

FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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December 2009

Upcoming events

- December 7 – Dr. Anthony Ingraffea, Cornell, on Marcellus Shale
- December 21 - Club business meeting.
- January 4 - TBD
- January 18 - Club business meeting
- 10 yr. Celebration-Jan 2010, Social Meeting night – 2-1-09 DC2 Restaurant Elmira Airport, 6:30 cocktails, 7PM dinner, see below for details.

10 Yr Anniversary Celebration Dinner

On Feb 1, TTFR is hosting a buffet dinner and program to celebrate our 10 year anniversary. The event will be at the DC2 Restaurant at the Elmira/Corning Airport. Cocktails start at 6:30pm, dinner will be at 7:00. Members, their spouses and club friends are welcome to attend. Rodney Piddle, Northeast Region FFF President will be attending. A slide show retrospective of past events and activities will be featured.

Curt DeClemente is preparing a scrumptious Buffet Dinner: Soup & Salad bar, Roast Beef a Jus, Chicken Picatta, Rigatoni, Wild rice, Vegetable, Desert. A cash bar will be available.

Reservations and dinner prepayment (\$20/person) is required before 1/27/2010. Make checks out to FFF – Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter & send to Dick Naylor, 179 Deerland Ave, Painted Post, NY 14870 (rnaylor5@stny.rr.com, 607-962-5592)

The restaurant will be open this evening exclusively for our club. Parking at the Elmira Airport will be reimbursed.

Fly of the Month: RC Scud

Contributed by Chas Elliott



Hook: Hvy. Wet fly hook or scud hook, size 14-18

Thread: Red 6/0 or 8/0

Body: 3 or 4 Ostrich herl (pink, tan, white, or orange) wrapped from the back to the front, with a piece of pearl mylar tied in at the back and pulled forward on top.

Rib: Not required but it does add to the durability.

Notes: I chose this fly in honor of Dylan Margeit, he mentioned this Sow Bug imitation in his presentation. By the way, this fly is deadly on the Bighorn in orange or pink - and in orange on PA spring creeks.

Anyone wanting to contribute to the fly of the month can e-mail me (Chas Elliott) a picture of the fly and the pattern to chasman@frontiernet.net, or give me the fly and pattern description at the next meeting and I will photograph the fly and put it in the newsletter (I am sure the photographs will get better as I develop my skill. No promises on the flies).

November Meeting Report

John Lively introduced Kyle Frank who gave a slide presentation on his attendance of a Trout Unlimited fishing camp at Viking Resort near Hale Eddy, New York. He spent his week learning fly tying, casting, seining the river, fishing on the west

branch of the Delaware, water testing, and fly rod making. A great presentation and a lot of information was given on the opportunities that are available to our young fly fishers.

John Lively introduced Dylan Margeit who gave a slide presentation on his attendance (June 24-29) of Bighorn Youth 2009 at Fort Smith, Montana sponsored by Fly Fishing Federation. He learned fly fishing on the Bighorn river, fly tying etc.

November 16 Business Meeting Summary

1. Program for December meeting: Dr. Tony Ingraffea, professor at Cornell will give a presentation on Marcellus Shale.
2. Dick Naylor made motion that we hold our 10 year celebration on Feb. 1, 2010 @ 6:30 PM at DC2 Restaurant. Located in the Elmira Airport. Seconded by Ed Ryan, passed. There will be a two-meat buffet, cash bar, DC2 will pay parking. Kirk will put together a photo slide presentation. Dick will take reservations for the social meeting night. Checks must be in no later than 1-27-2010. Spouses and friends invited.
3. Academy for 2010 - a possible site will be Southside HS on 3-27-2010.
4. Bob Clouser fall proposal: We are thinking of having Bob Clouser. Would you be interested in attending such a meeting? An opinion poll will be sent or given to our fly fishing community for their input.
5. Conservation plans. Ed Ryan will head up a clean up of Cayuta Creek on April 24, 2010 @ 10 AM.

Treasury Balance \$3613.19

Minutes submitted by: George Roy

2010 Fly Fishing Academy Update

Plans are shaping up for our Fly Fishing Academy in the Spring. It will be held on **Saturday, March 27th** at the **Elmira Southside High School**. We have held

the Academy there a couple of times before. Our school contact is Jim Palmer, who teaches at Southside and is a long-time club member. Jim has been a great help and will also be attending the Academy with us this year.

We have visited the school and will be holding one or two planning meetings before the end of the year. Again, we are forming up our groups to handle various portions of the event and look to our members for help. It's a great way to learn more about the sport and also get to know other members and our expert academy staff better. The areas where we are looking for member talent are: Publicity, Welcome Table, Food Table, Presentation Equipment Set Up, Casting Equipment Setup, Casting Instructors, Knot Tying Coordinators and of course we will have our Lead Staff on board again this year - Dave Rothrock, Carol Farkas and Joe Cambridge - to provide their expert and enjoyable instruction. So, give Steve Harris a call at 973-2509 or email sjh529@stny.rr.com and join in the fun !!

President's Short Cast

I want to thank our speakers for Nov – Tyler Frank and Dylan Margeit. I have heard many good things about the talk. I apologize that I was traveling in Japan for business.

I want to call your attention to our December program. You need to attend this talk. Professor Tony Ingraffea, from Cornell's Engineering School and member of the Leon Chandler Trout Unlimited Chapter, will be speaking on Marcellus Shale drilling methods and their potential impact on our environment. This new type of drilling has not yet started in NY state, but it has begun in PA. Horizontal drilling with hydraulic fracturing is expected to change our landscape – with wells expected every mile covering lower NY/upper 6 PA. Worse yet is the natural gas industry has been waived from nearly all Federal Clean Water and toxic material regulations. We have reserved the larger room in the Community Center. Please bring your friends to this important information session.

The club is turning 10 years old at the end of Jan. The Feb meeting will be a special dinner at the DC2 Restaurant (see separate article in newsletter). Do you have photos of past club events? Please send them to me (kklingensmi@stny.rr.com) to include in the photo slideshow to be shown that evening.

I would like to encourage you to volunteer to help our club. Some of you have volunteered to help with the Academy next spring. Thanks. Steve Harris needs more volunteers. We have a small Facebook group going –

and are looking for a coordinator. We would love to do more with youth, conservation, or even Trout in the Classroom. Please see me or any club officer if you would like to invest your time in any of these important areas.

Kirk

Fly Fishing show Somerset, NJ

The Fly Fishing Show in Somerset, NJ will be held Jan 22-24, 2010. This is one of the largest shows in the Northeast. Club members have gone to this show for many years to learn from experts, attend numerous presentations and teaching sessions, see and buy new equipment, and donate their time at the FFF booth - teaching fly tying or talking about our sport. The show is so large with so many presentations, that in three days, it is impossible to see it all. Look at the link below for more information.

Would you be interested in going, maybe in sharing a ride or in sharing the cost of a hotel room?

Contact Program Director Jake Trimmer if interested, 607-733-4333, stonefly@stny.rr.com

http://www.flyfishingshow.com/Somerset_NJ.html

Something interesting

Marcellus gas shale is a region in North Eastern US where it is estimated that billions of cubic feet of natural gas are trapped in the rock below. Check out the information on the link below and come to the **December meeting** with your questions.

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=5095>

Five Rivers Sweepstakes Update

Congratulations to John Lively on his winning a collection of prints by renowned artist Michael Simon. John won the prints as part of the small prizes drawing for November. John is still eligible for the grand prize as well. If you would like to buy tickets they are still available see the site below.

<http://www.fffgear.com/>

One for the newsletter



Dylan and steelhead, Veterans Day



Carol and October Brown



Brook Trout

We invite all club members to submit photos of fish, fly-fishing or other fly-fishing related topics. We will pick the best ones and include them in the newsletter. If you would like to submit a short write up with the photo, that will be considered as well. Send all submissions to. **chasman@frontiernet.net**

Library Spotlight

This month's spotlight is "Tying with Turkey" by Rene Harrop. This Fly tying DVD shows how to tie seven different flies using various turkey feathers. The flies are as follows:

Mayfly nymph
Green drake biot emerger
BWO biot parachute
BWO standard dry
Brown biot spent caddis
Little yellow biot stone
BWO biot no Hackle

Review: This DVD illustrates the use of three different types of turkey feathers. The first is the mottled turkey hackle, it is used as a tailing and antenna material. The second is the turkey flat, it is used as a parachute post. The third is the turkey biot from the primary feather, it is used as body and wing material. In addition to turkey some of the other materials used with regularity are standard dubbing and CDC.

The author uses several different techniques in applying the materials to the seven listed patterns. One of the most prevalent techniques is the application of a dubbing under body prior to a biot body I found the video to be clear, with each pattern listed with materials before the instruction on tying. The tying was slow and methodical and gave adequate explanation on method.

Some of the audio was a little hard to hear and half way through the DVD there was a commercial for other products (a little annoying).

Overall I would rate this DVD 3.75/5 rises, I would have liked to see a few more different turkey feathers used, no commercial in the middle of the program and better audio. Still worth seeing if you are interested in the patterns or tying with the listed feathers.

If you would like to contribute to the Library Spotlight, see Ken Aniolek for a library Item and write a brief review. Then send it to Chas Elliott.

Membership

To become and remain a member of our chapter, the only requirement is to hold a paid-up membership in the national FFF. This is required by our constitution as an FFF charter club. **The following memberships have expired or are expiring soon**, according to our records:

Matt Collins Bill Mihaly John Scott Ryan
Raymond E Sherwood Stephen Johnston
Gary Pease Gary W Shaw

As you renew your memberships, please email Secretary George Roy groy001@stny.rr.com so he can update the club roster.

You can renew your membership three ways: 1) online at www.fedflyfishers.org, 2) download a form to print and mail in, 3) get a form from Steve Harris or George Roy. Be sure to mention Twin Tiers-Five Rivers as your chapter affiliation, so you will be recognized as part of the TT-5R Chapter.

Editors notes and reminders

→ ☺ The club commissioned artist Carroll Klingensmith to produce a set of 5 watercolor reprint gift cards. These are blank inside and have our logo and 10-yr anniversary designation on the back. They would be a perfect gift for fellow sportsmen or oneself during the upcoming holiday giving season. You can buy them at club meetings for \$10/box or contact Kirk 607-562-3344 kklingensmi@stny.rr.com.

10 year Anniversary
Twin Tier Five Rivers
Federation of Fly Fishers
From Original Watercolors
by

Carroll Klingensmith
carrollqk@yahoo.com



Brook Trout



Rainbow Trout



Yellow Sally



Black Ghost



Parmachene Belle

→ ☺ The club will raffle a Temple Fork Outfitters 8'6" – 5wt – 4 piece – Pro Series fly rod (brand new, lifetime warranty). The drawing will be held at the Feb 1 Celebration. Tickets are \$5 apiece, available at club meetings or contact Steve Harris 607-973-2509 sjh529@stny.rr.com.

→ ☺ Readers this is your news letter! What would you like to see or change about the newsletter? Let me know and by all means contribute if you want.
chasman@frontiernet.net

→ ☺ TT5R has started a Facebook group. Photos, share fish stories, etc. We are looking for a group coordinator – see John Lively

Classifieds

Dick Naylor is offering a pair of size 8 rubber waders for free to a club member.

Spring Creek Strategies

Jake Trimmer has an extra copy of a new book called Spring Creek Strategies, Hatches, Patterns and Techniques by Mike Heck. Jake says it is very well done and would make a great addition to your library.

The book retails for \$35, but Jake is offering it to club members for \$25. Call Jake at 607-733-4333.

Members with Fly fishing equipment to sell (or give away) can post it here, by sending a description and contact information to Chas Elliott.

chasman@frontiernet.net

The fishing was good; it was the catching that was bad. ~A.K. Best

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 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 a 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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