
FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL TWIN TIERS FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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May 2018

May Program

Hunting Musky with a Fly

Presenter: Rick Kustich

Join us on **Tuesday, May 8th** when our Chapter will be traveling to Ithaca and co-hosting a program together with our friends at the Leon Chandler Trout Unlimited Chapter. We are taking advantage of a fantastic opportunity to co-host Rick Kustich as our May program speaker. Rick is a fly fishing author and photographer, and recently released the book “Hunting Musky with a Fly”. He has been fishing the lakes and streams of upstate New York for much of the past 45 years, and while he has traveled throughout the world to fish, he maintains some of the best fishing is right in our back yard. I believe that Rick will be sharing some of the tips and tactics he outlines in his latest book. Rick’s talk will begin at 7:00 and will take place at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, which is located at 159 Sapsucker Woods Rd, Ithaca, NY. There will be copies of his books available for sale as well. **Further details on carpooling activities, etc. will be sent out at a later date.**

June Program

Casting Clinic and Practice

Chas Elliott, Certified Casting Instructor

On June 4th, the Club will host our Annual Fly Casting get-together. This meeting will be outside on the lawn in back of the Big Flats Community Center, starting at 6:30. There will be casting challenges and contests for those that want to take part. Chas Elliott and other Club Instructors will be available to help casters tune-up their casting form. If you are a beginner or maybe someone who wants to improve and work on their casting, this is the meeting for you.

2018 Fly Fishing Academy - April 7th

We successfully held our 11th Annual Fly Fishing Academy, with 24 students registered. Our students enjoyed great casting practice, with One-on-One instruction. Again, we had an excellent Staff and really appreciated the contributions of all Club members, as well as those of Josh Filter and Mike Lenetsky from the Leon Chandler TU Chapter. The Club made a profit of just over \$1060 on this event. Thanks to everyone who took part in this successful Academy, and to the Campbell Savona High School for hosting us.

FINGER LAKES PRESERVE – FISHING TRIP PLANS



The Finger Lakes Preserve is a rainbow trout fishing preserve licensed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. It is located seven miles northeast of Watkins Glen and borders the 16,000 acre Finger Lakes National Forest.

There are three Ponds – one for Brown trout; one for Rainbow & Brook trout; and one for perch, bass and panfish. The operator stocked 1000 rainbows and 300 brooks in April 2017.

The Ponds are fed by springs and drainage from the National Forest. The Preserve is a healthy aqua-system that provides an abundance of natural food for trout.

The Preserve fishes trout into July. Once the surface water temperature reaches 74°F the DEC recommends no catch and release of trout and they close.

Our Club is working to arrange a fishing trip to the Preserve in May or June. The ponds are open year-round, dawn to dusk, and no NY fishing license is required.

The fishing fee is \$25 per half day (4-5 hours). A notice will be sent out as soon as a date is set for this trip.

2018 Rod Raffle
Fly Fishers International
Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter



Prize – Single-hand* fly rod of your choice among:

- **Orvis**
 - **Clearwater:** (3 thru 9wt, 4pc, mid-flex action)
 - **Recon:** (3 thru 10wt, 4pc, mid-flex action)
 - **Superfine:** (1 thru 6wt, 3 or 4pc, carbon or glass, full-flex action)

- **Temple Fork Outfitters (TFO)**
 - **Axiom II:** (5 thru 12wt, 4pc, medium fast action)
 - **Impact:** (4 thru 8wt, 4pc, medium fast action)
 - **BVK:** (3 thru 10wt, 4pc, fast action)
 - **Mangrove:** (5 thru 12wt, 4pc, fast action)
 - **Esox:** (10 or 12wt, 4pc, fast action)
 - **Clouser:** (5 thru 10wt, 4pc, fast action)
 - **NXT:** (4 thru 8wt, 4pc, medium fast action)
 - **Finesse:** (1 thru 5wt, 3 or 4pc, carbon or glass, slow action)

Tickets: 1 for \$10, 3 for \$20, 6 for \$35

Drawing: At May 8th Program Meeting

Orvis Clearwater Retail \$229 Clearwater, freshwater rods are perfect for anglers who primarily fish in freshwater. Clearwater rods have you covered whether you are fishing small freshwater creeks or wide western trout rivers. The Clearwater fly rods are designed with a perfect balance of strength and precision, allowing anglers to cast heavy streamer or tiny dry flies. Backed by a 25-year guarantee.

Orvis Recon Retail \$449 Recon is the rod designed for the anglers who chase blue lines on topo maps and spend their nights bent over maps, plotting the next day's adventures. For those who manage riverside meals of granola bars and jerky paired with the evening hatch instead of a sit-down meal at a sane hour. For anglers who would rather spend the day in the front of a skiff than behind a desk, we've created a rod ready to work as hard as you do in the pursuit of fish. Recon teams high-performance feel with lightness in hand. With close-in loading ability and the power for longer reach, the rods feature a modern shadow green blank and covert black nickel hardware.

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Orvis Superfine Carbon / Glass Retail \$429 Spring creek fishing means large fish and small water. If your target is DePuy's in the Paradise Valley, Crane Creek in Missouri, or the Fall River in northern California, stealth is key and there is no room for error. The first presentation is off? Kiss the trout goodbye and move along. For demanding conditions and picky trout, you need a rod that will settle flies gently yet offer enough backbone to get the job done once he decides to eat. The Superfine® Carbon is the rod for the job.

A new standard has arrived in fiberglass fly rods. The Superfine Glass fly rod was voted the best fiberglass rod by Fly Fisherman magazine. Fiberglass fly rods are about feel, accurate casting, and that classic bend, and the Superfine Glass delivers these all perfectly. Ideal for small creeks and rivers and close-range casting, Superfine Glass fiberglass fly rods allow you to deliver the fly line with great delicacy and fight fish with fine tippets. This Superfine Glass is the ultimate fiberglass fly rod for classic anglers.

President's Short Cast

Kirk Klingensmith . . . •`•, ><(((°>

Well it finally seems to have quit snowing and spring has arrived. The forsythia is in bloom – and the Hendricksons are emerging. (They emerge between 1-4 typically, spinner fall at dusk. Cohocton and Cayuta have great Hendrickson hatches).

I hope you are excited about the upcoming season as I am.



2018 Academy graduate, Cesar Bravo, with his first fish on a fly. Caught on a Hendrickson dry fly May 1st. Cesar is working in the US from Spain. He is an avid fisher in Spain, and enjoying learning fly fishing.

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Rick Kustich

Hope you will make an extra effort to attend our premier presentation of the spring from author and guide Rick Kustich on Hunting Musky with a Fly. Rick just published a book on Musky fly fishing. The event will be held Tuesday May 8 at 7 pm at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Rd, Ithaca, NY.

We will be carpooling from the Big Flats Community Center and planning to leave at 5:30pm. If you are interested in carpooling, please contact Bob Carlson at 607-765-1306 to let him know you plan to join. We are having the meeting in Ithaca, since the event is co-sponsored by our long-time partners – Leon Chandler Trout Unlimited. Hope to see you there.

Fishing Trips

We hope you will join us for a fishing trip this season. The schedule is posted in this Newsletter. (13) folks enjoyed the first outing at Rainbow paradise, with several catching their first fish on flies. Please give the volunteers leading the trip plenty of notice if you would like to join the trip. If you do not have a fly rod, we can loan you a club rod – but please give us at least a week notice so we can make the arrangements. Club trips are open to guests and visitors.

Visitor & Membership Policy

We have had several questions on our policy for visitors. The Club wishes to be welcoming to all to learn our sport, see how much fun it is, and to join our organization. We welcome visitors and guest to our meetings and fishing trips – with the intention that if you enjoy our organization that you will join. We ask that once you attend 2 or 3 events, that you make a decision to join the Club.

To join our Club, one simply needs to hold an active membership with Fly Fishers International. It is very easy to join on-line at www.flyfishersinternational.org. Please include that you are joining the Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter in the registration form. Note that individual memberships were recently changed to include you, your spouse or co-habiting partner, and children under 18 years of age

Thinking of Our Club's Future

The TTFR leadership team has been spending much time dreaming and considering what we would like to become in our future. In June, we will elect officers for the upcoming program year – which starts in the fall. Our ability to accomplish goals as an organization is not limited by good ideas, but by volunteers willing to lead.

The leadership team dreams that we could grow our membership, especially for youth and women, increase educational and social activities, be more active with conservation projects, and increase our emphasis in fly tying and casting education.

We welcome folks willing to lead to join our Board of Directors, we call it our leadership team. We tailor our team around leaders available time and interests – so we want you to help with something you feel passionate about, trusting you will be the right person to manage the time you have to dedicate to it.

Twin Tiers Five Rivers

2018 Conservation & Fishing Trips



Final

Please inform coordinator, at least 2/3 days in advance, by phone or e-mail that you plan to attend; so fishing, food, and beverage can be arranged.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Trip Coordinator</u>	<u>Meeting Time/Location</u>
Final	Apr 21, '18 Saturday Reservation by: Thursday 9 pm	<u>Rainbow Paradise</u> There is a fee (\$9/hr) for fishing these private ponds. Fee is based on number of people, more people = decreased fee Food, Soda & Water Provided	George Roy H: 607-962-5446 geodoroy@stny.rr.com Jim Walck C: 570-423-1378 jwalck1@stny.rr.com	Depart: 9:00 am Corning Wegman's on the Left
Final	May 05, '18 Saturday Reservation by: Thursday 9 pm	<u>Cohocton River</u> Food, Soda & Water Provided	Matt Towner C: 607-542-0285 MTowner23@gmail.com Dick Naylor H: 607-962-5592 RNaylor5@stny.rr.com	Depart: 9:00 am Corning Wegman's on the Left
Final	May 19, '18 Saturday Reservation by: Thursday 9 pm	<u>Cayuta Creek Cleanup &</u> Litter pickup in morning, fish after lunch. A volunteer with a pickup truck to haul trash to landfill would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your own lunch & beverage.	Steve Harris C: 607-377-4956 sjh529@stny.rr.com Bob Carlson C: 607-765-1306 CarlsonRL@Corning.com	Meet: 9:00 am North Side of Swartwood (Rt 223) Bridge on Cayuta Creek Map to be provided GPS: 42.220051, -76.598704
Final	Jun 09, '18 Saturday Reservation by: Thursday 9 pm	<u>Genesee River</u> Food, Soda & Water Provided	Bob Schaeffler C: 607-738-7956 Schaeffler56@hotmail.com Chas Elliott H: 607-587-8763 Chasman@frontiernet.net	Depart: 7:00 am Corning Wegman's on the Left
Final	Jul 28, '18 Saturday Reservation by: Wed 9 pm	<u>Chemung River Float</u> Bring a canoe, kayak, or boat. Canoe (\$45) or kayak (\$35) rental available. Burgers with fixings & Water Provided. Please bring food &/or drink to share.	Kirk Klingensmith C: 607-346-7189 kklingsmi@stny.rr.com	Depart: 9:00 am TBD: depending on water level

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Business Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2018

1. **Call to Order** – Kirk Klingensmith called the Business meeting of TT5R FFI to order at 1908 on 4-16-2018 at the Corning American Legion in Corning, NY. The following members were present: Jim Walck, Bob Carlson (call-in), George Roy, Gene Nowlan, Matt Towner, Kirk Klingensmith, Vince Leonard, Steve Harris and Dick Naylor.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer’s Report** - A closing balance of \$5895.13 is held by the club as of 4-16-18. Dick motioned to accept business meeting minutes and Treasurer’s report, George seconded. The Spring Social night cost the club \$218 after splitting all fees with Leon Chandler TU.
3. **Programming** – Mike Hogue presented on ways to enhance your fly fishing experiences in April and it was good to see a new topic be presented that isn’t typically written or spoken of. He provided interesting perspectives and the group appreciated the different topic.

Upcoming programming includes:

- May 8th (Tuesday) – Co-sponsored event with Leon Chandler TU club @ Lab of Ornithology in Ithaca (159 Sapsucker Woods Rd, Ithaca, NY). Rick Kustich will be presenting. Rod raffle winner will be chosen at this event. Carpool will leave BFCC @ 5:30pm with recommendation to call Bob Carlson ahead of time if planning to carpool.
 - June 4th – Casting Night
4. **Academy** – A total of 24 students attended including 2 youth and 2 repeats. The new presenters did an excellent job and provided a new insight into the topics they spoke on. Student feedback was very positive. Potentials for future improvement include improving the flow of the closing ceremony and updates to the Academy advertising (design and groups to contact). A total profit of \$1063 is expected to come in after all expenses.
 5. **Spring Rod Raffle** - Jim Walck and Dick Naylor are heading this up. \$665 worth of tickets sold so far.
 6. **Fishing Trips** – Adding 1 potential trip in late May or June to the FL Preserve. Steve Harris and Matt Towner working to make plans.
 7. **FL Preserve** – Steve Harris has been looking into the FL preserve as a potential new place for the club to explore. He is checking into pricing, availability and requirements for large groups.
 8. **Library** – No updates as Andy is out of town.
 9. **Newsletter** - Deadline is 4/29 for Newsletter articles.
 10. **Membership Update** – No update

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11. **2018 Officer Planning** – Dick and Matt to begin contacting active members to invite to August leadership meeting. Vince to provide membership list and BFCC sign in sheets to cross reference and use for contacting people. Our goal should be to establish dreams/aspirations for the Club from new leaders. May Leadership meeting will be discussing a plan on how to run the Club moving forward assuming Kirk isn't president next year. How do we push the club leadership to change. Kirk to establish a list of key responsibilities of the President.
12. **Meeting adjourned at 2114**

Submitted by Matt Towner, Secretary

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Fly Fishers International is a non-profit organization working to conserve, restore and educate through fly-fishing. FFI 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 FFI is required of all members, but there are no additional dues or fees.

Join Fly Fishers International online at www.flyfishersinternational.org or by phone at 406-222-9369. Our Club Secretary also 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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