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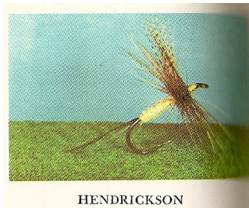
NEXT MEETING

**Monday, Feb 4th, 7 PM at the Big Flats
Community Center**

Keith Matthews Presents

The Origins and History of Our Classic Catskill Dry Fly Patterns

At a TU banquet over 30 years ago, Keith Matthews won a shadowbox with 10 flies tied by Art Flick, one of the great Catskill tradition fly tiers. Recently when Keith was making repairs to the shadowbox, he decided these sport.



The flies in this shadow box are from Art Flick's great classic "The Streamside Guide", a basic handbook on the most important hatches of the Catskills, and a book every eastern trout fisherman should always have access to if he is to try to match the hatch on any stream in the Northeastern US.

to write the history of significant flies to our



Keith will bring the shadowbox and present on the history of each of these flies, and also give a little background on Art and his seminal work, "The Streamside Guide". He will talk a little about Preston Jennings and how his work preceded Art Flick's. In addition to the history, Keith will give some background on the Catskill style of fly tying and discuss the materials and methods used (on which the flies are tied).

Art Flick died in 1985. Just after his death individual flies tied by him were valued at about \$300 each. Today, their value could be only be determined by what a collector would be willing to pay for them.

Educational Scene

From Russ Hyde VP Education:

January has certainly been a busy month on the Educational Scene. The first class at Broadway Middle School had 16 Sixth to Eighth Graders signed up with 11 the first night ! We are seeing 7 of those returning weekly with an strong thirst for learning Fly Tying! It's funny that the numbers seem to repeat themselves in

that the Adult/Child class out at Chapel Park on the same night. We had 16 signed up originally and have a regular attendance of 11 each night. All I can do is 'echo' the words and feelings of other instructors in that: "It is a MOST Rewarding Experience to pass on our skills to others in their quest for knowledge."

HELP NEEDED !

We need help! (at least we need back-up). Some of the kids have trouble using a whip finisher or just getting everything in order. They want to do it so bad that they try to go at warp speed making a mess at times.

The adult/child class needs a 1:2 ratio (or 1:1) in whip finisher, 1/2 hitch, placement of materials and "locking them down." Also, we have 'left-handers' in both classes and for a "Righty" it is a bit frustrating.

Please: We need your help at either the school (3:00 - 5:00 P.M.) or out at Chapel Park from (7:00 - 8:30 P.M.) only on Thursdays. I can guarantee you will go home with a warm feeling knowing that you made a difference in a child's life (if for only a brief moment).

If you can spare few hours on Thursdays, give Dick Paul a call at (607) 962-5673

Special Program Announcement

Sunday, February 10th 7:00pm

Rick Kustich

"The Guru of Great Lakes Steelheading"

Alfred State College

Wellsville Campus Culinary Arts Building

All are welcome!

Author of the acclaimed, "Fly Fishing for Great Lakes Steelhead" and three other books, Rick Kustich has been flyfishing for more than thirty years. His knowledge of the Western New York area as a lifelong resident and a keen eye for detail along with his passion for steelhead have made him a leading expert in the field. He is sought after as a speaker, demonstrator and advisor.

Mr. Kustich has been active in conservation efforts particularly involving the lakes and streams of upstate New York. He is a longtime member of TU and supports the Nature Conservancy as well.

Aside from the books he's written, our speaker has authored several articles for *Fish and Fly*, *Fly Fisherman* and *Eastern Fly Fishing*. His style of writing



seeks to educate and inform while also communicating his sense of respect for his quarry.

At this program he will speak about the Great Lakes steelhead fishery and also talk about some specific tactics and techniques. For anyone interested in pursuing lake run fish this is a program not to be missed.

For more information contact:
Brent D. Kelley 7282 Route 305 Belfast, NY 14711

OPEN FLY TYING TUESDAYS 6-9 PM Big Flats Community Center.

Feb 18 Business Meeting 7 PM Big Flats Comm

March 3- 7 PM Web Pearsall & Peter Austerman- Reg 8 DEC Update & Conhocton Creel Survey Results

March 17 Business Mtg 7 PM Big Flats Comm Center

April 5- Fly Fishing School- see below

April 7- 7 PM Special Guest George Daniel- Active Nymphing

April 21 Business Mtg 7 PM Big Flats Comm Center

May 5- 7 PM Mike Hogue Fly Fishing in the Catskills

May 19 Business Mtg 7 PM Big Flats Comm Center

June 2 7 PM Ray Grandner One Person Watercrafting on Local Waters

July and August- no regular meetings scheduled

Sept 8- 7 PM Program to be announced- note date change due to Labor day

Sept 15 Business Mtg 7 PM Big Flats Comm Center

Oct 6- 7 PM Program to be announced

Oct 20 Business Mtg 7 PM Big Flats Comm Center

Nov 3- 7 PM Program to be announced

Nov 17 Business Mtg Big Flats Comm Center

Dec 1- 7 PM Program to be announced

Dec 15 Business Mtg 7 PM Big Flats Comm Center

If you have a good program to suggest - call Kirk at 607-562-3344 or e-mail at kklingensmi@stny.rr.com
Club meeting programs are also on-line on the club's web site: www.twintiersFFF.org

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..

TT5R FFF

Fly Fishing School
Tentative Date April 5, 2008
8:00 to 5:00

General Concept

The vision is to provide a high quality one day to fly fishing introduction course. The mission is to provide knowledge and basic skills to non-fly fishers to get started. A secondary goal would be to raise funds for the club.

Dave Rothrock and Joe Cambridge will serve as lead instructors. Other club members needed to teach casting, maybe some of the topics, teach knots, etc.

We will encourage students to get involved in the club and fishing outings and we will help them use their flyfishing skills in the future.

Target Date- April 5, 2008 (will be finalized once a site is finalized)

Location- currently seeking location which allows for indoor casting (gym) and a classroom. Jim Palmer offered Southside HS, but only if we did the school in March. Working on Horseheads Middle School or Horseheads Armory. Any other suggestions?

Timing- 8:00-5:00. Allows for 8 hrs of instruction and 1 hour lunch.

Lunch/Food- We will provide lunch of good quality. Something like Subway sub platter, sodas, etc. Coffee and donuts for the morning would be a good thing too.

Fee- \$100 adults includes 1 yr membership in FFF and lunch

\$75 youth (12-18) accompanied w/ a paying adult (suggest \$10 discount for FFF members)

Dave's experience is that the fee is critical to value students will place on the course. Similar courses are priced at \$125 through shops (or a guide-day fee of over \$200). With nationally known instructors, we should ask a commensurate fee.

Class Size 25 max (could revisit and consider larger, depending on facility size). Want at least 1 staff for every 3 students. (At least 8 staff required). Think we want to set a minimum size – suggest that be 10.

Prepaid Registration required- one week before start of class

Topics which would be included (Not final):

Fly Casting Basics – use 15 min practice sessions scattered throughout the day

Entomology

Fly Types & Their Use

Equipment

– Recommendations of beginning equipment Rods, Reels, Leaders, Waders, etc

- Help in Setting Up Equipment

Dry, Nymph, Streamer Fishing Techniques

Knots

Hooking & Playing Fish

Catch & Release Tactics

(Include Casting Demo with Rothrock)

Equipment encourage students to bring their own equipment – and we can help with the setup and teach

them on their own stuff. Will have equipment for those who don't have or for those who show up with less than adequate gear.

Follow-up List

1. Establish target date – Kirk - done
2. Establish site w/ indoor casting Kirk
 - a. Southport – out for April
 - b. Horseheads Middle School – Kirk
 - c. Horseheads Armory – Dick Naylor
 - d. Senior Center
 - e. Manwaring
3. Advertising coordinator (Lively agreed to lead. Jake wants to help too) – Want posters and press releases out at least 4 wks prior to the course
4. Firm up Staff (at least 8 required). Note: will want to pre-train casting staff.
5. Need equipment (15 rods?) – Jake looking into
6. Need someone to coordinate pre-registration (Kirk & Lively)
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8. Need someone to coordinate food (
9. Get rod rack (Dick Paul)
10. Need a batch of leaders (pre-tie like last year?)
11. ?Give away flies to students?

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The December business meeting minutes were accidentally left out of the newsletter and we apologize for the omission.

December Business Mtg Minutes: Our business meeting was attended by J. Lively, R. Naylor, J. Trimmer and T. Krajci.
Treasurer report; Opening Bal. \$2,144.70, expenses \$112.61, Income \$32. Closing balance \$2,039.09.

We are exploring the feasibility of installing a USGS Stream Gage on the Cayuta. J. Trimmer to check with Soil and Water to see if Cost to install can be shared by three counties of Schuyler, Chemung and Tioga will fund the 60% while USGS funds 40%.

We continue to explore an on-water fly fishing school and want to agree on the syllabus at the January meeting.

Newsletter will be sent to non FFF members if they provide an email address. FFF members without an email address will continue to receive hard copies.

Fly tiers needed for the Bass Pro Shop event Friday, February 29th and Saturday, March 1. Two tiers will be needed for each day for the period 10 AM to 2 PM. Contact Jake Trimmer.

A Fly Tying chairman is being recruited for the FFF N.E.C. Interested members should contact NEC per the announcement.

January Business Meeting Minutes:

Business meeting was held 1/22/08 with Kirk Klingensmith, Russ Hyde, and Dick Naylor attending.

Treasurer's report. \$2024.09 closing balance

Education (Russ Hyde): Two classes underway. Thursday 3:30-5:30 Broadway Middle School 7 kids participating. Thursday 7-8:30 parent/child class (although first session 9 adults, 1 child showed). Dick Paul, Allan Podell, Russ Hyde teaching. Russ needs one or two more volunteers to help him.

Fly Fishing School Voted on plan to pursue fly fishing school on 4/5. All 3 present agreed to proceed. Agreed to proceed pending input from the other officers via e-mail.

Status on school - have not firmed up a location. Several options are under investigation.

Chemung Access Jake talked with me before the meeting to request support for writing a letter on behalf of TT5R to maintain river fishing access which is threatened with the I-86 highway work between Elmira and Wellsburg. In discussing this we recommend that Jake propose a letter on behalf of the club - emphasizing positive solutions which could/should be pursued. Please forward the proposed letter to all the officers via e-mail (please include Dick Naylor if some way, since he doesn't have e-mail). Once we have consensus on the club's position - we would have Tom Kracj sign it and send it in on behalf of the club.

Dick Naylor reported that surplus food and supplies left over from past seminars was donated to the American Legion.

Club Letter to Peter White, Regional Director NYS DOT regarding Chemung River Access

I'm writing on behalf of the 50 or so members of our club to request that alternate designs be considered for I-86 between Elmira and Lowman, with the goal of allowing some form of recreational access to the Chemung River, which parallels the highway on the west side.

The current plan for conversion of Route 17 to I-86 effectively isolates seven miles of the Chemung River from use, as there is virtually no public access from the other side of the river. The river bottom land is home to wildlife of all kinds and has been enjoyed by nature watchers, birders, fishermen, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts for generations.

One option would be to preserve the rail bed that runs between the highway and the river; that would leave at least one access point to the river open. A number of groups have expressed interest in converting the rail bed to a formal hiking/recreation trail in the future.

An alternative solution might be the creation of one or more roadside parking areas for access purposes. The DOT has created fishing access sites along highways in other parts of the state... why not here?

Outdoor recreation is very important to area residents, and is a drawing card for tourists and new workers who may be considering a career move to join Corning Inc., Guthrie Healthcare, and other employers in the area. My club members and I believe providing some form of river access would be a very positive step toward ensuring that Chemung County remains a desirable place to live and work.

It is our sincere hope you will find a way to include some river access in the highway upgrade plans.

From your newsletter editor

Your newsletter editor has been doing the newsletter since June of 2003. Perhaps it is time for a change. A good time to begin would be with the September issue. New blood and a new perspective always is a good for change. If you or you know someone who would like a new opportunity to learn a new skill or perhaps use an existing skill, please contact club president Tom Krajci.

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 **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.

Tom Krajci- Pres- (Email tkrajci@stny.rr.com)

Tom Rood- Sec/Editor (315.536.2556 E-mail Senecagardener@live.com)

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