

# FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

## TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

[Canistee-Chemung-Cohocton-Susquehanna-Tioga Rivers in NY South & PA North Tiers] [www.TwinTiersFFF.org](http://www.TwinTiersFFF.org) April 2008

### NEXT MEETING

**Monday, April 7th, 7 PM at the Big Flats Community Center**

**Special Guest April 7**

**2008 US. Fly Fishing Champion**

**George Daniel and Dynamic Nymphing**

Our speaker in April will be 2008 US Fly Fishing Champion, George Daniel. George began fly fishing at age 6 while growing up in



Potter County, PA. He was mentored by Joe Humphreys along with many Central PA legends. He now lives in Lock Haven, PA – and is a manager in the TCO fly shop in State College.

George has been seen on ESPN and OLN, competing in the Great Outdoor Games and the Fly Fishing Masters. He is a certified FFF Fly Casting Instructor. His accomplishments range from 1st place Casting Competition in the 2004 OLN Fly Fishing Masters to his most recent Gold Medal at the 2008 U.S. National Fly Fishing Championship in Boulder, Colorado. George was selected to compete in the 2008 World Fly Fishing Championships in New Zealand. He is a coach for the US Youth Fly Fishing Team.

George is a master of many types of fishing. He will be speaking and giving a video presentation on nymphing methods. This will be a unique opportunity to gain insight from a true master in our sport. The public is invited. There will be \$5 admission for non-FFF members to help offset the speaker fee.

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**Fly Fishing Academy**

**April 5, 2008**

**Horseheads Middle School**

At press time we had registrations for 31 students and expectations are for a full class of 35! A special thanks from the TT-5R to all who helped with the publicity. The academy staffing included the following:

Dave Rothrock     Joe Cambridge  
Carol Farkas       Kirk Klingensmith

Dick Paul             Bill Kessler  
Mike Belloma       Tom Kracji  
Jake Trimmer       Ed Ryan  
Jack Russen       Kevin Liddell  
Jed Hamberger     Dick Naylor  
Ernie Williams     John Lively  
Tom Rood             Russ Hyde

Last Month's Meeting featured Pete Austerman from the NY DEC Region 8 fisheries dept. Pete went over the Conhocton River creel survey taken last July, August and September. One goal was to determine the effects of the new 5/2 fishing regulation. Another was to identify wild versus stocked trout. The regulation limits creels to only five trout with no more than two over 12 inches. Interestingly, no wild trout were observed in the survey but the DEC estimates that two percent of the fish in the Conhocton are wild trout. A few tributaries are noted for brown trout spawning.

Most of the trout caught were under twelve inches. Almost 50 percent of the two year old stocked trout (over 12 inches) were caught within one week of stocking. State wide the catch rate for trout is 0.5 per hour but on the Conhocton the rate was lower at 0.83 per hour. It was noticed that more catch and release is taking place from that observed five years ago during the last survey.

Last September 12 sites were investigated by electro-shocking. Keep in mind that 2008 was a particularly hot summer and a good number of year old stocked trout survived in deeper pools and spring fed areas. 250 brown trout 2.5 to 21 inches were found and 80 percent were wild trout. Three trout measured over 21 inches. The one year old stocked trout are around 7 inches so any trout found under that size are naturally spawned wild trout.

Twenty-seven brookies measuring 3.3 to 10.3 inches were electro-shocked further upstream in an especially cold spring fed area. No brook trout are stocked in the Conhocton.

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### A SPECIAL INVITATION

TO: ALL FFF TT-5R members.  
FROM: Art Bradford Northern Tier (ABMT)  
Chapter #357 of Trout Unlimited

Please join the ABNT Chapter of TU on a fishing outing. On Monday April 21st at 6pm we will be having a TU chapter outing at Sunfish Pond County

## Fish Stocking

Park in Leroy Twp., PA. Sunfish Pond is a pristine mountain lake filled with brooks, 'bows, bass, pan fish, chain pickerel, and of course suckers. What pond is without them?

Sunfish Pond Park is one of the most remote in Bradford County. Its mountaintop forest terrain and 30-acre lake provide varied habitat where Great Blue Heron, Kingfishers, and Bald Eagles are frequently seen. The 64-acre park adjoins State Game lands 12 where you can fish the rugged but beautiful Schrader Creek for brooks and browns.

At the Park there is ample parking, a boat launch, handicap fishing dock, restrooms, camping, showers, fire pits, pavilions for picnicking. An earthen dam at one end with ample room for flyfishing (and your backcasts). You will need a PA fishing license and a love for good fishing!

It can be much cooler here than surrounding localities due to elevation. The park is open mid-April to September from sunrise to 9:30 p.m. We plan on fishing until we get sick of catching trout!

To reach Sunfish Pond Park: Take Rte 14 south from Southport to Troy, PA. At intersection of Rte 14 and Rte 6 turn right and proceed into Troy. At the traffic light turn left towards Canton, PA. Once in Canton, at the traffic light turn left onto Rte 414 towards Leroy. From Leroy on Route 414, turn onto Mill Street (SR 3010) cross over the Towanda Creek. At the stop sign go straight following park signs. This becomes Leroy Mountain Road, a steep, somewhat rugged dirt road. At 2.4 miles turn right at the sign into the park. For more information or to make camping reservations contact County Park Supervisor at: 570-265-1727. Hope to see you there!

Also, please check out the Twin Tiers Angling website at:  
<http://www.bradcoangling.proboards85.com/index.cgi>  
It's a message board with a category listing for your FFF TT5R club and angling info, stream conditions, Buy, Swap, and Sell listing for fishing gear. It's a great place to meet anglers across the Twin Tiers, network, post fishing lies (er, I mean fishing adventures) and a whole host of other topics. Membership is free all you need to do is register a user name and pick a password... and your into all the topics and posts.

P.S.: The Art Bradford Northern Tier Chapter of TU website is <http://home.chilitech.net/~rneiley96/>

Dave Pelachik VP ABNT Chapter #356 of TU

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**Conhocton at Kanona by Ed Ryan.** It was an uneventful day until our three float stocking rafts arrived for reloading at the King farm along Rt. 415. Two of the three that loaded up with fish at the second bridge below Wallace had a mishap spilling the riders into the cold water. At that point we decided to complete the trip by using one raft drifting to Kanona. We couldn't get enough volunteers to take the place of four wet men. The one raft remaining, loaded with extra fish, arrived at the last stop with no problems.

The second stocking of the Conhocton will be announced again via e-mail. This could be floated or bucket stocked depending on water levels and temperatures. Thanks to all the sportsmen who unselfishly volunteered their time for this worthwhile project.

**Cayuta Creek at VanEtten by Tom Rood.** It was a sunny day with a huge turn-out waiting for the stocking trucks. Several members showed up with all-terrain vehicles to carry buckets loaded with browns up and down the abandoned railroad right-away. The rest of the crew followed the trucks and stocked from buckets. Future stockings to be announced.

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### **Future Club Fishing Outings as follows:**

Sat April 12- Trout fishing at Rainbow Paradise. Meet at Corning Wegmans parking lot at 0830 hours. Jake Trimmer Coordinator

Sat May 10- Trout fishing on the Cohocton River. Meet at Corning Wegmans parking lot at 0830 hours. Dick Naylor Coordinator

Sat June 14- Trout fishing on the Genesee River. Meet at Corning Wegmans parking lot 0800 hours. Tom Krajci Coordinator

July 7th (Monday) Smallmouth Bass fishing 7:30 PM in the area of Corning's Dennison Park

August 4th (Monday) Smallmouth Bass fishing 7:30 PM in West Elmira by the Town Offices.

August 16 8:00 AM on the Susquehanna, Rendezvous at Elmira Holiday Inn in Elmira on East Water Street.

Other fishing activities can be set up as members wish and someone is willing to serve as coordinator.

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### **NEW FFF MEMBERSHIP OPTION FOR TT-5R**

Beginning in 2008, the FFF is accepting new memberships in charter clubs like ours for a promotional fee of just \$10. Many receiving this newsletter are not members of the FFF. This is a wonderful opportunity to join a really worthwhile organization. Please call the FFF today (406.222.9369) and tell them you are joining with Twin Tiers- Five Rivers Chapter affiliation. You may also join on-line at [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org) Call NOW!

Directions to Big Flats Community Center: Exit off NY Rte 17/I-86 at Exit 49. Go south. At tee turn left onto Maple St. Follow Maple St. for approximately 0.2 miles. Community Center will be on your right just beyond the town hall.

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The Federation of Fly Fishers is a 42-year-old organization working to conserve, restore and educate through fly-fishing. The FFF is the only organization that advocates for fly anglers on all waters. *Join the Federation of Fly Fishers.* Send a check for \$35 (seniors over 65 \$25) to **Federation of Fly Fishers, PO Box 1595, Bozeman, MT 59771.** Include Twin Tiers-Five Rivers as your club affiliation on your FFF membership form to be recognized as part of the TT-5R Chapter. Join or renew FFF membership online at [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org) or by phone at 406.222.9369

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