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TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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PROGRAMMING CHANGE for NEXT MEETING Feb 5

Greg Heffner Moved to March 5

Greg Heffner's daughter had a baby last week. Congratulations to Greg! Unfortunately, this "hatch" occurred later than expected and Greg will be unable to present at the Feb meeting, as planned. We have rescheduled Greg's talk and demonstration to the **March 5 meeting**.

Greg will be covering the history and methods of tying Rangeley Streamers. This style is epitomized by Carrie Stevens (1882-1970), whose flies are beautiful.

New Program FEBRUARY 5 Meeting Monday 7pm

Feeding Lies –Ozzie Ozefovich

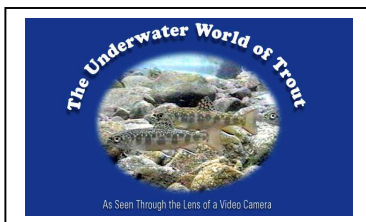
Ozzie Ozefovich is fellow fly fisher from New Jersey, who has spent the last seven years recording underwater video of trout. He has presented his videos across the Northeast and has been a featured speaker at the Fly Fishing show at Somerset NJ.

At February's meeting, we will be presenting Ozzie's fascinating video "**Feeding Lies**."

This video is all shot underwater using a unique setup that Ozzie developed. If you have ever wondered what it is like in the trout's world, you've got to see this!

"*Feeding Lies*" explores how trout interact in their world of fast moving water – where they hold and why. The video explores hydrology – flow patterns in a stream – and how this affects trout behavior and how they get their food. Do you know that water often flows upstream? . Do you know that sometimes trout face downstream? Did you know that trout will easily hold or maneuver in very fast water, with little more than a tilt of the fin?

Do you know how a trout's rise changes when taking an emerger, sipping a dun, tilting on a nymph or exploding after a skittering caddis? This video shows all



these rises, from underwater – and from the fisherman's viewpoint.

This footage will debunk a number of common myths about trout behavior – and will make you a better fly fisher. You won't want to miss this presentation.

January's great program: *Fly Fishing for Trout in Argentina-*

Keith Mathews described his weeklong fishing trip to the Central Fly Fishing Zone of Argentina. His digital power point program was one of the most interesting we've seen. Keith took us from the airport through the "Big City" and beyond into the some of the best trout waters in Argentina. The narration made us feel like we were right there on the water with him. If you planning a trip to the bottom of South America on the Atlantic side, be sure to button hole Keith. He has just about all the answers.

A preview of March's program

On March 5, **Greg Heffner** will be presenting the history and methods of tying Rangeley Streamers. This style is epitomized by Carrie Stevens (1882-1970), whose flies are the most beautiful and enduring patterns ever created.

Greg is a fellow FFF member and avid tyer and fly fisherman. He is a president of the Conhocton Valley Chapter TU of Trout Unlimited, and a member of the Catskill Fly Tyers Guild, the Susquehanna Smallmouth Alliance, and the Theodore Gordon Fly Fishers. Greg is a demonstration tyer at many fly fishing shows.

Greg will be demonstrating the Gray Ghost for us. Greg's talks are always interesting and instructive. You won't want to miss this one!

Greg Heffner

Tying the Carrie Stevens Streamers



2007 Outlook - from the President

Another year is upon us and I want to bring everyone up to speed on some of the changes that are, will, or might take place. Among the events that are or will take place:

- A beginning fly tying class began a few weeks ago, with seven students. All seven are also now enrolled as members of the FFF and our chapter.
- Open fly tying for members and guests is also happening every Tuesday night.
- Two swap meets are planned, one for February and one for March – see the calendar of events at www.twintiersfff.org for details.
- The club will qualify for a new Temple Fork fly rod as a result of the FFF membership incentive program, and we will be auctioning it off to members. Details will follow.
- The club will host well-known author Ed Shenk as the speaker for our May meeting.

TUES EVENING OPEN FLY TYING

Allan Podell, Fly Tying Chair

Tuesday evening fly tying sessions are still in progress. They begin at approx. 6:30 and continue to about 9:30pm at the Big Flats Community Center. For information or to offer assistance or tying ideas call Allan Podell Ph. 607-734-6257 or email apodell@stny.rr.com

TUES EVENING FLY TYING CLASS

Beginning January and continuing through February TT-5R club is offering a beginner's fly tying instruction. Kirk Klingensmith will be the lead instructor with club members assisting. Seven have enrolled. Classes are free to FFF members and FFF membership is required to attend. Classes begin at 6 pm and run two hours each at the Big Flats Community Center. There will be five classes with a snow date if weather becomes a factor. Open fly tying will continue on Tuesday evenings for those interested and in a separate room from the formal classes.

FUTURE CLUB PROGRAMING

Scott Fredrick and Kirk Klingensmith are continuing to plan 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

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

March 5- **Greg Heffner** will be presenting the history and methods of tying Rangeley Streamers

April 2- **Bill Kessler** - Do It Yourself Bonefishing

May 7- **Ed Shenk**- Fishing Spring Creeks. Ed is a well-known guide and author and we are fortunate to have him as our guest speaker for the May meeting. (Thanks to Jake Trimmer!). We ask people to mark their calendars and invite their friends. (We may ask for a small donation at the door for non- FFF members to help cover the speaker's fee).

June 4- **John Gaulke** - Unique Flyfishing in the Finger Lakes

Club meeting programs are also on-line on the club's web site: www.twintiersfff.org

Bill Lavris Memorial

If you attended the past few meetings you know there has been some debate on whether the club could or should contribute to the Bill Lavris memorial bench that Dick Paul and Allan Podell have been working toward installing. At the last meeting President Lively took an action to review the by-laws and check with national FFF about whether we could spend clubs funds for that purpose. The answer is – yes we can. With that resolved, a member or members are free to bring this up at the February meeting and it can be debated and voted on.

Also – if anyone made a donation to the FFF believing that it was earmarked for the bench, the club will happily return the money so it can be donated directly to Dick for that purpose. Please contact John Lively about this. All donations must be presented to Dick Paul on or before the March meeting so the bench can be purchased and the memorial plaque engraved.

CLUB LIBRARY

The TT-5R Chapter has its own library. If you have books, periodicals, tapes, or CD-ROMs involving flyfishing in any aspect that you wish to donate for this program, please bring your donations to any meeting. Gary Shaw has had to resign his position as club librarian, due to his work schedule conflicting with our meeting nights. This position remains open – please talk to one of the club officers if you are interested. The club library list is up on the club web site www.twintiersfff.org.

Club Financial Position

Dick Naylor, club treasurer, reports that our current balance is \$3388.

FLY TYING SWAP NIGHTS

There will be two swap/cash nights open for club members only. They will be February 20 and March 20. These are regular fly tying nights as well. Gather up all the unused fly tying "stuff" you have squirreled away and drag it to the Big Flats Community Center. Swap should be under way by 7 p.m.

CAYUTA CREEK WATERSHED

President John reported that a few sections of the special regulations section of Cayuta Creek have become overgrown with wild rose bushes. These bear long thorny canes making access nearly impossible in these stretches. Landowner permission will be needed to root these out. Removal should not harm the stream banks. If John can obtain permission, we will need volunteers to perform the work some time in late spring.

Taylor Road Park

President John also reported that the new memorial Taylor Road Park in Big Flats has two ponds. One of which may be stockable. John will approach town officials to see what might be done about stocking.

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 Dick Naylor Lively for yours.

March Fly Fishing Seminar

The club decided at the January meeting, by a vote of the membership, not to hold the event this year. While some may be relieved, and others grieved by this, I look at it as an opportunity to try some new things in the way of conservation and education. A committee headed by Dick Paul was chartered at the last meeting to come up with ideas for things we can do. Other members on the committee are Allan Podell, John Lively, and Russ Hyde. Please share any ideas you have on this subject with Dick.

Editor's Comments

The weather is supposed to be brutal this weekend. As we sit with our feet to the fire, our favorite beverage in one hand and the current fly fishing magazine in the other, it is not too early to reflect on the great fellowship we have had in our group. We've had a good year except for the passing of one of our fishing buddies.

As the snow flies this weekend, I will be dreaming of the opening of fishing for those Finger Lakes spring runs. Spring is only seven weeks away with April 1st just a week or so beyond that. Cayuta and the Cohocton are open year-round for those who do not mind dressing like an Eskimo.

Looking a bit further ahead our club may set up some fishing weekends on the Cayuta and Cohocton. If the water is high we may just run on into Pennsylvania and try our luck on the big pond raised fish at Rainbow Paradise.

As the water warms there will be nightly sojourns for small mouths on the Chemung. Or, perhaps even chasing a few bluegills on a small farm pond. Some of our group love to go after the river carp that challenge the best amongst us.

We may even meet some other clubs on trout waters such as the upper Genesee. Weenie roast over a charcoal fire after an afternoon of chasing 'educated' browns on the Genny is always good for the soul.

Some of our group make annual outings to the Beaverkill and other Catskill waters in June when the great hatches come off on schedule (well more or less along with high water at times). There is usually room to tag along.

These are just some of the events that will probably pop up and if you want to be counted in, the best way is attend club meetings. That is where most of the groundwork is laid for these kinds of outings. Information is the name of the fishing game- what works where and when. Find out at club meetings.

These outings are not usually heavily attended making a great opportunity for some one-on-one instruction fishing along side a real 'pro'.

Only eight weeks left to fill those fly boxes.

Tom R.

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.

initiation fees or collect dues. While business meetings are for FFF members only, the program part of meetings is open to the public.

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

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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Club Web Site www.TwinTiersFFF.org

NEXT CLUB MEETING: Monday Feb 5, 7 p.m.
Feeding Lies by Ozzie Ozevovich (A Video Presentation)
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