
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

www.twintiersfff.org

February 2009

NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 2, 2009

Big Flats Community Center

Tom Mason

“Fly Tying and Baloney”

Tom Mason is our featured speaker at the February 2nd meeting. Tom will talk about “Fly Tying and Baloney”. Tom is also very knowledgeable about old and antique fly fishing equipment, and said he would share what he knows about any old gear that members care to bring in. This will be a very interesting evening.

Membership

Memberships expired or expiring soon: February: Dave Collins, Dan Corbett, Steve Harris, Dick Hughes, Howard Kimball, Tim Maney, Omar Six, Bob Swiatowy Jr., Tom Waytena. March: Joe Bird, Bob Davis, Mark Gibson, George Howell, Dave & Cheryl Larsen, Roy Patterson, John Rominger, Dave Rothrock, Jake Trimmer.

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 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.

Library update

Joe Bird generously donated a four-drawer file cabinet to the club so our library can be stored at the Community Center. The entire collection is now listed on the club's website at: www.twintiersfff.org/library.htm. Members

who wish to borrow something should contact Club Librarian Ken Aniolek.

Youth Education Coordinator wanted

Several local middle and high schools offer fly fishing as a physical education or after-school activity. The club is looking for someone to contact the schools and see what sort of help they might need, then report back to the club. If you are interested in being the club's Youth Education Coordinator, please talk to one of the club officers.

Fly of the Month: Stealth Bomber

Contributed by Dave Collins.

This panfish and bass fly is similar to the Gurgler but with the foam tied back, so the fly dives when stripped.



Hook: Standard wet fly hook
Thread: Color to match foam
Tail: Bucktail, rabbit, or hackle
Underbody: Ice Chenille, Estaz, or dubbing
Overbody: 2 mm craft foam
Legs: Rubber or SiliLegs

There are many variations of this fly in terms of color and size. Tying instructions can be found at www.flyfishga.com/stealth.htm.

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.

General meeting – January 5

Well-known author, guide, and fly fishing instructor Dave Rothrock was our featured presenter this meeting. Dave gave a very informative slide show on “Eastern Hatches and their Imitations”. Through photographs, he showed the group the life stages of various trout food insects, including mayflies, caddis flies, midges, and damsel flies, along with proven trout-catching fly patterns to imitate them in their various life stages. Some of his suggestions: use nymphs with little or no weight, and try some lighter colored variations of your favorite flies.

Business meeting – January 20

The monthly business meeting was held January 20, with Kirk Klingensmith, Steve Harris, Jake Trimmer, John Lively, Dave Collins, and Ed Ryan attending.

- Treasury: Steve Harris reported an ending balance of \$3,356 in the club’s bank account. Copies of the year-end report filed with national FFF were distributed.
- Conservation: Signs for local creeks were discussed again, as was a Cayuta Creek clean-up day in May.
- Programs: The film Red Gold was suggested as a possible program.
- Academy: Publicity plans were discussed.
- Outreach: Opportunities at Bass Pro in March, and Ithaca Fly Fishing Day were discussed

Fly Fishing Academy update

The Fly Fishing Academy will be held April 4, 2009 at the Horseheads Middle School. A 1-page flyer is now available for distribution by members. Steve Harris is leading the planning for this event this year. Press releases will go out Feb. 7th. Several registrations have been received already.

Bass Pro Shops – March 7

The Bass Pro Shop in Auburn, NY is having a fishing promotion the first two weekends in March. The TT5R FFF will participate by demonstrating fly tying on March 7th. At the same time, we will advertise our club and hand out membership applications. Anyone who wishes to participate please contact John Lively.

Ithaca Fishing Day – March 14

The Leon Chandler Chapter of Trout Unlimited is sponsoring a Fly Fishing Day in Ithaca on Saturday March 14, 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M. The event will be held at the Boynton Middle School Cafeteria, located off Route 13 North in Ithaca (next to the High School). Instruction will be offered in fly tying and fly casting, and there will be numerous other vendors and exhibits. The Twin Tiers Five Rivers chapter of FFF has agreed to assist TU by providing fly tying instructors. See Kirk if you would like to help.

Catch of the Month

Jake Trimmer displays a trout from Pine Creek, PA caught sometime last spring/summer.



Is that a bamboo rod under your arm, Jake?

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).

Meeting Cancellations

In the event that bad weather makes road conditions unsafe, the Community Center may close, and FFF activities will be cancelled.

"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

"Many men go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after."
Henry David Thoreau

"There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot."
Steven Wright

"Men and fish are alike. They both get into trouble when they open their mouths."
Jimmy D Moore

New York's inland trout season opens in **NINE** weeks.

This ad space is available.
Contact John Lively for details.

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 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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