaking School

July

- 12-13:** Env. Ed. Program ages 8-11
19-20: Env. Ed. Program ages 12-14
26-27: Env. Ed. Program-advanced

August

- 10:** Jubilee Day, Anglers Market and Summerfest

September

- 5-7:** 13th Annual Rodmakers Gathering
13: Casting for Recovery

October

- 18:** Semi Annual Meeting
18: Hall of Fame Induction and Dinner

November

- 15-16:** CFFCM Art of the Angler Show, Danbury, CT

December

- 2:** A Night in NY-Winter Fund Raising Dinner
6: Holiday Open House

NOTE: Beamoc TU meets the first Thursday of each month April-December at 6:30 pm in the Paul Dahlie Education Building

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