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# FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

## TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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### NEXT MEETING

**Monday April 6, 2009**

**Big Flats Community Center**

**George Daniel**



### Lessons Learned from Fly Fishing Competitions

We are pleased to announce that 2008 Fly Fishing Champion George Daniel will address our chapter meeting on Monday, April 6. You may recall that George is a member of the U.S. Fly Fishing Team and traveled to Europe to participate in the World Championships of Fly Fishing. Mr. Daniel is currently a manager of TFO Outfitters in State College, PA.

Last year, George gave us an interesting and enlightening presentation on nymphing. His topic this year will be "Lessons Learned" while fishing with other national teams from around the world.

This meeting is open to the public, and all members of our chapter and the Federation of Fly Fishers. There will be a \$5.00 admission fee for non-members. George is a dynamic speaker, and his knowledge and insights are unique. We hope to see you there!

### Fly Fishing Academy

The Fly Fishing Academy will take place Saturday, April 4, at the Horseheads Middle School. At the moment the class is not full. **If you want to sign up a friend or relative, do it now** by contacting Steve Harris (607-973-2509, [sjh529@stny.rr.com](mailto:sjh529@stny.rr.com)).

- Volunteers are asked to remember that set-up and training takes place Friday April 3 at 7 PM. Volunteers should also practice their surgeons loop, perfection loop, and clinch knots. Call Steve Harris if you have any questions.

### New Library Items

The club has received the following new additions to its library:

- Joe Cambridge, "Tying His Favorite Flies 2/27/09", 75mins, DVD and VHS.
- Jim and Kelly Watt, "Hooked on Fly Fishing: Fly Fishing Basics, A Beginner's Guide," 60mins, 1994. VHS
- Jim Teeny, "Catching More Steelhead, If I Spot 'em I Got 'em," 63 mins, 2006. DVD.
- A.K. Best, "Dyeing and Bleaching. Natural Fly-Tying Materials," 114 pages, 1993. Book.
- Ian Moutter, "Tying Flies the Paraloop Way," 191 pages, 2001. Book.

### Temple Fork supports TT5R

The club recently purchased six Temple Fork rod/reel fly fishing outfits at a substantial discount from the manufacturer. With the addition of these 8'6" 6 weight outfits, the club now has a full complement of 16 rod/reel/line combos.

### General meeting – March 2

Joe Cambridge was our featured speaker in March. He talked about tying and fishing soft hackle flies, and about fishing the local Finger Lakes streams for lake run trout in April. For those that don't know Joe, he is a professor of English and Fly Fishing at Tompkins Cortland Community College, and he holds a wealth of knowledge about fly fishing techniques effective in the

Finger Lakes area. He is also a regular contributor to Fly Fisherman magazine.

## Fly of the Month: Soft Hackles

Contributed by Joe Cambridge

This trout fly was developed centuries ago in England, and popularized recently by Sylvester Nemes. Joe Cambridge demonstrated it at the March meeting.



Hook: Standard nymph hook, size 12-20  
Thread: To match body, change to black for head  
Abdomen: Pheasant tail, silk thread, or dubbing  
Rib: Tiers choice – tinsel, flash, wire, etc.  
Thorax: 2-3 turns of peacock or ostrich herl  
Hackle: 1 1/2 -2 turns of starling soft-hackle

Wrap peacock or dubbing 2/3 to the eye, and then add a few turns of herl. Tie in hackle and wrap 1-1/2 or 2 turns and finish. Many different colors and sizes are used. Fish these flies dead drift near the surface during a mayfly hatch.

## Business meeting – March 16

The monthly business meeting was held March 16, with Kirk Klingensmith, Steve Harris, Jake Trimmer, Dick Naylor, and John Lively attending.

- Treasury: Steve Harris reported an ending balance of \$4,046 in the club's bank account.
- Conservation: Ed Ryan is organizing a clean up of the Cayuta Special Regs area in late April.
- Programs: Schedule is now filled through June.
- Academy: 16 prospective students so far, with more expected as a result of the Bass Pro and Ithaca TU outreach events, and final media push.
- Outreach: recapped Bass Pro and the Ithaca Fly Fishing Day participation
- Kirk brought up for consideration that we have a lot of new members and we should all be thinking of ways to involve them in club events and activities.

## Early trout season looks promising

New York DEC shocked Catherine's Creek recently and reported good numbers of rainbow trout, with most of the females still 'hard', meaning not yet spawned. If conditions hold there should be decent numbers of fish in Catherine's and other Finger Lakes tribs for the April 1 opener.

Stocking efforts are also under way, with Cayuta Creek slated to receive over 5,000 brown trout in Chemung County, and another 3,000+ in Schuyler County prior to April 1. The Cohocton River is also scheduled for more than 5000 trout, and Post Creek, Sing Sing, and Newtown will receive several hundred trout each. Full stocking schedules are available at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/30465.html>

## Upcoming Events

Here's a list of upcoming club events. More details on the club website:

- April fishing trip: Cayuta Creek cleanup and fish
- May meeting: Red Gold, a film about Alaska's salmon fishery and attempts to build the world's largest gold mine in the headwaters
- May fishing: Rainbow Paradise, Cohocton River
- June meeting: Casting clinic
- June fishing trip: Genesee River
- July fishing trip: wade fishing Chemung River
- August fishing trip: Float fishing Chemung River

## Bass Pro outreach

Club members Joe Bird, Jim Palmer, and John Lively demonstrated fly tying at the Bass Pro store fly shop in Auburn NY, on March 7, 2009. A steady stream of people stopped by our table to talk, and we handed out a bunch of flyers for the Academy (and shop manager Mike DeTomaso kept the rest for their counter). We also had several youth sit and tie a wooly bugger here and there, and we managed to get a few soft hackles, emergers, and other flies tied for our boxes.



## Ithaca Fishing Day

The Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter FFF participated in a Fly Fishing Day in Ithaca on Saturday March 14, 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M. The event was sponsored by the Ithaca-Cortland area Trout Unlimited. John Lively, Jake Trimmer, Dave Collins, Kirk Klingensmith, George Roy, and Chas Eliot represented the club.



Members assisted numerous youth with fly tying throughout the day, and the club sold a number of items remaining from the Krajci estate.

## Classified Ads

Do you have used fly fishing equipment you'd like to sell (or give away)? Club members can place an ad in this newsletter for free. Just email a description and your contact information to newsletter editor John Lively ([jlively@stny.rr.com](mailto:jlively@stny.rr.com)).

The club itself currently has the following items for sale:

- Fly rod, TFO 8'6" 5 wt (4-piece) – retails for \$160+shipping, special price for FFF members of \$100 (have 3 for sale)

- Fly rod, homemade, 7½', 7/8 wt. (glass)
- Fly rod, homemade, 9', 8/9 wt. (glass)
- Fly reels, assorted Cabelas, Cortland, Martin
- Orvis breathable waders, size XL

## Membership

To become and remain a member of our chapter, the only requirement is to hold a paid-up membership in the national FFF. National membership for every member is required by our constitution as an FFF charter club. We do not charge additional local dues like some fishing and sporting clubs.

**Memberships expired or expiring soon:** February: Dan Corbett, Dick Hughes, Tim Maney, Omar Six, Bob Swiatowy Jr. March: Bob Davis, Mark Gibson, George Howell, Dave & Cheryl Larsen, Roy Patterson, John Rominger, Dave Rothrock

**Recent renewals** include Jake Trimmer, Dave Collins, Steve Harris, Joe Bird, Tom Waytena, Vince Leonard, Gary Shaw, Howard Kimball, and Greg Heffner. (Any others?)

You can renew your membership three ways: 1) online at [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org), 2) download a form to print and mail in, 3) get a form from Steve Harris or John Lively. Be sure to mention Twin Tiers-Five Rivers as your chapter affiliation, so you will be recognized as part of the TT-5R Chapter. As you renew your memberships, please email Secretary John Lively so he can update the club roster.

## Newsletter Contributions

Send photos for catch of the month, and fly photos and recipes for fly of the month, to John Lively at [jlively@stny.rr.com](mailto:jlively@stny.rr.com).

<p>"Many men go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after." Henry David Thoreau</p>	<p>"The angling fever is a very real disease and can only be cured by the application of cold water and fresh, untainted air." Theodore Gordon</p>
<p>"There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot." Steven Wright</p>	<p>"Men and fish are alike. They both get into trouble when they open their mouths." Jimmy D Moore</p>
<p>Only DAYS until New York's inland trout season opens.</p>	<p>This ad space is available. Contact John Lively for details.</p>

## Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter FFF

The Federation of Fly Fishers is an international non-profit organization working to conserve, restore and educate through fly-fishing. The FFF 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, Cohocton, Susquehanna, and Tioga Rivers in southern New York and northern Pennsylvania. Since we are a charter club, current membership in the national FFF is required of all members, but there are no additional dues or fees.

Join the 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 TT-5R Chapter.

Our club meets from September through June the first Monday of each month (a week later if holiday), at the Big Flats Community Center, Maple Street, Big Flats NY. Directions: 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. The Community Center is on the right just beyond the town hall.

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