

May is the month to fish. This is the month everyone takes their first visit to the Catskill streams. Warm weather + perfect water conditions + many insects hatching = fish rising. In the last Castabout, we mentioned '**Maycation**', a new local community incentive to encourage fishermen to visit during the week. These supporting businesses have joined us and look forward to seeing many fishermen. Visit the area **during** the week and be welcomed into their establishments. Our local friends will offer discounts for you on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays** through out the Month of May. This takes the pressure off weekend travelers. Look for the yellow **MAYCATION** signs in Livingston Manor and Roscoe at these following locations. Fishermen Welcome.

The following CFFCM partners/and offers include:

Livingston Manor:

- DeBruce Country Inn; 845-439-3900 25% discount overnights TWT
- Wildlife Gift Shop; 845-439-3938 10% discount trout related items TWT
- Willow & Brown; 845-439-5677 10% off store purchases Thursday only
- Lanza's; 845-439-5070 \$20 off Regular room rate 10% on dinners TWT
- Lazy Beagle 845-439-3405 10% off your bill WT (closed Tuesday)

Roscoe:

- Creekside Cabins; 607-498-5873 10% off rates starting Tues and ending Thurs
- Tennenah Lake Golf and Tennis; 607-498-5000 15% off golf, room, meals and row boats and 1st drink TWT
- Live Bait Bar & Grill; 607-498-4999 10% off of lunch purchase TWT
- Catskill Flies; 607-498-6146 10% off all purchases TWT
- Morning Star Creations; 607-498-5918 Free Drawing on framed fly fishing print, stop in
- White Cloud Beaverkill Fly Fishing School; 607-498-4611. Group discount 3rd student ½, 4th free
- Butternut Grove Campsite; 607-498-4224 1 night free bundle wood, 2-3 nights full rack wood
- Duke Pottery; 607-498-5207 ½ pint of local maple syrup with every purchase

Of course as members you are entitled to many other standing offers from our business partners listed on the mailing side of this Castabout.

Casting Tune Ups Scheduled FFF Master Casting Instructor and FFF Board Member Floyd Franke with the assistance of FFF Certified Casting Instructors: Paul & Gail Gallo will provide beginning to advanced casting instruction, tune ups, corrective tips and techniques at the CFFCM. These sessions will be available at no charge every other Saturday starting on May 7 and ending on August 6, from 11 AM to 1 PM at the CFFCM casting fields. We are hoping you take advantage of this fine 'members only' opportunity. We thank Floyd, Paul and Gail for this fine addition to the CFFCM activities.

Take a May Day and join in an activity at the CFFCM

May 7 is the Long Island Fly Rodders annual stream clean event. This 'give back' to the community and streams has grown to great proportions. We now have unified participation from the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce, Theodore Gordon Flyfishers and some local and Long Island Boy Scouts. When done the LIFR will provide a BBQ lunch, you can help a Scout earn his Fly Fishing Merit Badge and check out JB Martin our guest fly tyer for the day. You can also cast with Floyd, Gail and Paul, and still have time to fish.

May 14 our guest tyer will be Mike Hogue and Joe Perrone Jr. will hold a special signing of his book Opening Day from Noon until 2 PM (perfect gift for Father's day).

May 21 & 22 Woodstick, 2 days of fun and fine fishing tackle, another fly casting clinic with Floyd, Gail and Paul, Guest fly tyer Scott Cesari, the unveiling of the Hardy & Greys North America Cup at Noon on the 21st and the first opportunity to cast in the Hardy & Greys North America Cup Competition also on the 21st. .

May 28 is our **Annual Day** with a members meeting at 10AM, Guest fly tyer Lee Weil, Hardy Cup Casting Competition, and **Annual Fundraising Dinner** and auction at 5:30 PM at Kings Catering. Call the Center to make your reservation, (845) 439-4810.

One on one with Al Cauuci on the Delaware. Fly Fishing Hall of Fame member, Al Cauuci, will spend a full day on the Delaware and guide you to the best fishing areas you have ever seen. Al knows this water like the back of his hand, the hatches and the fish up close and personal. Start the day with a cup of coffee before drifting down the Delaware, rowed by none other than Al Cauuci himself. An amazing full day of fishing. You will not only get a detailed understanding of the river, but an appreciation to know the No. 1 fishery in the Eastern USA. Lunch will be provided. With Co Author Bob Nastasi, they wrote five books together: Hatches, Hatches II, Fly Tyers Color Guide, Instant May Fly Identification Guide, and Comparahatch. No one knows the Delaware River like Al Cauuci.

Chef Peet Dinner for Four at Ken Aretsky's Patroon Restaurant. One of NYC's most elegant and enjoyable restaurants and one of NYC's most celebrated chefs will provide a special evening just for you and your guests. Chef Bill Peet will prepare a unique dinner with appropriate wines for a night to remember. When you make reservations, be a name dropper and let Bill know you are coming. He will make sure you are taken care of. You can't get better than that. Donated by Ken and Bill (\$600)

Fish in Chilean Patagonia's Picacho Fly Fishing Lodge, Trip for Two. Located in one of the most beautiful, yet isolated places literally at the end of the world with the biodiversity in the Chilean Patagonia. Experience the fishing you have read about. You can certainly expect catching trophy wild brown and rainbow trout that reach massive size in the incredible Picacho River system that includes feeder streams and lake areas. An extremely isolated location, it is only reachable by boat and has no fishing pressure. Spend 6 full days of fishing and 7 nights during your choice from December 2011 and March 2012. You will be picked up from the Balmaced airport on a Saturday morning and return the following Saturday. Everything is included except tips and airfare to Balmaced. RRP \$6,990

Spend a Half Day Fishing with Keith Fulsher on the Pootatuck River Club Water. Fly Fishing legend and Hall of Fame Member Keith Fulsher will share a half day of fishing on CT's Pootatuck Club Water. This will be a day to remember with an author, master fly tyer and fishing great. Keith will be 89 years old this summer and it is still hard to keep up with him. Join Keith for a sandwich before entering the rich water of this section of the Pootatuck River and fish to some incredibly large and feisty fish. You and Keith will meet at a mutually convenient time. Felt soles are not allowed on club water and Keith suggests lug soled boots.

Atlantic Salmon Fishing for Two at the Restigouche River Lodge. Located in the settlement of Mann's Mountain, New Brunswick, Canada. The Lodge's private exclusive stretch of the Restigouche River starts at the confluence of the Matapedia River and continues over three miles up river to Grog Island Camp, the former John Pulitzer salmon Camp. Guided anglers can fish for Atlantic Salmon from the canoe or wade the gravel bars. The season runs from May until the end of September and from late July through September you can experience some great dry fly fishing. Master bamboo rod maker Marc Aroner will be hosting a week of fishing from July 24 through July 31. If there is room, you might just want to meet up with Marc for some great fishing. The choice is up to you. Your week includes 6 days of guided fishing, lodging, three exquisite meals a day and internet access in comfortable accommodations. This is Atlantic Salmon fishing at its best. SRP \$7,990

Anthony 'Willowemoc' Magardino on the fabled DeBruce Club Water for Two. CFFCM Executive Trustee, Anthony Mrgardino, will take you and a friend to the better pools on DeBruce and show you where the 'Big Boys' are. Better yet, Anthony will also provide you with some of his proven pointers on how to catch them. An outstanding lunch is included making this a great day in the Catskills. You will find the grounds, water and club truly amazing. The company you keep will be first class. Most likely, after spending a day at DeBruce, you will be spoiled. The DeBruce Club and members are major supporters of the CFFCM.

Original Tim Borski Painting. Over the past five years, Tim Borski has gained high acclaim for his innovative and incredibly unique style of imagery. His paintings have become highly desirable as he brings the power of the fish in his expressions to life on a canvas. This 30 x 42 acrylic painting of "Two Bones" will make any dull room come alive. (Many of Borski's paintings of this size start at \$1,600). Donated by Ted Rogowski especially for this auction.

Valla's The Classic Dry Fly Box, Author's Hardcover Limited "Proof" Edition. Mike pulled a limited quantity of his latest book, The Classic Dry Fly Box for family and special occasions. There is a special book plate inside the cover, signed and numbered, that states that this is a "proof" edition. There are only 25 of these in existence. Author "Proof" editions are considered the most valuable of an LTD edition. This is a special occasion and he has included one of the actual flies that was photographed and featured in the book, to accompany it. This LTD 'Author's Edition' will be personally inscribed as per your wishes. This would be a welcome volume to your library or for a special friend.

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Auction Items Continued:

The 2010 Rodmakers Gathering Bamboo Rod; a 7' 4wt 2 pice, Edwards' Autographed Deluxe taper, of pre-embargo cane donated by Fung Chin, flamed by John Zimny and guides courtesy of Snake Brand. Components were fabricated and donated by numerous rod makers and assembled and finished by John and Tim Cammisa. Includes a custom bag and hexagonal hard wood hand crafted case.

Additional live auction items will include: **A Hardy Greys Platinum Tackle Bag**, **The 2008 Guest Fly Tyers Frame**, **Filson Waxed Wading Jacket**, **Battenkill Bamboo Fly Rod**, and other great items.

Silent Auction Items: Buzz Off Outdoor Wear, Peter Corbin LTD Prints, Signed prints, Autographed Books, Folstaff Wading Staff, Hosack Sepcimen Flies, Kreiger DVD Collection, Authentic Denton Prints, Dyna King Travel Vise, Fly Lines and more.

Visit our Website at www.cffcm.net for a complete list of Live Auction Items. Absentee Bids can be placed at the CFFCM office, 845-439-4810 or online at bobanddavesauctions.com

Hardy & Greys North America Cup. If you can't make the Summerfest on August 6 to cast in the first annual Hardy & Greys North America Cup casting competition, you will have two opportunities to compete on Saturdays: on May 21 at Woodstick from noon until 4 PM or Saturday and on May 28 from 1 PM until 4PM. The fields will be marked off prior to these competitive times and you are welcome to tune up. All details and rules can be found at our website or call the office for a copy. All you need is a bamboo rod 9' or less and your reel with a 7.5' leader. Sight flies and extra leaders will be provided. The Hardy & Greys North America Cup Casting Competition is a partnership with Hardy & Greys North America and the CFFCM, and will be an annual event.

Woodstick, May 21 & 22. This second annual event continues to bridge the traditional tackle with today's craftsmen from USA, Europe and Japan. Yes, despite the devastation and turmoil facing the people of Japan, a small contingent of craftsmen will be coming to participate in this event. It is their belief that their participation will be strong for Japan and share the crafts of this fine sport; *Woodstick Kizuna* ("kizuna" is Japanese for the bond of friendship). These representatives will bring many products from their fellow craftsmen which will be available for sale to benefit the CFFCM. To date the following vendors and crafters will be on hand for this two day event: Rick Robbins, Rob Smith/Pentalux, Jim Downes/Jim Downes Bamboo Fly Rods, Mike McFarland, Carmine Lisella/Jordan Mills, Bob Selb/The Classic Flyfisherman, Fred Balling/Perfection Reels, Graham Maisey/Belvoirdale, Ids Shukken/Schukken, Designs Holland, Bill Franke/One Pfoot, Masatoshi Okui/Kinyea Tackle, Japan along with 3 other Japanese craftsmen and representation from another 12+ craftsmen. The Hardy Bros. & Greys North America Cup will be open through out the event for rod testing and practice, with the competition from noon until 4PM. The event will last until 9:30 PM on Saturday to accommodate some evening fishing for visitors and guests.

This event is organized and coordinated by Fred Paddock/FH Paddock Fly Rods to promote the modern craftsmen who continue to maintain the traditions of fly tackle construction and innovation. In addition Fred will pay for all expenses so that all proceeds of this event benefit the CFFCM. This is a fine example of our importance as a center for the fly fishing community. We welcome Fred's partnership and wish him success. Please join him in welcoming our guests

Catskill Trout-New Works by Alberto Rey. You are cordially invited to attend visit The Chase-Randall Gallery, located at 49 Main St., Andes, NY to view the latest works of our member, Alberto Rey. The gallery is open Friday - Sunday, 11-5. An Artist Reception will be held on Saturday, May 7 from 5-7 PM. This showing will be on display May 7 - June 9, 2011. If you are in the area, stop in.

Recent Acquisitions: from **Chris Theising:** additional ephemera from the Larry Koller personal collection; from **Norma Christian:** Ray Bergman's favorite Leonard fly rod, from **Johannes Mason:** a unique hand crafted fly tying vise, a cash donation in **Bill Leuzler's** name to the CFFCM to be used at his request to improve the Paul Dahlie education center kitchen and bathrooms. From **David Plummer:** Stillwater by Dick Bailey, from **John Harris:** Thompson B vise & guide wrapping jig and from **Michael Cannizzaro;** numerous books and DVD's for our library and fundraising.

The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum
Invites you to our Annual Meeting, Banquet and Auction
Saturday, May 28, 2011

Schedule

10:00 AM Annual CFFCM Members Meeting followed by the Trustees meeting in the Paul Dahlie Education Building

New Exhibits: Brook Trout, The Italian Connection, Skeletal Reels, Larry Koller, The Hudson Valley School of Rodmaking, Part I and others.

10:00 AM Ted Patlen and friends will provide a 'tie in' sharing fly tying styles, techniques and new patterns.

5:30 Dinner and Auction at King's Catering.

5:30 Cocktails (Cash Bar), Silent Auction and Bucket Raffles

7:00 PM Dinner Served

7:30 PM Silent Auction Ends

8:30 PM Live Auction, Announcement of the Annual Raffle and Silent Auction winners.

Live Auction items include: Spectacular Annual Dinner Auction Items will include A 'one on one' Day Trip on the Delaware with legend Al Caucci; A Trip for two to Chile's Picacho Fishing Lodge; Fishing with Keith Fulsher; Chef Peet Dinner and Appropriate wines for four at Ken Aretsky's Patroon NYC Restaurant in NYC; an Orvis Battenkill II 8wt, 57/8 oz, 2pc, 1 tip rod from Carmine Lisella and Jordan Mills Rod Co; a Trip for two to the Restigouche River Lodge and more. (The full list will be on our website www.cffcm.net and on www.bobanddavesauctions.com for absentee bidding.)

Annual Dinner Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. See details on opposite page. Please order tickets below and remit (with or without dinner reservations) in the enclosed envelope.

Dinner Reservations

Seating is limited so please make your reservations early. Reserved tables for 8 are available. Send this portion of the invitation, along with your raffle stubs and payment, in the enclosed envelope by May 18th. Please note that the cost of the dinner includes a \$15.00 tax deductible gift. The names of all attendees will be listed in the Auction Catalog and Program.

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Member & member guests \$45.00ea Name

Non Member Dinner Ticket \$60 ea Address

Patron Dinner Ticket \$100 ea City ST Zip

Benefactor Reserved Table (8) \$500 email Phone

Raffle Tickets \$5 ea 5/\$20 Check enclosed Charge my Credit Card

I am not able to attend the event, but wish to contribute #

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