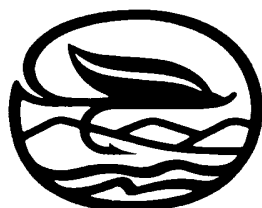


CFFCM's Castabout

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New Members

Tim Didas
Jim Froio
Morgan McGinley
Lee Meadow
Jules Spiegel

February Membership Winner

Darrol Groth

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!

Season Opener April 2, with Mark Ruffalo. It is our pleasure to welcome Academy Award Nominee for Best Supporting Actor, **Mark Ruffalo**, to officially open the 2011 Trout Season at Junction Pool. Be part of the supporting cast that includes: The CFFCM First Family of Fly Fishing Jeff, Erin, Alicia, and Allie Phelan; Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther; and you. Make this a day in Roscoe to remember. Plan on being at Junction Pool at 7:30AM for the First Cast. Don't forget all the other activities of the day. You might want to get there a little earlier to park and socialize. We also have a secret event following our Junction Pool happening. This historic event will never happen again! We're keeping it a secret, because loose lips will spoil the surprise. You will want to be here, trust us.

After the ceremonies, photo ops, and special surprise, you'll have time to visit your old friends and wander through the fly shops and stores in Roscoe. Catskill Flies, Dettles, Baxter House, and The Beaverkill Angler are sure to have all of your early season needs and of course, their predictions of the new season ahead. Check out the Roscoe stores for their end of the winter clearance sales and bring something nice back for your spouse. Then it's off to Livingston Manor. The museum will be open; Ted Patlen will be tying flies and maybe have a guest or two with him. Frank Kuttner will be at his shop and ready to provide some advice on what to use to tempt the fish. Mike Canazon and the Bamboo Boys will be at the Livingston Manor Gym with their 'clear the cobwebs' bamboo casting clinic for beginners to pros from 10AM – 1 PM. It's sponsored by the LM Rotary Club.

At the Center, Agnes will be serving her famous special recipe soups from 11:00 AM until depleted. Coffee will be on and a good time will be had by all. If you are staying for the Two Headed Trout Dinner, get your reservations in early. Last year it was sold out so call Annie's Place 607-498-4139 or Ellen at 607-498-6146.

We thank Mark Ruffalo for providing the star power that brings a fresh awareness of fly fishing and the area. We appreciate his support of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum, and his willingness to be here to share a good time. The Annual First Cast and NY Trout Season Opener is co-sponsored by The CFFCM and Roscoe Chamber of Commerce, but, you make it happen. We hope to see you there.

Fly Fest and IceCapades, held here in February, was once again a fun day. Ice fishing was not as good as last year. Why? Our Mid Hudson TU Ice Team Jan Weido, Skip Alford, Bob Meyen, Nancy Clancy, our own Carlson Family and even Mike Canazon could not figure it out. Heavy snow cover, lack of sun, overcast, and barometric pressure (according to Reinhold's Predicting the Bite) each took a share of the blame. Of course this will all change in a couple of months to: wrong fly; emergers, finicky; water too high; water too low; leader shy; Barometric Pressure according to Reinhold's Predicting the Bite,However, all the parents and kids that showed up had a great time on the ice. Noah Dirks broke the ice, in a manner of speaking, by catching the first fish. I am sure if you read his Dad's column in the Times Herald Record it will be a 16" Brown trout and not the blue gill he actually caught. This is a great annual event and the CFFCM gets to share it along with free hot dogs and snacks prepared by the Carlsons. They were provided by Scott Ropke of Pecks Market, Livingston Manor, Dick Verona of Roscoe Sunoco, and Jim Gutekunst of Wurtsboro IGA; we thank them for their continued support and for making our activities special. "Fish food" was provided by Rich & Sue Post of Fur Fin & Feather of Livingston Manor

Inside the museum, 40 tyers gathered to tie flies and that they did. New ones, old ones, special ones, and not so special ones left the vises as the chatter of patterns and techniques filled the area. This event is the 'ice breaker' for the season ahead. The coming of the season was confirmed because Big Jim saw his shadow, assuring us that there are 6 more weeks until the Season Opener at Junction Pool on April 2. Organizers and administrators, JB Martin and Jack Ganz, continue to provide all the organization and leg work to make this a success. It should be noted that tyers contribute to this event and all contributions received will go toward stocking our pond this spring. We thank our Annual Fly Fest sponsor Ellen and Dennis Skarka of Catskill Flies.

Streamside Notes

February started with the loss of two wonderful and long time friends, Rick Eck and Sylvester Nemes. Knowing both since the early 1980s through my previous business English Angling Trappings, they remained very close to me. Rick was one of my first customers, became one of my close friends and better yet, he encouraged me to join the CFFCM board back in 1999. We fished together and took great pleasure in working for the CFFCM. Sylvester also was a connected to my business. I met him somewhere when he was promoting his Soft Hackled Flies Book. We made an arrangement for me to sell his flies here on the East-coast, \$10 a dozen. Yes, a long time back, but we were long time friends separated by distance. I will miss them greatly, but I have many great times to remember. While seasons come to a close for some, new ones come for others and we need to carry on.

It was great to see this place come alive for Fly Fest and the IceCapades a couple of weeks back. I thank everyone involved in making this a good time for everyone who attended.

Freezing weather, warm weather, snow, no snow, rain, ice, sleet, more snow....it has been a lovely February in the Catskills. Perfect weather to stay inside and get those winter pro-

jects done and some flies tied. If you haven't tied any yet this winter, remember - March is upon us.

March brings its own madness here. We are rearranging and changing exhibits in the museum, getting boxes ready for the Members Book Sale, coordinating all of the final details for our Season Opener at Junction Pool with the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce and preparing for another full season of activities and new events. We've heard from schools planning field day visits and Trout in the Classroom fish releases, organizations planning meetings, weekends, and visits and we will soon start our schedule for our Saturday Guest Fly Tyers programs. Casting instructor and author* Floyd Franke stopped in recently and will be organizing a Guest Fly Caster Program to be held on selected Sundays. These Casting sessions will be open to members and their guests. It's a chance to visit and get some casting instruction and a few tips and techniques to improve your casting from Certified FFF Casting Instructors at no charge. *Floyd's book is still available in our gift shop.

April and May will bring more than rain and flowers. We are honored to have Mark Ruffalo be our official Season Opener Guest Caster and we ap-

preciate him taking time from his busy schedule. Keep your fingers crossed and maybe he will win the Oscar for the Best Supporting Actor. Soon we will be soliciting nominees for the 2011 Fly Fishing Hall of Fame, announcing our auction items for our annual May Dinner and moving forward on several new initiatives.

Our friends at the Mid Hudson TU brought in a check to insulate one of the bunk houses. We can get the insulation and necessary supplies, but now we need some volunteers to put it up. Are you interested? We thank the Mid Hudson TU and other clubs for their continued assistance to make the CFFCM better for all in the fly fishing community.

Our new and revised website is in final stages of completion and hopefully I can give you the new address next month. Had enough yet? I have. Plan on bringing a friend up with you to one of our events and better yet, get them to join the CFFCM. Members make it happen. Another fly fishing season is right around the corner.

Its all about fly fishing.
Jim Krul

The Hardy Bros. Cup. A new component of our annual events and activities reflects the new CFFCM partnership with Hardy Bros. This British company is recognized worldwide for their fine quality tackle and fly fishing accessories.

It was formed in 1873 by brothers William and John James. They loved to fish and their passion became their business. Early rods were made of greenheart, lancewood, and hickory. Bamboo was added in 1880. In 1891 the Hardy Perfect fly reel was introduced which became its best known product. In 1911, the Hardy CC de France fly rod was introduced and the first large arbor reel with ball bearings in the housing came out and the company became a Limited Company (LTD).

In celebration of their 100th anniversary milestone, they are introducing The Hardy Bros Cup; a casting tournament to be held here on our premises on Saturday, August 6, during our annual Summerfest. That evening they will sponsor a free BBQ and awards presentations.

This casting competition will be quite different. The complete details will follow in the next *Castabout*. This event will be open to everyone and only bamboo rods can be used. Any rod will do, they do not have to be a Hardy product. Casters will be required to bring their own bamboo rod (maximum length will be 9') and reel with line. A light plastic bead will be placed behind a knot on the fly line for competition, in lieu of a fly; no leader. There will be a distance element and accuracy element with handicaps for rod lengths and actions (old streamer/wet fly rods, dry action, etc). Fun? Yes, much fun.

The Hardy Bros Cup will remain in our museum and bear the winners names. There will be prizes provided by Hardy that include 1st place 2011 100th Anniversary Custom Built C.C. De France classic rod by master maker, Tom Moran. 2nd and 3rd place finishers will be awarded reels.

We welcome the partnership and support of our friends at Hardy. More details to follow. Practice, practice, practice.

Last Casts With sadness we share in the loss of three friends and members of the fly fishing community in February:

Rick Eck: Rick passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, February 2 from a brain aneurysm. Rick was a long time member and treasurer of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. His service, dedication and friendship will be greatly missed.

In addition to his involvement with the CFFCM Rick was an advocate of the Delaware River Water Shed and worked in support of The Friends of the Upper Delaware. He belonged to several fishing clubs and previously owned and operated North-east Fly Fishing on the Delaware.

Donations in Rick's memory can be made to the CFFCM for a permanent project in his name.

Sylvester Nemes: Sylvester passed away at his home with his wife, Hazel Nemes, at his side on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011.

A resident of Bozeman Montana, he was recognized as the master of the soft hackled fly and initiated a renaissance with his first book The Soft Hackled Fly. For over 30 years, his writings emphasized simplicity in tying techniques. His goal was to design working flies that caught both fish and the attention of a generation of fishers.

Dick Talleur: Dick Talleur died February 18, 2011, after a brief illness, at the age of 79. Dick suffered an infection as far back as last November, that eventually spread to the heart muscle, and he died of congestive heart failure. His last days were comfortable, his wife Vera and step-son Yury,. A memorial will be held at The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum on Saturday, March 26, at 1 PM.

Stream Clean Gains Steam. Many hands make light work (Heyward). Uniting the fly fishing community. the Long Island Fly-rodgers started it. They have enlisted volunteers from the Boy Scouts and Roscoe Chamber of Commerce. And now Theodore Gordon Flyfishers have joined the group. They will meet on Saturday May 7 for a massive clean up of the Willowemoc and Beaverkill rivers. A LIF sponsored BBQ picnic will follow and then it's off to fish the afternoon and into the evening.

Tenkara Fly Fishing to America It's hard to believe that just two years ago, Dr. Hisao Ishigaki was here at our annual dinner, sharing the history and his knowledge of Tenkara fishing to compliment our Flies From Japan exhibit. It was here, at the CFFCM and on the Willowemoc that Tenkara fishing was officially introduced to America. Since that visit in 2009, Tenkara USA developed a DVD. Now we have a book. It was authored by Kevin C. Kelleher, MD, and CFFCM member and Japanese liaison, Misako Ishimura. Tenkara - Radically Simple, Ultralight Fly Fishing contains all the knowledge you need to become a Tenkara Fly Fisherman. If you are interested in this early form of fly fishing and how to do it, this is the book for you. Members can have it delivered at the published price of \$19.95 or can pick it up at the gift shop for \$15.95.

New Program May 21-22. Classic Tackle and Today's Craftsman. Last year Fred Paddock hosted a gathering of American and Japanese Traditional fly fishing craftsmen at the Pavilion during our Annual weekend in May. This year the event, also referred to as "Woodstick", has grown in size and moved to May 21 & 22. This event focuses on the traditional fly fishing tackle, rods, reels, accessories, etc. and today's craftsmen who make them. It is open to the public These craftsmen will share their techniques in the construction of their fly fishing products and offer them for sale. This is a fine opportunity to meet and visit with the large Japanese contingent who will be attending. Considering that the fishing is expected to be in high gear this weekend, they will be holding the first twilight event for the CFFCM, on Saturday evening. Fly fishermen coming off the stream are encouraged to stop in and see the fine classic tackle and new classics available for sale and on display. You can even test out a few on the pond. Or, you can bring or borrow a classic to practice with on the casting course for the upcoming Hardy Bros. Cup (You will see details in this same Castabout). We thank Fred for all of his work to put this program together and allow us to facilitate his needs.

On Display- The Italian Connection. Through the efforts of our international fly tying ambassador, Ted Patlen, we have assembled an amazing collection of unique flies, equipment, reels, rod, and other Italian fly fishing delights. This collection is now on display until next year at this time when another country* will be represented in our Globalflyzation area in the museum.

Some highlights of this exhibit include some incredible patterns tied with Swarovski crystals, an amazing travel vise with tripod legs versus a pedestal base, articulated flies with woven bodies and a traditional fly tied on a 1900 year old hook (c.200AD). This is one exhibit you will need extra time to see.

We are proud to be the recipients of such international attention having had Poland, New Zealand, The British Isles, Japan, Sweden and now Italy. We thank them for bringing world wide attention to the CFFCM.

*To be announced later in the year.

From 1981 early season issue of Fly Fisherman Magazine:

A fly rodder's "impossible dream" can come true

Taking Early-Season Trout.

Fly Fisherman seem prone to a particularly acute strain of cabin fever that compels us to strike out for our favorite streams as early in the year as the law will permit, regardless of conditions. Who among us hasn't flirted with hypothermia for a day on the water, understanding only too well we weren't likely to catch many fish? *Art Lee.*

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2011 Calendar of Events

April

2: Season Opener at Junction Pool with a Surprise
Two Headed Trout Dinner

May

7: Long Island Fly Rodders Annual Stream Cleanup
20/21: Classic Tackle & Today's Craftsman hosted by
Fred Paddock
20/21: NYC TU Outing

June

3/4: East Jersey TU Outing
24-29: Bamboo Rodmakers Class

July

9/10: Environmental Youth Educations ages 8-11
16/17: Environmental Youth Education ages 12-14

July

23/24: Environmental Youth Education mixed ages

August

6/7: Summerfest, Angler's Market & Jubilee Weekend
14: Annual Ralph Graves Memorial Golf Tournament

September

9/11: Catskill Rodmakers Gathering

October

1: One Fly Contest sponsored by Catskill Fies
8: Semi-Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame

November

12/13: Arts of the Angler Show, Danbury CT
29: A Night in NYC-Winter Fundraiser

December

3: Holiday Open House

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