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# INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS TWIN TIERS FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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## March Program

**Joe Goodspeed, Chief Product Designer, Thomas & Thomas Fly Rods**

**Presentation: Fly Fishing for Muskies**



On **March 6**, **Joe Goodspeed**, Chief Product Designer for the prestigious Thomas and Thomas Fly Rod Company, will be visiting us to talk about **Fly Fishing For Muskies**. Joe is known for being a very diversified and innovative fly fisher who thinks outside the box and targets many different species.

His talks are always interesting, and this one will provide a comprehensive overview of the special flies, gear, and other equipment that make it possible to land, properly handle, and safely release these fish. Joe will share some of his successful fly patterns and the rigging tricks that have accounted for the successful catch and release of many adult muskies and tiger muskies on fly gear in heavily-fished public northeastern waterways over the past two seasons. There are many innovations being made in our sport today by folks like Joe, Blane Chocklett, and Rick Kustich, developing advances in equipment and techniques to take these tough fish consistently on a fly rod.

Prior to his presentation, Joe will be demonstrating one of his favorite musky flies. Joe has spoken at our club several times before and always has some interesting stories and innovative techniques to share, so you will not want to miss this presentation. Fly tying demo will start at 6:30 pm, with the presentation starting at 7:00, at the Big Flats Community Center, 476 Maple Street, Big Flats.

## April Program

**Dave Rothrock, Co-Author - *Keystone Fly Fishing***

### Presentation: Trout Hatches and Their Imitations

Then, on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dave Rothrock will be visiting at the same location to talk to us about **Trout Hatches and Their Imitations**. Dave is one of the co-authors on the new *Keystone Fly Fishing* book. He is a well-known speaker and writer on all things fly fishing, and has written for Fly Fisherman magazine and other fly fishing related publications. Prior to his talk, Dave will be tying one of his fly patterns. Dave's presentations are always interesting and thought provoking, and his fly patterns are ones that you'll want to have in your box.

**You won't want to miss either of these presentations.**

## Calling All Fly Tyers

The April 8 Fly Fishing Academy is just around the corner. We have traditionally given a set of fishing flies to each of our students. We are looking for flies which would be suitable for starting fly fishers. Would you consider tying up a dozen or two to share? We are getting started late this year on this collection, so we need your help. Please bring your flies to the March 6 or April 3 program meeting; Ithaca Fishing Day on March 25; or the Academy setup night, Friday, April 7. Contact Matthew Rebis at [607-962-3746](tel:607-962-3746) (home) or at [mattruns10@gmail.com](mailto:mattruns10@gmail.com).

## **President's Short Cast**

*Kirk Klingensmith . . . ••• . . . . . ><(((°>*

### Eastern Waters Council Fly Tying Event

We had a great time Saturday night, Feb 11 with Eastern Waters Council IFFF Leadership at the Corning American Legion for an evening of fly tying. Over 18 folks attended the three hour event. Pizza was provided by the EW Council. Thank you.

Eastern Waters Council leaders and featured tyers included:

Sam Decker, EW President, Certified Casting Instructor and guide

Craig Buckbee, EW Director, Master Certified Casting Instructor and guide,

Rodney Priddle, EW Director of Communications and Certified Casting Instructor

Demetre Bove, EW Secretary, also attended. Tyers demonstrated about ten favorite patterns and shared tips on fishing them. Further, Sam gave us an update on several things going on in the IFFF and Council. The fly of the month patterns are featured later in this Newsletter, one from each tyer.

Many thanks to Richard Naylor and Vincent Leonard for taking care of the logistics arrangements.



### **Giving the Gift of IFFF Membership**

Our Eastern Waters Council is having a contest to bring in new members, called “Giving the Gift Of Membership”. The contest is to encourage you to buy a IFFF membership as a gift to a fly fishing friend, fishing buddy, family member. You will be entered in a raffle for a new Sage Rod and Reel. To enter the contest, call Kat Mulqueen (406-222-9369 X106) at IFFF headquarters, tell her you are from the TTFR chapter, Eastern Waters Council and you want to participate in the Giving the Gift of Membership. You will need to provide the giftee name, address and email and pay for their membership. There is also a prize for the club that brings in the most new members. You will be helping your buddy, your Club and the IFFF, and you will be eligible to win an awesome new rod and reel! The contest ends May 1st.

### **TTFR Meets with IFFF CEO and Chairman of the Board**

TTFR Chapter had a great time at Fly Fishing Show at Somerset NJ Jan 27-29. TTFR Members met with the Len Zickler new CEO of Federation of Fly Fishers and Tom Logan, Chairman of the Board. Great time during the Saturday evening meet-and-greet hosted by Eastern Waters Council IFFF. Thanks to Eastern Waters President Sam Decker, Demetre Bove, and the other good folks with EW.



TTFR members with Len Zickler, CEO and Tom Logan, Board Chairman of Fly Fishers International



Matthew Rebis & Len Zickler, CEO of Fly Fishers International

## **Changes Coming for IFFF – Fly Fishers International**

During the Somerset show, Kirk and other EW Council Leaders met with the new IFFF CEO and Board chair. They discussed many transformative changes underway for IFFF. A new strategy to envision IFFF to become a more effective voice for fly fishing was adopted in 2014, and is now beginning to take form. The organization will change its name to **Fly Fishers International** in April. A new magazine publisher has been contracted and a new look will come with the spring edition. Efforts are underway where chapters can access discounted gear for fundraising. Work is underway to improve communications. And new ideas for education and outreach are under development. Look to hear more in the future.

## **Spring Rod Raffle**

The Spring Rod Raffle is underway. Winner gets choice of any rod Douglas Outfitters sells. Douglas is an emerging rod company from upstate New York, which is really turning heads. Douglas stunned the fly fishing world by placing high in George Anderson's 6wt and 5wt shoot outs – placing well above Sage and other elite rod makers. We are excited that Douglas is partnering with us and feel their rods are one's anyone would be proud to own – and probably few have. The drawing will be at our May program meeting. See Raffle flyer later in this Newsletter.

## **Ithaca Fishing Day – March 25**

Our friends at Leon Chandler Trout Unlimited have set Saturday, March 25, 9:00 am-3:00 pm at Ithaca High School for Ithaca Fishing Day. TTFR will need members to help staff our booth. **See the Fishing Day Event flyer later on in this Newsletter.**

## **Fly Fishing Academy - April 8, 2017**

Excitement is building for our **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fly Fishing School** for April 8th at the **Campbell Savona High School**. See the Academy event flyer further along in this Newsletter for more information on this all-day event targeting beginning and advancing fly fishers.

We need your help in filling the class with students. Our surveys over the last three years show that most students are recruited from the Club or by Club members who invite family or friends. The second most effective avenue is from flyers which members post at their place of work. Please help us by inviting your friends and posting the flyers. Space is limited, so we encourage folks to sign up for this class early.

As in the past, we will be asking Club members to contribute their talents on the Academy Staff. See Steve Harris or Kirk to volunteer.

## **TU Banquet**

March 11, 2017 5-9pm, 30th Annual Catherine Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited Banquet, Horseheads Elks, \$40 for adults, children under 13 free. Contact Jim Palmer, [jpalmer8@stny.rr.com](mailto:jpalmer8@stny.rr.com) (607)425-6136

## **Keith F. Mathews dies**

Keith F. Mathews, a long time member of the Club, passed away Feb 18 at age 83. Keith shared some of his fly fishing adventures in some memorable presentations. Keith was sick for the last several years and passed away this past weekend. He is now fishing where the hatches are prolific....

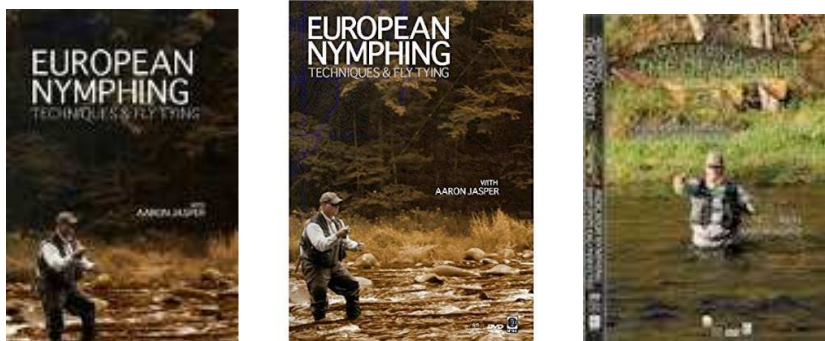
**2017 Spring Rod Raffle**  
**International Federation of Fly Fishers**  
**Twin Tier Five Rivers Chapter**



**FIRST PRIZE** - WIN your Choice of any Douglas Outdoors Fly rod,  
**including the Douglas Sky, winner of Angler's 2016 Six Weight Shootout! !!**



**SECOND PRIZE** - 3 DVD set of Aaron Jasper's nymphing videos



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Douglas Outdoors is an innovative rod company located in upstate New York. Douglas brought together a leading industry engineering and design team with a legendary conservation family to bring a fresh approach to the building of fishing rods and reels. They aim to push the science and practice of angling, and in 2016 were **declared the winner of the prestigious Yellowstone Angler's 6 weight shootout.** **Out of 16 rods Yellowstone Angler tested, including rods from, among others, Orvis, Sage and Winston, the Douglas Sky was ranked Number One and the Douglas DXF finished 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Raffle tickets – 1 for \$10, 3 for \$20, 6 for \$35 - Drawing May 1, 2017**

Rod includes rod tube and sock. Winner may choose any weight and model Sky, DXF, DHF LRS, or Upstream rod. (see additional details below) Douglas rods are **warranted for the lifetime of the original owner.**

**Douglas SKY Retail \$695** Four piece fresh and saltwater rods is constructed with the next generation of nano carbon matrix materials. SKY represents ground breaking high performance with rods that possess unique weight-to-strength actions as needed for each rod, capable of producing distance and seemingly unlimited power for fly casters of every skill level. Available in 9'0" in 3-12 weight, 10' in 2-4 weight, 11'0" in 3-4 weight, all rods 4 piece rods.

**Douglas DXF Retail \$350-475** The DXF premium proven tapers are a combination of modern action and carbon matrix with a traditional fit and finish. DXF is tailored toward most species and environments with a pulse on current angling practices. It anticipates the full confidence an angler requires in their tackle. Available in 9'0" in 3-12 weight, 8'6" in 5 weight, 10' in 2-5 weight, 10'6" in 4-6 weight, 11'0" in 3-4 weight, and 11'6" in 7-8 weight (Switch), all rods 4 piece rods.

**Douglas DHF Retail \$170-300** An "every angler" rod, DHF offers high quality at a reasonable price. DHF is about years on the water and understanding what an expert and first-casters alike appreciate in a fine fly rod. Available, 7'6" 4 weight; 8'6" 5 weight; 9'0" 5 -10 weight; 10'0" 6 weight; 11'6" 6 weight; 12'0" 7 weight; 13'0" 8 weight.

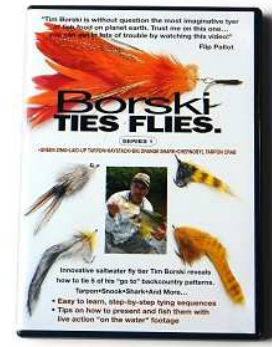
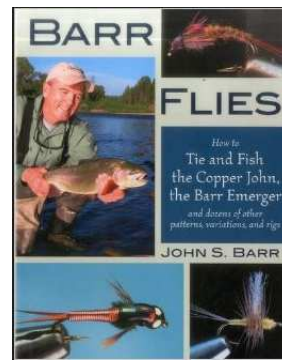
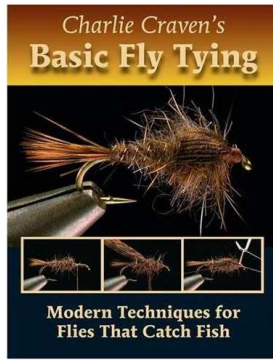
**Douglas LRS Retail \$170-300** The LRS, Lake, River and Sea, series of fly rods are designed for game fishing multiple species in numerous environments. These are two piece rods in a range that can cast multi-fly rigs or monster streamers. The LRS is all about affordable durability and versatility. All LRS rods are 10'0" available 6-10 weight with interchangeable 2" and 4" Fighting Butts, all rods 2 piece rods.

**Douglas Upstream Retail \$350-425** Unique, ultra-lite fly rods for bush and upcountry fishing environments. The challenge of both close casting and designing a rod that will control your line, fly and catch with authority, is a balance that Upstream strikes with ease.

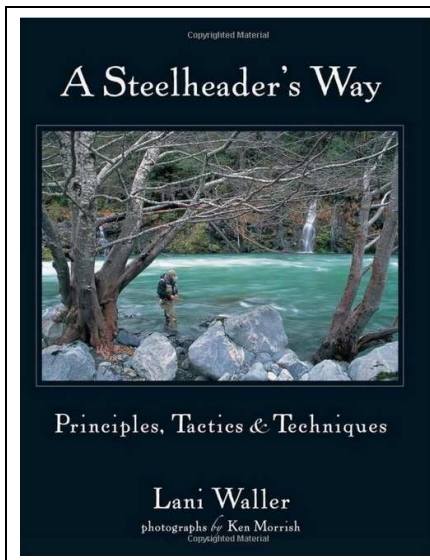
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|---------------|--------|------|---------|-------|----------|
| Upstream 3662 | 6'6"   | #3   | 1.13 oz | 2     | \$350.00 |
| Upstream 3706 | 7'0"   | #3   | 1.75 oz | 6     | \$425.00 |
| Upstream 3734 | 7'3"   | #3   | 1.42 oz | 4     | \$350.00 |
| Upstream 3766 | 7'6"   | #3   | 1.68 oz | 6     | \$425.00 |
| Upstream 2804 | 8'0"   | #2   | 1.43 oz | 4     | \$350.00 |
| Upstream 3806 | 8'0"   | #3   | 1.75 oz | 6     | \$425.00 |
| Upstream 3834 | 8'3"   | #3   | 1.59 oz | 4     | \$350.00 |
| Upstream 4884 | 8'8"   | #4   | 1.72 oz | 4     | \$350.00 |

## Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter Library News

Looking to tie some new flies in preparation for the upcoming spring season? The Thomas Krajci Memorial Library has resources for all skill levels. If you have never tied yet, we recommend Charlie Craven's 2008 book *Basic Fly Tying* (B-C-3) or Rene Harrop's DVD *Hooked on Fly Tying: Favorite Flies* (D-H-1)



If you are an experienced fly tier, you might want to check out John Barr's book *Barr Flies* (B-B-5) or John Borski's DVD *Borski Ties Flies* (D-B-5).



The latest addition to the library is a book on CD entitled *A Steelheader's Way: Principles, Tactics and Techniques*, by Leni Waller. This is not your typical CD but rather a reading of the original book by the author. After reviewing the CD, I would recommend it for that long car ride to a warmer climate, for more than four hours of listening and learning. Leni Waller has spent more than four decades fly fishing for steelhead. Many thanks to Club Member Bill Kessler for this donation to our collection.

**If you have had library materials checked out for an extended period of time and you are no longer actively using them, we are requesting that you return those materials to the Club at the upcoming March or April Chapter meetings in Big Flats.**

If you are interested in checking out something new from our Library, just e-mail me (Andy Robinson) at [Robby@Ithaca.edu](mailto:Robby@Ithaca.edu) and I'll bring your choice to the next meeting at the Big Flats Community Center. You may browse our library holdings on other fly fishing topics at <http://www.twintiersfff.org/> using the link to the Tom Krajci Memorial Library.

## **Fly of the Month – Special Edition**

This month we are featuring three flies tied by our Presenters at the Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> Eastern Waters Fly Tying Event. Many thanks to Bob Carlson and Vince Leonard for their expert help composing this article.

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### **Pat's Rubber Legs Stone**

**As tied by Sam Decker**



**Thread:** 70 Denier Fluorescent Red Ultra

**Hook:** Size 4 Mustad #3665A or similar

**Weight:** Wrap entire hook shank with 0.030" dia. lead

To start body, tie in variegated chenille, gold & brown/black, at back of hook.

**Legs:** *Flexi Floss*. Tie in tail on top, fold back to make two tails.

Then tie in middle legs, front legs and antenna, using figure 8 wraps to fasten legs.

To finish Body, carefully wrap chenille forward, making sure legs are placed where you want them as you go. Finish head and whip finish.



# Klinkhammer

As tied by Rodney Priddle



**Hook:** Daichi 1167 – size 12

**Thread:** Black

Tie in post of orange poly yarn so post is 90 degrees to hook shank.

Post can also be white or chartreuse color.

**Abdomen:** Grey dubbing (can also use dun or cream color). Use very fine dubbing without guard hairs. Then tie a few wraps of peacock herl up to the post.

**Hackle:** Black or brown dry fly hackle, 1.5-2 times hook gap. Tie hackle up the post, then wrap it down the post to hook shank.

Rodney recommends keeping the post high, then trim to lower height if you want when you get to the water

# Uncle Fester Isonychia Nymph

As tied by Craig Buckbee



**Hook:** Daiichi 1120 or 1130 size #8 or #10

**Head:** 1/8" black bead

**Tail:** 6-8 brown hen neck hackle fibers, short length (size of hook gap)

**Abdomen:** Tie in red wire ribbing behind bead. Then tie in 3 fibers of peacock herl, inverting one length of herl (i.e. tie two fibers in at the narrow diameter end of the herl and tie the third at the thicker (opposite) end of the herl). Tie herl in at the back of the hook and wrap forward, then counter-wrap ribbing to lock in peacock herl. Wrapping the ribbing in the opposite direction that the herl was wrapped adds strength to the abdomen.

If you want to add stripe along the back to more accurately imitate the Iso nymph, use 20 lb test mono tied in at back and wrap red wire forward over the mono. (Craig ties his own without the stripe)

**Thorax:** Tie in a dubbing loop of mink fibers for the collar

# Fly Fishing Academy

## Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter, IFFF

### Campbell-Savona High School

### Saturday, April 8, 2017

8:00 am to 5:00 pm



#### Learn to Fly Fish in a Day

The TT5R Chapter of the International Federation of Fly Fishers is sponsoring its 10th Annual Fly Fishing Academy. This is a high-quality fly fishing course, open to Adults and to Youth 11 yrs old and over. The class will provide beginner fly fishers with the basic knowledge and skills to get started, and will help those familiar with the sport onto a fast track to improve.

Classroom topics include fly fishing equipment and its use, fly types and their usage, knot tying, reading water, basic entomology, fishing dry flies, streamers, and nymphs, catching and releasing fish. Students will most importantly develop fly casting skills through three sessions throughout the day.

Students can bring and learn on their own equipment, but are welcome to use the club's equipment.

More than 15 members and fly fishing experts staff the school, bringing over 200 years of fly fishing experience to help you learn and have fun. Kirk Klingensmith is our Lead Instructor for the Academy. Chas Elliott leads our fly casting staff and is an Internationally Certified Casting Instructor.



Class fee is \$85 for Adults (ages 16 and over) and \$40 for Youth (ages 11-15, accompanied by a registered Adult). TT5R Members are also eligible for a \$10 discount. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

**Prepaid registration is required by Fri., March 31st. Class size is limited, so please register early.**

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LEON CHANDLER CHAPTER – 239



**25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
Ithaca Fishing and Conservation Day  
SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017  
9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.  
ITHACA HIGH SCHOOL  
CAFETERIA**

Sponsored by The Leon Chandler Chapter of Trout Unlimited

**FEATURING**

- **FREE continuous fly tying instruction by TU youth educators!**
- **FREE continuous fly casting instruction by noted local instructors**
- **Complete line of general fishing and fly fishing materials and equipment for sale**
  - **Fishing, Community Education and Environmental Exhibits**
    - **Fish tanks with local aquatic insects**

**VENDORS and EXHIBITORS**

Including:

**Badger Creek Fly Tying,**

**D&D Bait and Tackle,**

**Mad River Dubbing**

**Floating Classroom Project,**

**Cortland Field Archers – Izaak Walton League of America,**

**Trout in the Classroom**

**and more . . .**



**Mark Your Calendar! Saturday, March 25, 2017**

**Admission and Programs Free - Donations Appreciated**



**Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter IFFF**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**

2-20-2017

**1. Call to Order**

Kirk Klingensmith called to order the Business meeting of the TT5R IFFF at 1906 on 02-20-2017 at the American Legion in Corning, NY. The following members were present: Kirk Klingensmith, Matt Towner, Dick Naylor, Gene Nowlan, Andy Robinson, Steve Harris, Vince Leonard and George Roy. Bob Carlson attended via phone.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report**

The club's year end annual report is completed and was filed with IFFF in early February. Dick motioned to accept Business Meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report, George seconded.

**3. Programming**

The February social night with Linda Wales, from A Hope 4 Lyme, had 36 attendees and feedback about the facility, food and topic was quite positive.

Upcoming programming includes:

- March – Joe Goodspeed, from Thomas + Thomas, will be speaking on musky fishing along with demonstrating how to tie musky flies.
- April – Dave Rothrock (co-author of Keystone Fly Fishing) speaking on trout stream hatches and their imitations
- May – Henry Ramsay (co-author of Keystone Fly Fishing) speaking on meeting and fishing sulfur hatches
- June – Annual Casting night with Chas Elliot

**4. Fly Rod Raffle**

Ticket sales are underway for the Club Spring Rod Raffle. The rod being raffled is winner's choice of any Douglas rod available (SKY, DXF, DHF, LRS). Tickets are \$10/1 ticket, \$20/3 tickets and \$35/6 tickets. Paypal purchasing is live. The drawing will be held on May 1st at the May leadership meeting and the winner will be announced after the meeting via email. \$115 in tickets have been sold to date.

**5. Eastern Waters Fly Tying Event**

Saturday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> was a fly tying even with Craig Buckbee, Sam Decker and Rodney Priddle from the Eastern Waters Council. Event was well-attended with 18 people. Planning to incorporate 1-2 of the flies that were tied in the next Newsletter's "Fly of the Month" section.

**6. 2017 Academy Planning**

Currently 11 students are signed up. Keep pushing publicity to ensure we reach our target of 30+ students again. Additional help is needed for the event with a number of people unable to support this year. The Lake Erie IFFF Chapter is planning to send 1-2 people to observe and help out.

**7. Chemung County Fed. Of Sportsman**

Decision was made to not rejoin. Kirk motioned to vote, Dick seconded. A 6-2 vote of not to rejoin was made.

Suggestion was made to reconnect directly with the DEC's fishery biologists instead of working through the CCFoS.

**8. Ithaca Fishing Day**

The annual Ithaca fishing day will be hosted on 3/25 at the Ithaca High School. 2-3 members are planning to support and tie flies.

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**9. Club Assets**

Materials from John Lively’s basement are longer needed and mostly of no value. Bob Carlson is authorized to come up with a plan to dispose or share with club members. Inflatable boat in George’s barn has a buyer and will be removed soon.

**10. Library Update**

Planning to add a note in the upcoming newsletter to call in delinquent returns.

**11. 2017 Fishing Trip Plan**

Gene Nowlan will be coordinating the sponsors for trips this year. Targeting a firm plan by the March business meeting.

**12. Meeting adjourned at 2113**

Submitted by Matt Towner, Secretary



**Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter of the IFFF**

The International Federation of Fly Fishers is a non-profit organization working to conserve, restore and educate through fly-fishing. The IFFF is the only organization that advocates for fly anglers on all waters. Our local Chapter is the Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter, named after the Canisteo, Chemung, Conhocton, Susquehanna, and Tioga Rivers in southern New York and northern Pennsylvania. Since we are a charter club, current membership in the national IFFF is required of all members, but there are no additional dues or fees.

Join the International Federation of Fly Fishers online at [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org) or by phone at 406-222-9369. The Club Secretary has paper applications that can be mailed in. Be sure to mention Twin Tiers-Five Rivers as your Chapter affiliation, so you will be recognized as part of the TT5R Chapter.

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