

# CFFCM's Castabout

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The bugs are on the water and the fish are rising. If you haven't been fishing, now is the time to start.

**Annual Dinner Weekend Was A Winner.** It was a win, win situation for everyone here at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Weekend. On Friday afternoon, the pre scheduled pond sampling was cancelled. Although Ryan A. Coulter, Aquatic Biologist from NYS DEC Region 3 was prepared, it was determined that due to strong winds on the pond it would be best to try another date. Members and guests present were informed that sampling would be rescheduled for Friday, September 5. In addition to the sampling, the DEC team will provide us a current underwater topographical map and a complete health report on our pond.

Our Annual Members Meeting held on Saturday morning was well attended with 26 present. President Miriam Stone reviewed the events and activities that have occurred since our October 2007 Semi Annual Meeting and shared some of the initiatives currently in place. Jim Krul presented the financial report of absent Treasurer, Rick Eck. The treasurer's report reinforced that although we manage to make ends meet every year, our ability to set aside reserve funds often falls short of our needs. Ross Francis, Nomination Committee Chair presented the slate of candidates for the Board of Trustees. Andy Boyar, David Brandt and Anthony Magardino were elected to fill expired vacancies. Ross Francis, Richard Bradley, Chris Bogart and Paul Ptalis were re-elected for a second two year term ending May 2010. We thank our outgoing trustees: Jim Callahan, Steve Forrer, and Miriam Stone (who will continue her service as President.) The Nomination Committee was pleased to inform the group that although there were only three vacancies to fill, we had many members volunteer to serve on our board this year. Those not elected have agreed to actively serve on committees and in additional capacities. The Board of Trustees are: Walter Ackerman, Jorie Andrews, Rick Bannerot, Chris Bogart, Andy Boyar, Richard Bradley, Dave Brandt, Stephen Burke, Phil Chase, Steve Cohen, Luke Edwards, Ross Francis, Alan Fried, Jerry Girard, Rob Longsworth, Anthony Magardino, Paul Ptalis, John Rafferty, John Shaner, Terry Shultz, Don Trump Jr., David Willmott, John Winter and Joan Wulff. (Andy Boyar will also serve as legal council)

The annual members meeting was adjourned. The Trustees meeting immediately followed. To accommodate our many current and new activities, Trustees will take a more active role in management and ownership. Committees will soon be developed and we will be seeking member support. This will be a great opportunity to get involved by working on a single project that will benefit the Center and its continued growth. Committees and requirements will follow in the July Castabout. The Trustees meeting was adjourned.

The 2008 Board of Trustee Executive Committee Officers are President Miriam Stone, First Vice President Luke Edwards, Second Vice President Jorie Andrews, Treasurer: Rick Eck, and the Secretary position is currently vacant. If you are interested in serving as Secretary on the Executive Trustee Board and can attend regularly scheduled monthly meetings, please call.

Our Annual Dinner and Auction that evening was once again a social success. Many new and old friends joined the festivities at King's. As always, our crack auctioneer, Bill Campbell drew some high bids from the very active and generous group. We extend special thanks to Bill, donors, and of course, all bidders who made this event a very successful financial evening.

**Sunday** our first 3 Fly Contest was on the lean side for competition, but big on fun. Only two teams participated, Team Phelan Family versus Team (Luke) Edwards. Despite the perfect conditions at the pond, both teams squared off. Winning the coin toss, Team Edwards selected the stream side of the pond. As team casters sought key positions, secret flies were selected. Team Phelan suffered the first loss by losing one fly almost immediately, crippling the team to two. Luke Edwards scored first with a magnificent 3" yellow perch as Jeff Phelan tried to entice a cruising 16" chain pickerel to his streamer. At the end of the contest it was clearly Team Edwards winning with 3 yellow perch landed and Phelan 0. This challenge has promise and will be part of our Annual Day program next year.

## Fly Tyers 1 - 4 PM

June 7 Allan Podell  
June 8 Bud Guidry  
June 15 Bill Leuszler  
June 21 Greg Belcamino  
July 5 Floyd Franke  
July 12 John Collins  
July 13 John Drew  
July 26 George Cherundolo  
July 27 John Roetman

## New Members

Dr. Charles August  
James N. Bendelius, PHD  
Steve Boese  
James Dempsey  
Walt & Marcia Carpenter  
Dick Conway  
Ruth Fisher  
David Gilberg  
Wayne Grauer  
Dr. Ralph Kylloe  
Patrick Peet  
Frank Salt  
Christian Stathis  
Jim Schnable  
Dr. James Steber  
Charles Vullo

## June's Membership Winner

### Richard Diamond

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!

## Streamside Notes

I returned home at the end of April after a trip to Buenos Aires to visit my son Justin (who is studying there for two semesters) to find Hendricksons on the water. (No, we did not get to fish in Argentina due to wildfires...that too, is another story.) On the day of my return, our highly qualified and competent staff, Erin, Sue, and Agnes were overseeing the weekend activities with the Anglers Club mini-outing with Bob Jacklin and The Long Island Flyrodders stream clean up. Knowing that the Center was in capable hands and hearing of the Hendricksons, I took advantage of fishing the Housatonic and was rewarded with a few extremely large rainbows. It was a good finish before returning to the CFFCM and the excitement that was to follow.

We opened May with a wine and cheese reception for Paul Theising's remarkable art exhibit. The plans for our Annual Weekend were fine-tuned and we received many guests all month. On May 15<sup>th</sup> 75 sixth grade Trout in the Classroom students arrived to release their trout and attend sessions here at the Center. They were broken down into five groups of 15 that rotated programs: fishing at the pond (monitored by Manny Zanger), searching for stream insects (Mike Canazon), and nature walks (Jeff Phelan), Museum tours (Agnes), and Ted Rogowski and myself taught them to tie a peeking cadis fly. They arrived at 9AM and left by 1PM and believe me, everyone was happy. Florida, NY, Teacher Darren Fogarty, should be commended for his dedication to exposing his students to the outdoors and teaching them respect for the same. It's a great feeling to know that he

truly believes there should be no children left inside. You will see much more in this Castabout about the many things planned for the months ahead.

To all those attending our annual dinner I hope you had fun, I did.

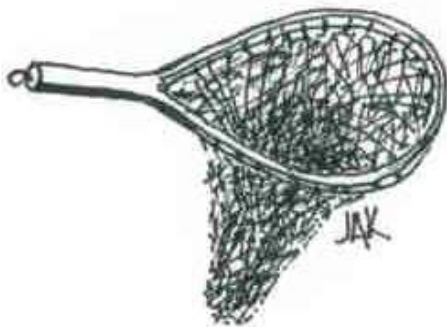
It is hard to believe that April and May have come and gone, yet the summer has just begun. Please make it a point to share our Center with friends and family this year. Before you know it, the summer will be over. Make it definite, come up and see us for Super Sunday, August 10.

It's more than just fly fishing.  
Jim Krul

We thank you all for your generosity in making our Annual Fund Raising Weekend a great financial success. The support of everyone enables our staff to continue with forward planning and improvements at the Center.

**Where is the book?** In the works at the publisher! Like all good things to come, we sometimes have to wait. Bannerot, Longworth, and Rock did an outstanding job in compiling and editing stories. But, they needed to look at final proof just one more time. This will be our second major CFFCM publication (first was the cookbook) and required more attention than planned. Please continue to patient and be ready to be surprised when you actually receive it.

**Trout Art Contest.** In our efforts to encourage students involved in the Trout in the Classroom programs through out the Northeast, we held the first annual *Trout Art Contest*. This program was designed to maintain the interest of students after the actual release of their trout and keep that interest alive. With the assistance of Trout Unlimited's TIC coordinator, Rochelle Gandour, we solicited trout or trout related pictures from all TIC students. Winners, one in each category: 10 and under, 11-13, and 14 and over, will receive a \$100 Savings Bond. Prizes were funded by CFFCM and with the assistance of local TU Chapters including Mid Hudson and Neversink. Deadline was May 15 and we received a great response. All pictures are now hanging in the museum. Winners will be announced on June 2. The colorful art looks great on our walls and will remain on display for the remainder of the year. Judging will have been done by visitors to the Museum and winning entries will be featured on our website. Rochelle should be applauded for her outstanding work for Trout Unlimited, growing Trout in the Classroom to a major educational program in the USA. Rochelle will soon be stepping down to return to graduate work full time this fall. She will be truly missed. Hopefully a replacement can be found that will retain her energy and give the program further success.



**A note from the Long Island Flyrodders.** *Dear CFFCM, The club is always looking for ways to "give back", whether it is doing clean-ups, helping the handicapped with fishing days, supporting Casting for Recovery, etc. As far as our Willowemoc River Clean up on April 26, we were able to rid the stream of 35 bags of debris (in addition to a bicycle, a shopping cart, a vacuum cleaner and house siding) and bring them to the Livingston Manor recycling drop off center. Not only was the weather perfect, but in the afternoon we had a picnic on the Center's grounds, went fishing after and caught fish. We have posted the results on our club website [www.lifr.org](http://www.lifr.org). Thank you for your assistance and let us know how we can work together in the future. Daniel Van Buskirk, Trip Captain, LIFR.*

**Last Casts: George Barnes, The Godfather of Modern Day Bamboo Rodmakers** Harpswell Maine, George William Barnes, age 80, died Friday, April 25, 2008 at a local hospital. He was a graduate of Brunswick High School and University of Maine, Orono. He married Jane Dick. Mr. Barnes lived in this area all of his life. His direct family tree dates back to the 1731 as one of the early settlers in Harpswell, Maine. He was a civil engineer and President of Wright-Pierce, Topsham. Though a civil engineer by trade, he also had worked as a boat builder and lobsterman. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and catch and release fly fishing. He became a master rod builder and gave many of his bamboo rods to friends and family. To a special few, he personally shared the secrets of his delicate craft of building bamboo rods. To the rod making community, he provided his extensive knowledge in his first book published in 1977, How to Make Bamboo Fly Rods. This book and the 2002 follow up, Fly Rods Galore. Classic and Contemporary Approaches to Split Bamboo Rod Making, will live on, educating many future rodmakers and keep George's spirit alive. To many, he will be always be considered the *Godfather of Rod Makers*.

**Recent Acquisitions: A Trout Net from Angel Rangel** This was left hanging on the museum door with a note: "I am visiting from Seville, Spain. I would like to donate this. Signed Angel Rangel, [aarangle@gmail.com](mailto:aarangle@gmail.com). Mr. Rangel was visiting the museum while here on a fishing holiday and could not believe what a wonderful museum we had. He wandered for hours, admiring the history of our fishing community and was truly amazed to find so many neat things. He obviously returned either that night or early the following morning, as we found his net and note when opening the museum the following day. It was a true testimony of appreciation. We thank Angel. **From John Sickenius a Wulff Fly Fishing School Class Program** from 1978, found on eBay and purchased for our library archives to be shared with all. **From Jed Dempsey, Pinky Gillum's Milling Machine.** 12'6" weighing over 1,700 lbs and delivered to our back door. This major acquisition for the future rodmakers workshop is loaded with history. It was built by George Halstead in 1947 (using motors from the WWII aviation industry) for Pinky Gillum. When Gillum died, it went to Miney Hull and then a rodmaker in Ohio. Dempsey, who worked with Walt Carpenter at Payne many years ago, always had an interest in this piece of equipment. Aware that it was available, Jed called us and asked if we would like to have it as it belonged not only in a museum, but in a place accessible for rodmakers to use. Of course we accepted the offer and said when can we expect it! It was delivered directly from Ohio by the most impressive delivery team, Jed, Bill Elliott (the famed fish artist) and Walt Carpenter himself. Although a larger than expected project, our local team of ready, willing and able volunteers (Mike Canzon, Joe Fox, and Manny Zanger) engineered the off loading and placement downstairs in the museum. This piece of equipment will become a very important piece in the development of our future living, rod makers workshop. Specifics will follow soon. **From Jim Keech**, a complete run of Rod and Reel Magazines, **From Our Pal, Al Himmel**, a large variety of fund raising items, **From John Robbins** a collection of books for our permanent library collection.

**Hall of Fame Class to be announced in July Castabout.** Thank you all for submitting your nominations for the 2008 Hall of Fame Committee. The effort and documentation this year was overwhelming and very detailed. Many worthy individuals and their supporting accomplishments to the fly fishing world have come to surface who would otherwise have gone unnoticed. Research and reviews are now in the works. Candidates will have been selected and notified by the end of this month.

**Super Sunday August 10** That is what it will be! Jubilee Day, Summerfest, and Angler's Market all rolled into one. On one side of the railroad bed next to the pond, the annual Anglers Market and Summerfest will take place. You will find the most unique and collectible fly fishing treasures and collectibles. Mike Canazon and the Bamboo Guys have joined and will have a cane rod casting clinic and demonstration open to all. Bob Selb and Jerry Girard will be on hand to appraise, evaluate, and identify your unknown tackle in their **Antique Fly Fishing Road Show**. On the upper side will be our third annual Jubilee Day. Everyone can enjoy a barbeque, games, and activities with a background of fine fiddle music. The day begins at 8:30 for Summerfest, Jubilee Day at 9:00 with crafts, local farm produce, area civic groups, games for kids, fishing derby at pond, Willowemoc Fish Race, and Cake at 2PM. If you or someone close to you are celebrating an anniversary or birthday ending with an 0 or 5, let us know and we will get your names on the cakes. Don't miss this day...it is sure to be a doozie.

**Nature: Trails and Birds.** We are pleased to announce that we have received a Sullivan County Renaissance Grant for visual and physical enhancements and improvements to our existing nature trails. In addition to receiving this grant to provide more outdoors facilities for our property, we met with the NYS Audubon Society a couple of weeks back to share our property for bird watchers. This was coordinated by CFFCM member and avid bird watcher, Mia Wilkinson. Work is now being done to provide visitors with an Audubon endorsed check list for species sighted on our grounds. With these two new initiatives, we will be able to provide visitors and members with more outdoor opportunities when in the area. You can help further this project. We would like to provide permanent markers to identify trees and other plants on our trails. Pre-printed markers with identification facts of plants are available for \$10 each. We will put your name on each individual marker purchased. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in carrying out this project. You can help others learn for many years to come.

**Stream Xtremes**, Paul Theising's exciting multimedia art exhibit was officially opened on May 3. This most impressive exhibit contains carvings, sculptures, and paintings related to fishing, all done Paul. This is something everyone will appreciate seeing. The exhibit will be on display until March 2009.

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## CFFCM Emergence Chart

### 2008 Calendar of Events

#### 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:** Super Sunday: Jubilee Day, Anglers Market  
And Summerfest

*Illustrations provided by member Jack Pangburn.*

#### 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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