

CFFCM's Castabout

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New Members

Michael Barr
Fung Chin
Ray Bell
Mary Day
Ray Geary
Dana Gray
Doug Grella
Janet Miller
Charles Ovioli
Patrick Ramsey
Corbin Reimer
Rob Reinert
Fred Schweikert

September Membership Winner Philip Bedford

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

Guest Fly Tyers September

Sept 5 Ken Mead
Sept 12 Ed Burgholzer
Sept 19 Ralph Graves
Sept 26 Mike Stewart

October

Oct 3 Peggy Brenner
Oct 10 Elmer Hopper &
Ron Gherardi
Oct 24 John Bonasera
Oct 31 Elmer Hopper &
Ralph Graves

Jubilee Day/Summerfest: Two Days Pays Off. The first two day Summerfest and Jubilee Day Weekend worked well. Saturday, August 8, turned out to be one of the nicest days of the year. Perfect summer temps combined with low humidity greeted about 600 visitors to a field full of vendors.

On Sunday, August 9, we weren't so lucky as early drizzle turned into light but frequent showers. Ithaca's outdoors artist, Michael Barr, had a full day show in the museum. His work warrants a return and we will be putting together a special viewing to include several artists in the future. Visit our website for a direct link to Michael. Despite the damp day, vendors and crafters for Jubilee Day made it a full field as they filled vacancies created by Summerfest vendors who left Saturday. Keeping it all in one field made it easy for the 250 or so visitors on Sunday. At 11 AM, our Annual Kids Fishing Derby yielded the most fish from our pond ever. Many perch were registered by all entrants. The most exciting moment was spotting a 30" pickerel that failed to take a retrieved lure about a foot from the bank! Our Derby Judge, Jan Weido, is planning a flies/jigs only Ice Fishing Derby to coincide with the February Fly Tying Day in 2010. On the museum field, Roscoe Chamber of Commerce president, Rick Baxter delivered the Trout Town Express train engine for families and kids to have their photos taken on. Hopefully next year, it will be ready to give rides around the property. At noon, The Kurpil Family Fiddler's music permeated the air as rich as the aroma of the sausage and peppers on the grill. The Fifth Annual Great Willowemoc Fish Race went off on time. Jim Schottenham's fish was first under the bridge. Happily, he left with more money than he came with. Due to a light but steady rain, the Jubilee Day Celebration was held in the pavilion, which was filled to capacity. Our birthday celebrants, Elmer Hopper, Miriam Stone and Agnes (now 93) were here to receive their greetings and be acknowledged by Senator John Bonacic with certificates of recognition. With cake for everyone and a sampling of Redwood Creek Wines, a long awaited surprise was announced by local Legislator, Elwin Wood. Mr. Wood recognized Ed Van Put for his outstanding and dedicated efforts in protecting our waters. He was officially recognized as the River Keeper of the Willowemoc. Coinciding with the Sullivan County and Town of Rockland's Bicentennial, it was just another great day to be in the Catskills.

Next Year, Summerfest and Jubilee Day weekend is tentatively scheduled for August 7 & 8, 2010.

Sidebar: That evening another torrential downpour caused flooding in Livingston Manor; an evacuation was initiated at 1:30 AM. This was similar to three early floods the week before: July 29, July 31 and August 2. Our driveway again sustained extensive erosion damage which was remediated the following morning.



Streamside Notes

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It was been one heck of an August. It's hard to believe kids are back to school. This summer went too quickly. We had our ups and downs on river levels and temperatures due to passing heavy thunderstorms and extreme blasts of hot and humid weather. But, the fish are still here. We had many visitors this month as a result of non-fishable high water. Fly fishers, planned destination vacationers, and unexpected travelers were diverted in by the new road signs on the highway. One interesting visitor was Louis Rhead's granddaughter. We had a delightful chat regarding his many fishing and children's books, illustrations and his most realistic fly patterns dating back to the early 1900's. Unfortunately, his flies are long gone and only some of his original fishing art remains with the family. We are fortunate enough to have two flies in our collection and all of his fishing books. If things work out, we will have a small exhibit very soon in the Museum. If you are not familiar with Mr. Rhead, check out some of his fishing titles: *The Speckled Brook Trout* (edited 1902) *Bait Angling for Common Fishes* (1907) his very important work, *American Trout Insects* (1912) and *Fisherman's Lures and Game Fish Food*. You will find him way ahead of his time. It's amazing.

Our August events were great. My golf foursome included my son Justin and Steve Starrantino, both experienced golfers and Phil Chase, 'the ringer'. Unfortunately, our 'ringer' arrived as we were teeing off for the last hole at

about 2 PM. He said he did not see the 1 in front of the 2 on his calendar for the tournament start. Unfortunately, he could not save the day with only one hole to go and we placed last. I am certain someone paid him more money to show up late. He said he will make it up next year.

The success of our August events goes to our chairmen and the many volunteers they enlisted. Other volunteers not identified in this newsletter include: Mike and Valerie Valla, Ross Francis, Mike Canazon, Erin's husband Jeff and their two daughters Alicia and Allie, Grace Sullivan, Doc and Mary Fried, John Bonasera, Jack Ganz, Judy Van Put, Yolanda Risicato, and David Brandt. Without them August simply would not have happened. We thank them for it.

As a follow up to an earlier museum visit with Sally Jesse Raphael and her husband Karl Soderlund, I was invited to their home to teach some kids fly tying. My home is only 20 minutes from their country home, so I went over last week for an afternoon session at Sally's Camp (a regularly scheduled camp for kids during the summer). Some great flies came out of the vises of those as young as 7 years old. It was very rewarding to see the enthusiasm and interest. I have been asked to return when the older kids are in session and spend a full day to include casting and maybe a chance to fish.

For those of you who play the internet please visit the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum [Facebook](#) page. When you get to the Facebook page, simply type in Catskill Fly Fishing Center and you will be con-

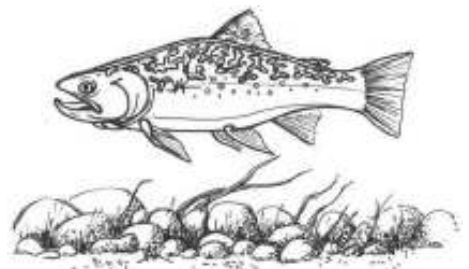
nected. We have been updating our page regularly with event and activity photos. Please send us a photo of yourself, family, and/or fishing friends and we will add it to our 'friends' album. Become a fan; write on our wall, etc. Join in the fun. We too are learning as we go along.

Finally, there have been some personnel changes in our team. Sue Krupp, our office manager of 28 years of dedicated service, is no longer with us. Sue has been a most valuable resource and dependable individual for me, everyone before me who has sat at my desk, and of course the CFFCM. Her husband Jim just retired from 30 years of teaching and they are off in their motor home traveling the USA. We all wish them good luck and special thanks. Joining myself, Erin Phelan, our Executive Assistant, and Agnes Van Put our all around Hostess, retail salesperson, home baked food specialist, confidant, and signer of Ed's books are Tony Risicato as our weekend gift shop and museum staff and Shelly Misner as Administrative Coordinator. Please join us in welcoming them to our organization.

It's you that keeps fly fishing alive, we just manage it.

It's all about fly fishing.

Jim



Third Annual Ralph Graves Memorial Golf Tournament, August 16. Yes it was big a success. A big round of applause for outing chairmen Ted Patlen, and Cliff Albertson. At high noon, all golf teams met at the Twin Villages Golf Course. Supervised by Albertson, Jack Ganz and Judie DV Smith assigned carts. Tee off began on time for the 9 hole round. Under clear skies and a 90-degree sun, all golfers completed the round and returned to the Center for awards, prizes and full pound grilled steak dinner with all the trimmings. Ralph and Teresa Graves were on hand to greet the golfers.

Tournament winning team was: Andy Boyar, Bob Reinert and Leonard Tobler (who sat in for Bob Mead who could not attend). Top prizes included a bottle of Single Malt, a certified Walt Dette Fly, a multi-piece pack rod, and some adult beverages. All attendees were given Redwood Creek Wine *green* bags, Redwood Creek hats, a Cortland zinger with clippers, and an individual prize. This event could not have been possible without the sponsorship from: Redwood Creek Wines, Stone Realty, Catskill Flies, Roscoe Liquors, Nick Lyons, and Jack Ganz. We thank them for their continued assistance. Supporting them, supports us.

Our busy year continues. Next on deck, the Catskill Rodmakers Gathering. Although not a CFFCM event, we are proud to be the host and facilitator of the most prestigious Rodmakers Gathering in the Country. CFFCM Rodmaking and Workshop coordinator, Mike Canazon, works all year to help us make this a successful event. Mike also organizes the Annual Harold Demarest Rodmaking and Casting Challenges that takes place within this gathering. This closed conference includes many workshops and seminars designed for both amateur and professional bamboo rodmakers on both Saturday and Sunday.

Recent Acquisitions: From **Frank and Cece Polanish**, a group of fine fly fishing tackle and accessories for future fund raising and for our permanent collection a magnificent one of a kind, custom made madake bamboo fly rod, T&T graphite fly rod, and JW Young fly reel. From **Nick Lyons**, some more books for our library and fundrasing

Behind the scenes: Many necessary repairs and improvements happen every month that do not get noticed. This past month electricians Jack Leary and his son Dan drove over from Hartford, CT to do some rewiring for the Rodmakers Workshop and install some needed outlets in the Museum. Not only did they do an outstanding job and more than what was needed, they did it at absolutely no charge for travel, parts, and labor. Not even lunch. In the spirit of the sport. Thank you.

October 17 is Hall of Fame and Semi-Annual Members Meeting. If you have never attended our Semi Annual Members Meeting or a Hall of Fame ceremony and dinner, you should start planning now. We welcome your participation in this meeting. It helps you get firsthand information on our current and planned position.

After the meeting the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony starts at 3 PM in the museum. Our 2009 Hall of Fame class includes: Frederick Halford, GEM Skues, Dan Blanton, Bob Clouser, Gardner Grant, and Roman Moser. The event continues with dinner at King's Catering and a silent auction.

November 15 & 16, The CFFCM Arts of the Angler Show, Danbury CT. This CFFCM off site event has gained in support and attendance over the past three years. This year it will be held at the Ethan Allen Inn, just off I-84 Exit 4 in Danbury CT. This year we are changing the format to a 'table show' making it more affordable for vendors, paying for only table space they use, versus floor space. Once again we will feature a fine group of fly fishing vendors availing the finest fly fishing tackle, accessories, tying supplies, and collectibles. For the second time, we will host our Fly Fishing Book Exchange and add fly tackle and accessories to the silent auction table. If you are looking to clear your attic, basement, garage, and spare room...now's the time to start. Classic Fly Fisherman, Bob Selb, will be on hand to provide identification and appraisals. Two new seminars will be added: Hand making a fly reel with Michael Hackney and Mounting Flies with Ted Patlen; both programs will require a fee and participants leave with either a reel or mounted flies. A live auction is currently planned. If you have a donation or consignment item, please call for information. Vendor space is still available. If you belong to a club or organization who wants to get involved and participate, please inquire at the CFFCM office, 845-439-4810.

December 1, 2009 A Night in NY, Flyfishers of Distinction. We will hold our annual winter fundraiser in the warm surrounds of the historic and heralded Anglers' Club of NY. The Night in NY program started several years ago and has included: The Great George LaBranche, Fly Tying Debate with Rogowski and Schwiebert, A Celebration of George De-Feo, and most recently Toast and Roasts honoring Joan Wulff and Hoagy Carmichael. We are ready this year with a new program, **The Flyfishers of Distinction**. Work has been in progress now for several months by Committee Chairman, Andy Boyar. The evening will honor and recognize three individuals from three individual fly fishing clubs or organizations. These individuals will have been selected for their behind the scenes and valuable contribution to sport of fly fishing.

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2009 Calendar of Events

September

11/13: 14th Annual Rodmakers Gathering

October

17: Semi-Annual Meeting
3PM Hall of Fame Ceremony
7PM Dinner at Kinds

November

14/15: Art of the Angler Show, Danbury CT

December

1: A Night in NYC-Winter Fundraiser
5: Holiday Open House

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