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Guest Fly Tyers

Sept 3 - John Bonasera
Sept 10 - Ed Burgholzer
Sept 17 - Dave Brandt
Sept 24 - Bill Leuszler
Oct 1 - Elmer Hopper &
Ralph Graves

September Membership Winner Henry A Cyrus Jr.

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!

And the winner of the first Annual Hardy Bros. Cup is....

It was a great Summerfest-Anglers Market-Jubilee Day and a great First Annual Hardy Cup Weekend at the CFFCM. On Saturday, August 6, our parking areas were beyond capacity and we were allowed to have additional parking across the street from the bridge. Old Rte 17 was lined with over 30 cars in both directions. Before the rain started at 2 PM over 650 visitors had come across the bridge; a **new record attendance** for any of our events. It was an incredible response to our quality programs.

The field was filled with both fly fishing related tables and a group of local craftspeople, products, and services to satisfy those who were not into the fishing scene.

On the museum side, FFF Master Casting Instructors Paul and Gail Gallo were on hand to provide casting tips and tune ups. This was the final appearance this year for a very successful program addition to the CFFCM. They were busy giving first casting lessons from start to finish. We hope they continue to offer their program for many years to come. Everyone who met them appreciated their expertise and style.

Sausage and peppers were on the grill and the First Annual Hardy Bros Cup bamboo rod casting competition was in progress in the adjacent bunkhouse lot. The casting field perimeter was lined with casters intent on the competition as well as many spectators. Like a golf or tennis tournament, every time a caster delivered his competitive three casts you could hear a pin drop. At 2:30 PM the competition was called due the heavy downpour. It was announced that it would continue to completion on Sunday, starting at 9AM. The leader on Saturday was Masaki 'Take' Takemoto with a dominating long distance cast of 101 feet. It should be noted that Take flew in from Japan only for the weekend in order to compete. He arrived on Friday afternoon and returned on Monday morning's first flight out. We were impressed not only with his casting but with his dedication to our sport, as well.

On Sunday a mist was in the air but rain held off until 5 PM allowing the competition to run to its exciting conclusion. After a final review of all caster scores, Take took first place, Jin Woo Lee from Canada took second, and Mike McFarland from PA took third. 4th Jonathan Huff (USA), 5th Nick Rubico (USA), 6th Leonard Toller (USA) and 7th 'Archie' Rinaldi (Argentina). It should be noted that only two casters got center bulls eye in the accuracy component, Jamie Bendelius and Joan Wulff. It was truly an international event sure to grow in years to come.

The kids' fishing derby went off on schedule with many fish landed (and returned to the pond unharmed). The fish race, in higher water than normal due to the heavy rain on Saturday, had the largest quantity of fish ever released by Dave Brandt. The 'catchers' under bridge, John Collins, James Mathiasen and Johannes Mason caught every fish that would eventually have hit the Delaware. Clearly, some poacher's skills were in evidence. With the assistance of the Kurpil family fiddlers, several rousing renditions of Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary were played as our honorees Doc and Mary Fried, Joan Wulff, Terry and Sheila Shultz and Agnes Van Put took center stage. This marked a fine finish to our 29th Summerfest Weekend. Be sure to put August 4 & 5 on your schedule for Summerfest 2012 and plan on attending.

Member Volunteers who made it Happen in August: Jack Ganz, Ted Patlen, Eila Smithwick, Terry Shultz, Mary Day, Ross Francis, Jeff, Alicia and Allie Phelan, Angela, Kristina and Victoria Magardino, Betsy Zimny, Mike & Valarie Valla, Judy & Deanna Moore, Justin Krul, John Collins, Corey Williams, Johannes Mason, James Mathiasen, Mary Fried, Cliff Albertson and MIKE.

Streamside Notes

Believe it or not, I never get bored here at the CFFCM. You never know what to expect in the mail, emails or visitors who come across our bridge.

The first letter of the month was a note from San Francisco member Philip Sawyer simply thanking us for sending him the prize book from the July Members' Drawing. He said it reminded him of the Catskills and he looked forward to visiting us soon. Philip, you are welcome. The first email, (well after deleting all of the spam ads, crazy forwards, a couple of good jokes, and a notice that my uncle, that I never heard of in Sandusky passed away leaving me almost 3 million dollars, followed by the email from my wife who said I could not quit as she was voiding the processing fee check I mailed) was from a Japanese bamboo rodmaker, Shuichi Akimaru. Mr. Akimaru asked for information about exhibiting or participating in events at the museum. I informed him of our Kizuna/Woodstick event held in May and forwarded this information to our Japanese members: Masatoshi Okui, Kazutomo Ijuin and Takuji Izawa. I am sure they will provide the best information and take care of it for us. Our visitors continued to come from all over the world. One in particular comes to mind. On Friday, August 5, a gentleman was standing next to his car and appearing quite surprised to not see any activity going on. I asked him if I could help him. He explained he took the day off from work, left Long Island early to drop off his daughters at camp so as to be here bright and early to spend the whole day enjoying Summerfest and casting in the Hardy Bros. Cup. I broke the news to him that he

was a day early and all the activity was tomorrow, being Saturday. He sadly shook his head realizing that in the excitement, he thought it was Saturday as he did not have to work. After spending an hour at the museum he said he was going home to his 'Honey do list'. Later that day one of our members, Vincent Sadwick from Bloomfield NY visited and told us he came to participate in the first Annual Hardy Bros. Cup. He wanted to show me the rod tube he made for his bamboo rod. Unexpectedly, it weighed about 8 lbs, thick walled and constructed of the finest quality aircraft aluminum and suited to protect a rod from nuclear attack. I surmised that this 8 lb tube would safely protect his rod and should be kept in back of the pickup as a backup bumper jack or used to pry boulders blocking the road!

The month continued including a spectacular Summerfest and Anglers Market. As always, you could find just about anything you wanted. Armchair Angler, Steve Starrantino, filled his tent with 8 dollar books. Everyone appeared to be carrying books to the car. The O'Neill's were having an inventory reduction sale with all bamboo rods half off, there were materials, flies, hooks, collectibles, treasures and local crafts and service businesses mixed in to fill the field to capacity. To some it appeared that there were some empty field spaces; yes, but there were 10 vendors crammed under the yellow tent that were usually unprotected on the field. We will get a larger tent next year to accommodate more. This event continues to be the largest outdoor fly fishing collectible event in the USA. Of course rain had to spoil it on

Saturday and things broke up around 2ish. As we all know too well, you can't do much about the weather - but - we're working on it.

The First Annual Hardy Bros. Cup bamboo rod casting competition was a major success and will continue in years to come. This cooperative event between the CFFCM and Hardy Greys North America has been heralded around the world as an event that will be a permanent part of fly fishing. It has been determined that it will continue to coincide with our Summerfest/Anglers Market and Jubilee Weekend.

Then there was the golf outing, the monthly Trustees Meeting and everything in between. As one month closes, a new one starts. I can't wait to see what this one brings. Don't put that fishing equipment away, September, October and November can be rewarding. The fish are still rising here in the Catskills and there are quite a few of them.

...And back to that tailgate conversation I had with Mr. Sadwick: he told me he likes to try as many new activities as he can...road races, bike races, climbing, hiking, swimming competitions, and many, many others. He never won, or expected to, but wanted to be able to say he experienced it. He had great spirit and is never one to pass up an opportunity. Now, doesn't that make you want to get out there and do it while you can?

It's all about fly fishing.

Jim Krul

Recent Acquisitions: Museum receives John Landman bamboo fly rod for permanent collection. Steve Joyce purchased this rare and handsome 7' 2 tip rod in pristine condition. After seeing this rod, he decided he could never fish it and wanted it to be shared with those who would appreciate it. Having done careful research, he decided the CFFCM is where it belongs. More on Landman in a future Castabout. From **Chris Andrus:** a collection of books and fishing themed gift merchandise, From: **John Harris:** Fenwick Class 4 Reel and fly tying tools/materials; from **Nick Lyons:** a large selection of new books, from **Dana Gray:** Beginner fly tying tool set. From **Jack Ganz:** an Scientific Angler fly reel & SS; From **Bob Jacklin:** a day trip for two with lunch on the Yellowstone in 2012 in honor of Agnes Van Put's 95th Birthday (for May 2012 dinner). From **Ross Francis:** Gift shop merchandise, **Ed Trudo:** Titleist Golf Clubs for our Golf Outing and **The Little Store:** prizes for our Golf Outing.

Expect some Changes in the October Castabout.

5th Annual Ralph Graves Invitational Testimonial Golf Outing. What does Ralph Graves have to do with golf? Nothing, but he has provided his good name for a golf outing to benefit the CFFCM. Why would he want to risk such a great reputation? This all started a few years back with Ted Patlen, Mike Canazon, Dave Brandt, Jeff Phelan and Bob Mead got together to play a round of whack the ball and cast a fly on Roscoe's 9 hole golf course. The rules were made up as they went along on some greens you were required to "cast to the cup". Of course, you were required to use your favorite 5 or 6-wt rod. The ultimate prize was the 'Ralphie', a trophy put together with an old red rubber puppet head fashioned with hair and beard of white fish-hair, nailed to a scrap of plywood with a brass plate glued on. It was named, appropriately, in honor of one of the region's most recognized fly tyers, Ralph Graves. Well, a couple of years back, Ted Patlen and 'the boys' felt it would serve 'The Center' with an alternative fun fundraising event during the dog days of August when fishing was not the best. This golf outing is for all - regardless of skill level. Ted Patlen came up with the plan and Cliff Albertson's arm was twisted to co-chair this annual event. It includes: 9 holes of golf; some adult beverages; a beef steak dinner; prizes and, of course, the winning team gets "The Ralphie" which hangs next to the back door in the Museum. Tournament namesake, Ralph Graves, and his wife Theresa meet us back at the Ed Bldg. for dinner and cake and the rest becomes history. Keeping with tradition, this golf event is open to anyone who thought they might like to try golf, as a change-up during the summer. Unfortunately, due to some verbal disagreement with some other patrons on the course, the casting to the cup on the green component was discontinued. However, a par three casting course will be set up at the Center 2012 as a handicap for non-golfers.

This year Ted could not make it but Cliff pulled it off with out a hitch and deserves a big hand. Everyone ended up being winners by having a good time, but the overall winner of 'The Ralphie' was team: Ed Trudo, Ken Kobiashi, Peter Howley and Brian Greenthal. It should be noted that CFFCM Team 1: Mike Canazon, Justin Krul and Erin Phelan came in second to last, and Team 2: Jim Krul and Mike Valla followed them in, securing last place. Driving the beverage cart was Terry Shultz, sitting in for Jack Ganz who could not make it. Jack will return with Ted Patlen in 2012. The Annual RGITGO will be held on Sunday, August 12. Plan on making a golf date.

Special thanks go to our 2011 Sponsors: The Classic Fly Fisherman, The Little Store and Live Bait Bar & Grill.

Hall of Fame 2011 Update. If you have never attended a Fly Fishing Hall of Fame Ceremony and/or dinner, put it on your list to do. This is a historical moment in fly fishing history when we recognize those who have made a significant and important contribution to the texture in the fabric of fly fishing.

The 2011 Fly Fishing Hall of Fame Class includes: Cathy and Barry Beck, Doug Swisher and Carl Richards, Roderick Haig-Brown, and John Alden Knight. (At time of this printing, Cathy and Barry Beck and Celia Haig-Brown (Roderick's daughter) have confirmed they will be present to accept awards. Unfortunately John Alden Knight has no surviving family members.

At 3PM, on Saturday afternoon, October 8, Rick Bannerot, MC, will provide a historical presentation of each inductee and welcome them to the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame. Upon accepting their award, each candidate will have a few moments to share this special moment with the audience. Immediately following the ceremony, honorees will be on hand for group photos and a chance to meet all in attendance.

A cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 PM at Kings Catering with a special Hall of Fame Silent Auction before dinner is served at 7:00 PM. Please call the office for reservations.

Are you looking for a special way to help the CFFCM? Hall of Fame Sponsor plaques are mounted beneath Hall of Fame members plaques on the exterior of the Museum. These permanent bronze markers are in support of the HOF member with your name or a memorial name is added. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or making another permanent recognition plate, please call the office.

The Joan Wulff Flyfishers and The Anglers Club of NY to honor their Fly Fisher of Distinction As you read this, so will Sam Decker of the Joan Wulff Fly Fishers and Gardner Grant of The Anglers Club of NY. They will receive a personal letter announcing their club's honor - to be a Fly Fisher of Distinction.

This honor is bestowed on individuals selected by their club for their outstanding 'behind the scenes' and unheralded work to better their organization and its members. These are the people who make a positive difference in a club and are often taken for granted; seldom given the recognition they surely deserve.

Three years ago, CFFCM trustee and legal counsel, Andy Boyar, initiated this program to help clubs and organizations recognize a 'special member' and laud their accomplishments along with the entire fly fishing community. The CFFCM would be the facilitator and host for this celebratory dinner event to be held at The Anglers Club of NY. It is open to everyone in the fly fishing community. This is an evening of camaraderie, friendship and honor for those who are the unsung heroes and backbone of a group of like minded individuals. Each individual will be presented with a unique award made just for them by award winning carving artist, Lou Trowbridge. Honorees are recognized by those members of the club with anecdotes and the entire audience salutes with a toast. It is a great fun night in the world of fly fishing.

The Flyfishers of Distinction dinner will be held on Tuesday evening, November 30, 2011 at The Anglers Club of NY starting at 5:30. A limited number of seats are available, tickets are \$125 each.

The Arts of the Angler Show. FISH ON ISTA 2011 Mark your calendar! We are in need of volunteers for admission gate and auction assistance. Our live auction continues to draw new consignments. If you have any items or know of any estates seeking an outlet for sales, please consider sharing this information. We now have Dick Talleur's fly collection, personal frames and other items consigned. The Live Auction will be held after dinner on Saturday November 12 at the Danbury, CT Ethan Allen Inn. Show details to follow in the next Castabout and on line. New programs including: Charlie Place on Pike on the Fly and Down South America Way, Patagonia, Chile. Show hours Saturday, November 12, 9 AM to 5 PM, Sunday, November 13, 9AM – 4:00PM.

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2011 Calendar of Events

September

9/11: Catskill Rodmakers Gathering

October

1: One Fly Contest sponsored by Catskill Flies

1: Upper Delaware TU Picnic

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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