

---

# 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) Dec 2006

---

### \*\*\* NEXT MEETING \*\*\*

**Monday 7pm Dec 4**

#### **December 4 Program - Joe Cambridge- Winter Finger Lakes Fishing**

Joe is a long time resident of the Finger Lakes region. He is an English professor at Tompkins-Cortland Community College (TC3) in charge of their fly fishing program along side his other teaching positions. Joe is very knowledgeable regarding fishing Finger Lake's tributaries including winter fishing which is this month's topic. Joe will be letting us peak into his fly boxes and giving us the lowdown on where to go and when to find rainbow, landlock, and brown hogs when most fishermen have their feet to the fire.

Fall Creek in Ithaca on Cayuga Lake is now open to late winter fishing- catch and release only.

\*\*\*\*\*

#### **Club Election of Officers**

Election of club officers took place at the November meeting. Nominating committee Jake Trimmer, Tom Krajci, and Ed Ryan beat the bushes to round up a slate of officers for 2007. There were no additional nominations from the floor so the following were elected:

John Lively- President  
Kirk Klingensmith- VP Programming  
Russ Hyde- VP Education  
Tom Rood- Secretary  
Dick Naylor- Treasurer  
Dave Rothrock- Club Consultant.

\*\*\*\*\*

#### **TUESDAY EVENINGS FLY TYING**

##### **Allan Podell, Fly Tying Chair**

Tuesday evening fly tying sessions are now in progress. They begin at approx. 6:30 and continue to about 9:30pm at the Big Flats Community Center. These sessions will be geared to 'above beginner' fly tiers who:

- want to just tie some flies
- want to observe others tying
- want to learn specific techniques to improve their abilities

*-want to share their fly tying knowledge through specific demonstrations.*

*Allan will be demonstrating deer hair spinning at one of the Dec fly tying evenings.*

Call Allan Podell Ph. 607-734-6257 or email [apodell@stny.rr.com](mailto:apodell@stny.rr.com)

\*\*\*\*\*

#### **Chemung County Fed Sportsman Raffle**

Your club moved to purchase 20 tickets at \$10 each for the upcoming drawing. The TT-5R chapter has a close working relationship with the CCFS. This is the annual Chemung Federation of Sportsman fund raising cash raffle ticket sale. Proceeds go towards pheasant and fish stocking in Chemung County. Tickets are \$10. Prizes: Four top prizes of \$500, two for \$250, five for \$100, and ten for \$100. The TT-5R chapter took on 100 tickets for resale to members.

\*\*\*\*\*

#### **MicroDots**

Your club purchased a number of fly reel microdots. These are Velcro and stick on reel bodies. They are great for holding the end of your tippet so it doesn't catch up in the body of the reel. No more lost tippet ends. A package of three normally sells for \$5.95 but you can get a pretty good discount if you buy them from the club. You'll want one for all your fly reels. See Tom Krajci for yours (607-734-1156).

\*\*\*\*\*

#### **FUTURE CLUB PROGRAMING**

Scott Fredrick and Kirk Klingensmith are continuing to work your club's schedule. If you have a good program to suggest - please call Kirk at 607-562-3344 or e-mail at [kklingensmi@stny.rr.com](mailto:kklingensmi@stny.rr.com)

*Mark these dates on your calendars, meetings will begin promptly at 7 pm and, unless otherwise specified, be held at the Big Flats Community center.*

Jan 8- **Keith Matthews- Fly Fishing in South America**

Jan 26-28- **Sommerset, NJ Fly Fishing Show at Garden State Exhibition Center**

Feb 5- **Suggestions?**

March- 5- **Final Seminar Planning**

March 25- **Fly Fishing Seminar- Horseheads Middle School 1-5 pm**

Suggestions desired for meeting programming April through August.

The schedule is also on line on the club's web site:

[www.twintiersFFF.org](http://www.twintiersFFF.org).

\*\*\*\*\*

## Bill Lavris Memorial

Dick Paul is leading the effort to erect a bench along the Cohocton River as a memorial to Bill. Bill loved to fish the Cohocton and was a major player in helping the DEC float stock this stream. Funds continue to be donated for a memorial to Bill. If you wish to donate to this project, see Dick.

\*\*\*\*\*

## CLUB LIBRARY

Gary Shaw manages the club's TT-5R Chapter library. If you have books, periodicals, tapes, or CD-ROMs involving flyfishing in any aspect that you wish to donate for this program, please contact Gary at 607.733.5238, email [gweb731@aol.com](mailto:gweb731@aol.com), or bring your donations to any meeting.

The club library list is now up on the club web site [www.twintiersFFF.org](http://www.twintiersFFF.org). *If there is something on that list you would like to see for a month, give Gary a call or email and he will bring it to the next meeting. We all are honor bound to return borrowed items to the next club meeting.*

\*\*\*\*\*

## Club Financial Position

Dick Naylor, club treasurer, reports that our current balance is \$3230.

## Invitations

*If you know of fly fishers living within 50 miles of the Elmira-Corning area of New York who might be interested in learning more about our FFF Twin Tiers-Five River group, let your club president or secretary know. When joining the FFF for the first time, please insert "Twin Tiers-Five Rivers" where Club Affiliation is requested on the new membership application form to become part of our group.*

\*\*\*\*\*

## What is VHS?

***Condensed from the NYS DEC official web site:***

Viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) virus is a serious pathogen of fresh and saltwater fish that is causing an emerging disease in the Great Lakes region of the US and Canada. VHS virus affects fish of all size and age ranges. It does not pose any threat to human health. VHS can cause hemorrhaging of fish tissue, including internal organs, and can cause the death of infected fish. Once a fish is infected with VHS, there is no known cure. Not all infected fish develop the disease, but they can carry and spread the disease to other fish. VHS has been blamed for fish kills in Lake St. Clair (MI), Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence River and Conesus Lake (Western NY).

In 2005, a very large die-off of freshwater drum in Lake Ontario and a muskellunge kill in Lake St. Clair were linked to VHS, representing the first documentation of the disease in freshwater in the western hemisphere. A subsequent test of an archived muskellunge collected from Lake St. Clair in 2003 tested positive for the virus, indicating that the virus was present, but undetected in the Great Lakes system for at least two years.

In 2006, additional fish kills in Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence River and Conesus Lake were linked to VHS. Species involved in fish kills linked to VHS included muskellunge, smallmouth bass, northern pike, freshwater drum, gizzard shad, yellow perch, black crappie, bluegill, rock bass, white bass, redhorse sucker, round goby, burbot and walleye.

The clinical signs of VHS may include tissue hemorrhaging (bleeding), unusual behavior, anemia, bulging eyes, bloated abdomens, and the rapid onset of death; however, these symptoms could apply to many different fish diseases. There is no clear visual diagnostic to confirm VHS. Additionally, not all fish infected show any signs and may become carriers of the disease. The only way to confirm VHS is to test the fish in a lab.

VHS can be spread from one waterbody to the next through a variety of means, not all of which are known at this time. One known method of spreading VHS is moving fish from one waterbody to another. This can be done by importation, stocking, or the use of bait fish. Other potential sources of VHS spreading are natural fish movements, recreational boating/angling, bird assistance, ballast water discharge, and sampling activities.

## How to prevent the spread of VHS?

To reduce the likelihood of spreading VHS in New York State, DEC encourages anglers and boaters to abide by the following guidelines:

- Remove all mud, aquatic plants and animals from all gear, boats, motors and trailers before leaving a body of water;
- Drain your live well, bilge and bait tanks before leaving the water you are fishing or boating on. Anglers or boaters using any waterbody known to be infected with the VHS virus should disinfect their live wells and bait wells with a 10 percent chlorine/water solution. Rinse well to remove all residual chlorine;
- Do not transport fish from one body of water to another. Note that this practice is illegal without a DEC fish stocking permit;
- Only release bait fish into the waterbody it was taken from. Bait purchased commercially should not be released into any body of water; and
- Do not dispose of fish carcasses or by-products in any body of water.

A summary of the emergency regulations that the Department [NYS DEC] has adopted is as follows:

- Close confirmed VHS waters to the commercial harvest of bait fish. The list of confirmed waters includes Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, the Niagara River, the St. Lawrence River, and Conesus Lake. Tributaries to these bodies of water have also been closed to the commercial harvest of bait fish.
- All live fish destined for the waters of New York State are required to have a fish health inspection report by a qualified fish health inspector that certifies the fish as disease free. This includes all fish, including live fish for stocking and bait fish. Therefore, in order for a bait and tackle shop to sell bait fish, the bait and tackle shop must have a fish health inspection report by a qualified fish health inspector that certifies the bait fish as disease free. Once a fish health inspection report is obtained by a wholesaler for a "lot" of bait fish, it can be made available/transferred (a copy given) to a bait and tackle shop that receives fish covered by the report.
- Bait fish purchased from a source (i.e. bait and tackle store) that has a fish health inspection report by a qualified fish health inspector that certifies the fish as disease free may be used as bait in any body of water in New York State where the use of bait fish is permitted.
- Personally harvested bait fish can only be used from the body of water from which they were caught for the purposes of reducing the spreading of VHS.
- The personal (non-commercial) possession limit of bait fish is 100 regardless of whether those fish were personally harvested or purchased at a bait and tackle store.

\*\*\*\*\*

*Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter of the FFF is a non-profit group where the only requirement to belong is a current membership in the FFF. TT5R does not collect initiation fees or collect dues. While business meetings are for FFF members only, the program part of meetings is open to the public.*

\*\*\*\*\*

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.

**John Lively- Pres- (607.739.8791 Email [jlively@stny.rr.com](mailto:jlively@stny.rr.com))**

**Tom Rood- Sec/Editor (315.536.2556 E-mail [TKRood@Localnet.com](mailto:TKRood@Localnet.com))**

The Federation of Fly Fishers is a 40-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

**Club Web Site** [www.TwinTiersFFF.org](http://www.TwinTiersFFF.org)

**NEXT CLUB MEETING: Monday Dec 4, 7 pm**  
**Winter Fishing Finger Lakes Tribs**  
**Big Flats Community Center**

Federation of Fly Fishers  
Twin Tiers-5 Rivers Chapter  
C/o Tom Rood, Secretary  
1064 Angus Rd  
Penn Yan, NY 14527

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

US Postage