



## Charles K. Fox

By Ross Levan

I would like to nominate Charlie Fox as a candidate for honorary membership in the NFLCC. Mr. Fox was a writer for the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. He wrote for many other magazines. He is the author of at least four books:

- "Advanced Bait Casting" in 1950
- "Wonderful World of Trout" in 1961
- "Rising Trout", 1967
- Rewriting and a reprint of "The Wonderful World of Trout" in 1971
- "The Book of Lures" in 1975

The "Advanced Bait Casting" book has some information of value to lure collectors, identifying some old lures and some lures made in Pennsylvania. "The Book of Lures" was the first book on old lures and lure collecting that I came in contact with. I am sure many other members bought the book and were influenced by it.

In the early 1970's Charlie Fox and some of his fishing friends got into the lure business. They formed the Penn Dart Lure Co. The company issued stock and manufactured, sold and distributed lures. The Penn Dart Co. unfortunately had a short life.

I believe that because Charles K. Fox was a definite force not only in Trout and Bass fishing, but an important influence in lure collecting. Therefore, I

would like to submit his name for consideration for Honorary Membership in the National Fishing Lure Collectors Club.

**Honorary Member - 1988**

Editor's comments: The Penn Dart Company was formed by Charles Fox, John Red and Jim Bashline (a Field & Stream staff writer) in Youghiogeny Reservoir, Pennsylvania. The company made lures both in wood and plastic. The company's main production lure was a 4" plastic lure called the Slick Sucker.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Robert A. Slade, "The Encyclopedia of Old Fishing Lures Made in North America", Vol. 6, (US & Canada: Trafford Publishing, 2011), p. 237