

FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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February 2010

Upcoming events

- February 1 Program Meeting. 10 yr. Anniversary Celebration— 2-1-09 DC2 Restaurant Elmira Airport, 6:30 cocktails, 7PM dinner, see below.
- February 15 Business meeting. At Kirk's house (2461 Morrcrest Drive, Corning, NY)
- March 1 -Program Meeting- Dr. Clifford Kraft, Impacts on our native Brook trout and its restoration.
- March 20 Ithaca Fly Fishing Day at the Boyton Middle School
- March 27 -Fly Fishing Academy- 8:00-5:00 Southside Elmira High School

Fly of the Month: The Gordon

Contributed by Tom Mason



- Hook:** Size 12 dry
Tail: Brown rooster fibers
Body: Golden silk floss
Ribbing: Fine gold oval tinsel
Wing: Wood Duck
Hackle: Light cream badger hackle with a gray center
Notes: The pattern is called the Gordon. It was originally known as the G.B.S. or Golden Bodied Spinner and was created by Theodore Gordon. *Thanks Tom.*

Anyone wanting to contribute to the fly of the month can email 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).

2010 Fly Fishing Academy Update

Our annual one-day school is set for 3-27 at Southside High School, 8:00-5:00.

Announcement flyers were e-mailed in January to all club members. Publicity is now rolling out to local newspapers, schools and fly fishing clubs. Your help in getting the word out and inviting students is vital to filling the class. Please help us get the word out.

This year's student costs will be adults \$75 and youth (12-15yrs old) \$50 (must be accompanied by paying adult.)

Chas Elliott is our **Casting Leader** this year and will be responsible for recruiting Casting Instructors, coordinating the Casting Lessons and organizing equipment. This is a key role for the Academy and we all thank Chas for accepting it. He can look forward to our full support as plans move ahead.

Kirk is putting together the curriculum and agenda.

Contact Chas Elliott, Kirk Klingensmith or Steve Harris if you'd like to get involved. There are many different roles available. It's always rewarding and fun to volunteer, and we'd be very glad to have you join the Team.

For interest, here are some comments from last year's Student Survey:

- ***Staff very involved
- ***Staff knowledgeable/experienced
- ***I've fished for years, all types, but learned more today than with years of trial and error.
- ***Fantastic - lots of info presented in a clear and effective fashion.

Yes - we're looking forward to putting everything in place for another successful Academy!

Jan Program Meeting

Jake Trimmer introduced Rocci Aguirre who gave a talk on Spring Creek Conservation & Restoration. Land protection, rebuilding, and restoring rivers. Rocci works for the Ithaca Land Trust.

Reminder that the club is selling FFF National Raffle (\$20/ticket – March 15, 2010 drawing) Prizes include a fishing trip for two to Chile, several trips for two to Montana, and fishing gear.

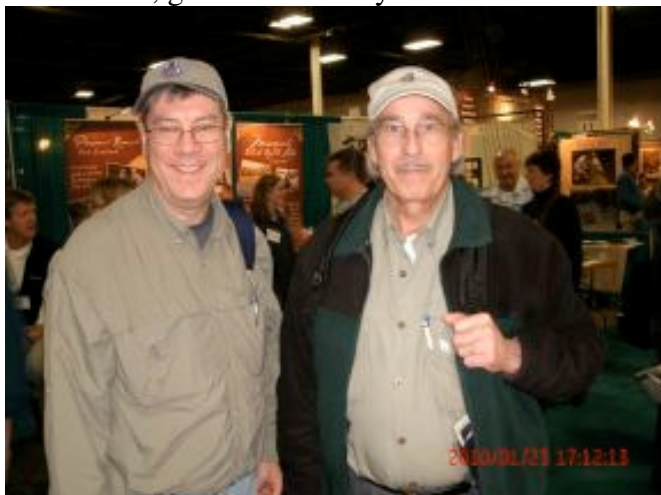
Jan Business Meeting Minutes

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- March 1, 2010 Clifford Kraft (Cornell Ph.D.) of Cornell natural resources dept., presentation will be on Native Brook Trout Conservation & Rehabilitation.
- Somerset Fly-Fishing Show - 6 club members attending.
- Decided to keep insurance local and not go with national FFF insurance proposal.
- We will participate in the Ithaca Fly Fishing Day (Leon Chandler TU chapter) @ Boyton Middle School on March 20
- Next business meeting 2-15-2010 at Kirks house.

Fly Fishing show Somerset, NJ

Great show, great time had by all.



Kirk and George, Kirk is smiling we just left the Whitlock both.

President's Short Cast

Kirk Klingensmith . . . ••• , ><(((°>

Each year, our chapter submits an annual report to the national FFF. It was eye opening to realize how much we have done.

In 2009, your club:

- Held a Fly Fishing 4/4/09 for 28 students, 4 were youth
- Participated in
Ithaca Fly Fishing Day
Elmira's Riverfest,
- Helped with Cohocton float stocking
- Conducted a clean-up on Cayuta Creek
- Demonstrated fly tying at Auburn Bass Pro
- Taught fly fishing to the 6th grade Montessori class
- Helped staff the NEC booth at the Somerset show
- Helped fund the stocking of Mill Street Pond kid's fishing
- Went on 6 fly fishing outings.
- Sent Dylan Margeit (15 yrs old) to National Youth Fly Fishing Camp on the Bighorn River, MT

Club members volunteered 1800 hrs! That's one year of volunteer time!

We have three active youth members. The club has 15 fly rods for education and our library and circulation grew. Our membership is growing and meeting attendance is strong.

I mentioned some of this last month, but you should be proud of what we are doing together. This is your club. Thank you for all you do in growing in our sport of fly fishing!

Celebration Event

I hope you have made plans to attend the Feb 1, 10 yr Anniversary Dinner at the DC2 Restaurant 6:30 pm start. The meal costs \$20/person and must be prepaid before 1/27. Please contact Dick Naylor 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).

35 folks are registered. There will be a retrospective slideshow. A fly rod will be raffled, and watercolor gift card sets will be available for purchase. This will be a fun event. Hope to see you there.

Academy – March 27

This year our one-day class promises to be the best ever. We moved to Southside Elmira and finally have a date before trout season opens! New people are stepping up to lead – like George Roy (food) and Chas Elliott (casting director). Dave Rothrock, Joe Cambridge and Carol Farkas are once again prioritizing their time to lead the teaching.

We are told the Academy is one of the best in the Northeast US. Every year we have had students travel as far as 4 hours to attend.

The success of our Academy needs your help. Help us get the word out. We all know folks who want to learn our sport. Would you take the time to personally invite 5 or 10 people you know to be students?

And volunteer to be on staff. This is a lot of fun!

Something interesting

Rochester Fly tying event
<http://www.guysfliesandpies.com/>

The Fly Trap

by John Lively

I read a book recently that turned my thinking about fly-fishing for trout upside down. Most of my fly fishing books are about flies, fly tying, matching the hatch, streamside entomology, etc. I have collected dozens of articles from fly fishing magazines about new patterns that are better in some way than the older ones. And catalogs are filled with flies, fly tying materials, hooks, and equipment. All of which led me over the years to focus most of my time and attention on what is tied on the end of my tippet, and not on how it gets delivered to the trout. Once you can put the fly where you want it, it's good enough, right?

Reading *Slack Line Strategies for Fly Fishing*, by John Judy, changed all that. It made me realize that my belief that having 'the right fly' is the key to success was, in fact, a 'fly trap'. Judy's book opened my eyes to a whole host of things that I hadn't thought of. He emphasizes the importance of a drag-free or controlled-drag drift, and discusses how to use leader construction, and casting and mending techniques, to put just the right amount of 'slack' in your drift. Through examples and diagrams, he tells the reader how slack line techniques can be used to fish dry flies downstream under overhanging bushes, to extend

the drift when indicator fishing, to impart 'lift' to a dead-drifted nymph, and to reach and maintain the desired depth while swinging wet flies or streamers. Sure, I had heard bits and pieces of this over the years, but never had the 'aha moment' until John Judy put it together for me in his book.

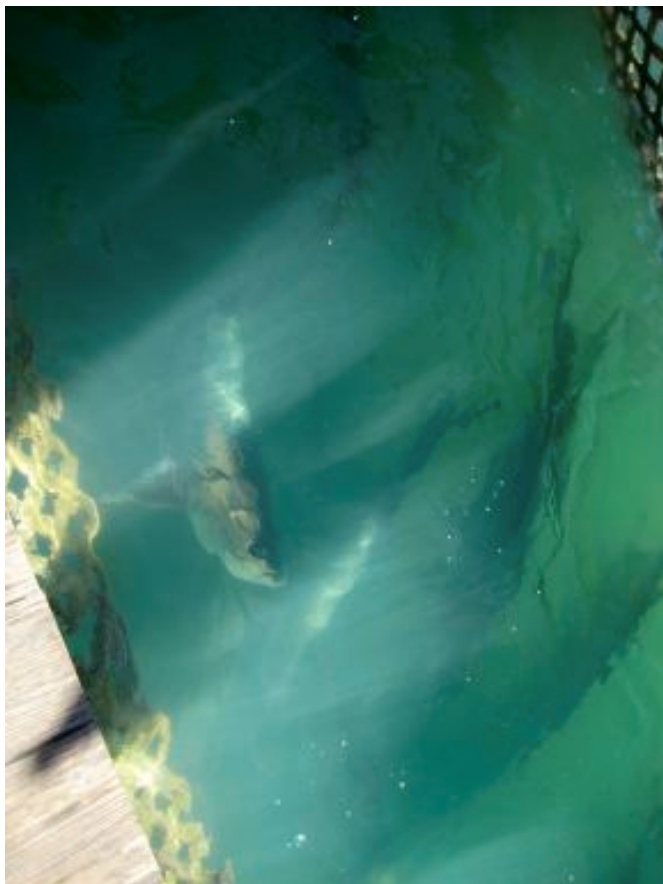
I need to thank Joe Cambridge for recommending this book in a talk to our club some three years ago. I only wish I had read it then and not waited so long. Now I am aching for spring to get here so I can start developing my own 'slack line' techniques.

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 submit a short write up with the photo, that will be considered as well. Send all submissions to. chasman@frontiernet.net

One for the newsletter



Kyle with nice Islamorada bonefish



Tarpon under dock

Library Spotlight

This month's spotlight is "Fly fishing for Striped bass" featuring Jeff Mancini Tom Piccolo and Eric Petterson This fly fishing video was shot in the fall of the year at MontaukPoint

Review: This video gives a good basic understanding of all the facets of fly-fishing for striped bass. It contains the following sections.

When to Fish: Times, seasons, weather, tidal effects
Casting class: Casting heavy rigs and the double haul
Talking about tackle: All the equipment needed to fish
Conservation Quest: Conservation tools and updates
Knotting notes: The basic knots for the sport
Friends, feathers: and Flash: Aspects of effective flies
Where to fish: Location selection

The video contains good basic information, but I thought it lacked a lot of detail and a few more flies in the fly tying section would have been nice. However I think that I could pursue striped bass with at least some confidence, so I rate this video 3/5 strikes.

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:

Bill Mihaly, John Scott Ryan
 Raymond E Sherwood Stephen Johnston
 Gary Pease Gary W Shaw
 Stephen Johnston Steve Harris

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. 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
carrollak@yahoo.com



Brook Trout



Rainbow Trout



Yellow Sally



Black Ghost



Parmachene Belle

→ ☺ Readers, this is your newsletter! 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

"Listen to the sound of the river and you will get a trout."

Irish proverb

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.

Jake Trimmer has two pairs of new Corning Serengeti Strata polarizing (non-prescription) sunglasses for sale. \$50.00 a pair! 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

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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