

CFFCM's Castabout

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The summer is not over!

We hope to see you before another academic year begins. Despite the hot weather and lack of fishing, we continue to welcome visitors from all over the world. August tends to be the last hurrah of the summer. Come up and introduce your organization to your friends and family and enjoy a 'non fishing day' with them.



New Members

Ronald C. Barnes
Frank Butterfield
Alan Chupa
Robert Kern
Jordan Lewart
John W. Moran
Jonathan Phillips
Art Pratt
Paul & Diana Simms
Steve Starrantino

Guest Fly Tyers

Aug 7 - Peggy Brenner
Aug 14 - Ken Mead
Aug 21 - Andrew Gennaro
Aug 28 -
George Cherundolo

Sept 4 - John Klemm
Sept 11 - Ed Burgholzer
Sept 18 - Lee Weil
Sept 25 - Mike Stewart

August Membership Winner Al Aloia

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!

Summerfest/Anglers Market/Jubilee Sunday, August 7 & 8. Summerfest and Anglers Market is the longest running event hosted by CFFCM. This year marks the 29th consecutive year of what is recognized as the largest open air market of outdoors and fishing collectibles. We are pleased to report, we may break the record of most dealers participating. The field will be full of tables and interesting merchandise from hard to find fly tying materials, collectible tackle and fly fishing paraphernalia, to a large quantity of discounted used fishing books. We've expanded it to two full days and you surely don't want to miss it.

Saturday August 7 The Anglers Market begins at 8:30 and ends at 4 PM. Highlights include: Treasures or Trash identification by Bob Selb; general merchandise from local vendors from 10-4, 2 PM Mike Canazon and the Bamboo Boys will have a bamboo casting clinic. Tony and Agnes will be serving the best Sausage and Peppers, other grilled treats and some super desserts from 11 AM to 2:30 PM each day.

Sunday, August 8. 8:30 AM the day begins for Anglers Market. At 11:30AM a Students Only (16 and under) Fishing Derby kicks off at the Pond. Take a lunch break from noon to 3 under the tent and enjoy the beautiful music of the Kurpil Family Fiddlers. The Great Willowemoc Fish Race will be launched at 1:30 upstream above our bridge. The first fish from the floatilla to cross under our bridge wins this 50/50* race. Following the Race, we will cut the Jubilee Day Cake and celebrate some great milestones: Agnes Van Put will be 94, Our Pal Al Himmel will be 85, Clem Fullerton will be 80, Terry Shultz will be 70, and there are more. It's free so bring your family and friends.

*Be part of the race, buy a rubber fish to support the CFFCM, if you win we will split the purse. If you can't make it, call the CFFCM 845-439-4810 and we'll enter a fish for you.

Family not into fishing? Bring them along. Let them drop you off and stop by mid-day for something to eat. There are many things to do and shops in Roscoe and Livingston Manor for them to enjoy.

Streamside Notes

Yes, even here it was hotter than the proverbial *hubtails of Hell* and there was a lack of water in our streams. It seems that August weather was a month early, pretty much like everything else this year. With any luck there will be some long gentle rains and cooler temps to restore our rivers and provide some relief for our fish...and a cooler August.

First, I would like to officially welcome Pat Steele to the CFFCM staff. Pat is the very capable replacement for Shelly who left us to take a full time position. I am pleased to report that Pat jumped right in after training with Shelly for two weeks. We did not skip a beat. Say 'hey' to Pat when you call and welcome her.

Like all months here at the Center, you never know what to expect. Despite the heat we continue to draw many visitors, both fishermen and the not-yet-converted. The signs on Route 17/86 are serving us well and the 'drop ins' spend more time than expected. Their comments in our guest book speak for themselves. The next time you come in, take a look at just where they are from and what they have to say.

CFFCM instructors, Pete and Caren Jacques once again provided a fantastic environmental and educational youth program. These programs are a wonderful way to introduce new students to fly fishing and experience the environment we rely on for healthy water and fish. Sadly, we are seeing the signs of the times and a reduction in the interest in the outdoors. Our classes were less than full but we will continue to offer this very important program. We would like to thank all of those that support this program and locally to David Dirks who continues to pro-

mote the activities of the CFFCM in his Times Herald Outdoors Column.

The executive members of Nestle's Waters planned a visit to the Museum with lunch this month. Although only a few were fly fishers, they enjoyed a museum tour and lunch on the back promenade. They must have had a good time as we received a nice contribution in the mail. If you would like to organize a group to visit the Center and have lunch on the deck or an evening dinner inside, please contact Erin. We are here to share and promote fly fishing.

We received another package from Sweden the other day. In addition to more exquisite flies, a new handcrafted Tyfon fly reel was enclosed. This high quality fly reel was crafted by Anders Johansson from Göteborg. Also enclosed was a DVD of *Mayfly Madness* by our contact and coordinator of Swedish Flies, Johan Klingburn. This DVD is available to view in the museum. We will have some photos of our Exhibits in a special album on our Facebook Fan Page soon. You can join simply by searching Facebook for Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. Leave a comment so we know you were there.

Well, our architects and engineers came through again. Fung Chin was returning from a fishing trip (a good one he reports) in Colorado and did the mechanical calculations for the ceiling roof repair and positive solution. His drawings were then sent to Phil Horowitz in Boston for consideration. They returned their findings to us. Our roof will no longer need replacing if all the work can be done internally with a ceiling boost and reinforcement. From this logical plan, we immediately called contractors in for estimates and will start this project this fall. Based on this plan we will most likely save over 50% of original estimates. Unfortunately, we

still do not have the funds to cover it. We welcome your continued financial support. Thanks to Fung and Phil once again.

It is not too late...we welcome more volunteers to assist with Summerfest and Anglers Market.

I look forward to the Annual RGMI Golf Outing on August 15. It is always a good time and you do not have to be a golfer. Just show up and a team will cover for you. Just ask Bob Mead who will be returning this year after a year's absence. I am comforted to know I have a really good shot at not being highest score. Ralph Graves and his wife Teresa will meet us back here at the Center for dinner and the awarding of prizes. I guarantee it will be a day you won't forget even though no one will get arrested, you'll still have a good time.

Speaking of hot weather, on July 5th I returned to Maine for the annual outing with my fishing group. There too, temperatures rose to record highs and put the fish down after a couple of days of excellent fishing. No matter what, it is always good to get away and share stories, beverages, cigars and flies with those you have fished with for over 35 years. Of course there are fewer of us each year. Al Coif had to bow out at the last minute due to an IRS audit; while another had to stay home with health issues. We still had nine in camp, amazing. It is hard to believe we are all still friends and continue to get along. I guess fly fishermen are like that.

It's all about fly fishing.
Jim Krul.

Sunday, August 15. The Fourth Annual Ralph Graves Memorial Invitational Golf Tournament.

Join us for a great afternoon. Cliff and Ted have reported that there are still a few open slots for this tournament, but they are going fast. We tee off at 1PM and end up back at the CFFCM for awards and a full pound steak dinner. Be part of it. Our sponsors are Redwood Creek Wine, Stone Realty, Catskill Flies, Live Bait, Roscoe Liquors, and Scientific Anglers. The non fishing days do not get better than this and hackers stand just as good a chance as the pros. It all depends on where the ball lands. Call us for details and reservations.

John Dwyer Scholarship for Advanced Fly Fishers. This exciting new program has drawn some great interest from many members and their home organizations. We think the concept of having a one on one instructor to polish an interested flyfisher to be very unique. It is often true that a particular student would be best served with a program that is tailored just for him/her. Over the next few months we will take the many suggestions and requests from some local and regional TU, FFF, and other organizations. Hopefully we can develop an expanded plan for accepting candidates next year.

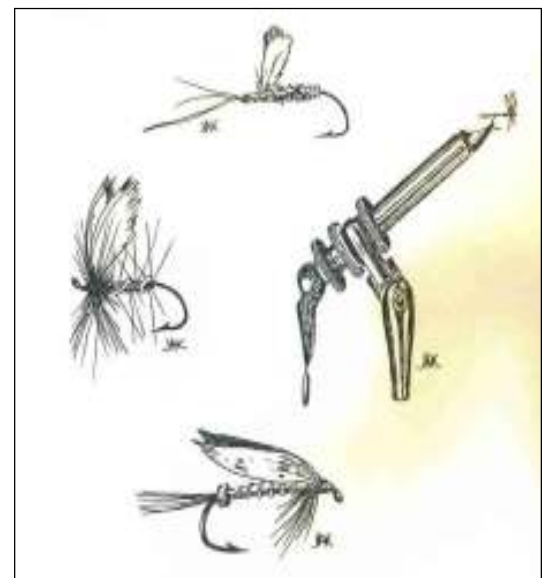
Last Casts. Edward A. Koch, Jr., 78, died Sunday, July 11, 2010. He was the original owner and operator of Yellow Breeches Fly Shop in Boiling Springs, PA. Ed authored many books on fly fishing including Fishing Terrestrials and Fishing the Midge, as well as guiding fisherman along local streams. He was a member of Trout Unlimited, and the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Association. Another fly fishing rock star has left us.

Recent Acquisitions: From **Ralph Gestwicki**, a large quantity of fly tying materials and tools for our fly tying education center. Acquisitions help the CFFCM in two ways. (1) To enhance the CFFCM permanent collection. Items that have historic value will be used as reference, research, comparative and/or display/exhibit material in the years to come. Permanent collection items include all items related to fly fishing history/heritage; letters, flies, rods, reels, fly tackle, books, catalogs, photos, and other paper ephemera. (2) Material donations that may not be considered as permanent collection items but can be used/consumed in class or educational programs. Those items that cannot be used at CFFCM sanctioned events may in turn be sold to members first to generate needed funds for collection enhancement, education or as immediately needed to benefit the CFFCM. All acquisitions and material donations play an important role in the future of the CFFCM.

Catskill Rod Makers Gathering

The annual Gathering of both amateur and professional bamboo rod makers will once again assemble at the CFFCM. This program is a closed and limited affair and involves classes and seminars exclusively for rod craftsmen. As a Center we host this event and coordinate the use of our facilities. In return, the rod makers contribute to our organization and enhance our rod making workshop and museum collection. We welcome their support.

Every year at the end of their educational sessions they invite the public to visit the Pavilion to view some of the finest bamboo rods made and give some a cast. This usually occurs around 12:30PM and lasts until about 2 on Sunday. If you are interested in bamboo rods and those that make them, please stop in on Sunday September 12.



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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2010 Calendar of Events

August

7 & 8: Anglers Market, Fly Fishers Summerfest and Jubilee Weekend
15: Annual Ralph Graves Memorial Golf Tournament

September

10-12: Rodmakers Gathering

October

9: Semi-Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame

November

6 & 7: Arts of the Angler Show, Danbury CT
30: A Night in NYC-Winter Fundraiser

December

4: Holiday Open House

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