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# FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

## TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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### \*\*\* NEXT MEETING \*\*\*

**Monday 7pm Jan 8**

#### ***Fly Fishing for Trout in Argentina-***

**Keith Mathews** describes his week long fishing trip to the Central Fly Fishing Zone of Argentina- fishing 'Beyond Latitude 42 South of the Equator'. He will show pictures, anecdotes, and a multi-media presentation on his adventures there. This region has much natural beauty as well as very good trout fishing. While the focus is on fly fishing for trout, some other topics touched on include culture and ethnicity, legends of the region, description of lodging, and of course some of the breathtaking scenery. The object of the program is to give some flavor of and familiarity with Argentina, and what to expect if one were to travel there with arrangements made through an outfitter. It is an opportunity for some 'virtual' fishing and to gather information if you are considering a trip south.

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#### **About the December Program -**

##### **Joe Cambridge- *Winter Finger Lakes Fishing***

Joe's presentation was really interesting and a must see for anyone planning on visiting area streams over winter. Joe's motto for winter fishing: "If you're going to fish in winter, you gotta believe." Joe said fish tend to bunch up in winter so if you get a hit, stay there. You are standing in a good spot. Fish scare easily so stay off stream ice. They can hear slight ice fracturing a long distance.

Cast to backs of pools especially when the sun comes up a bit. Trout come into shallow water looking for stone flies. Cast to the middle and let it drift into shallow water or along the shore giving the fly a slight twitch action. Let good pools rest at least fifteen minutes before fishing them. Best window for winter fishing is between 11 am and 3 PM. Before and after that will not be very productive. Look for sunshine on the water. Try tiny loop wing midges close to areas heated by the sun.

Wear felt soles with studs and carry a walking stick. Be very careful that your feet do not get chilled from standing in cold water too long in one spot. Need to move around a bit to keep circulation going in the feet. Other wise Joe says you run the risk of losing control of your foot movement. Carry a cell phone in a waterproof plastic bag. Check to be sure your cell phone has coverage where you are fishing. There are

lots of dead spots where the cell phone coverage fails. Do not fish with you best equipment- Use old poles, lines and reels. Ice in the eyes on poles will do a "number" on fly lines. It can be pretty abrasive. If the eyes continue to ice up it is probably too cold to fish.

Carry your rod in your weak hand with the tip pointing back. If you fall you will be ready to support yourself with your good hand. Have a complete set of dry clothes available.

Joe uses nymphs about 90 percent of the time in winter. Try using a bead head fox squirrel six to eight inches tied under a #22 pheasant tail. A good time to winter fish is after two or three days of a thaw. Fish will be pretty hungry.

It is always a good idea to winter fish with a buddy for safety in case of a mishap in cold water or bad fall. At the very least let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

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#### **A preview of February's program**

In February, **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!

#### **Tying the Carrie Stevens Streamers**



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## TUES EVENING OPEN FLY TYING

### Allan Podell, Fly Tying Chair

Tuesday evening fly tying sessions are now 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](mailto:apodell@stny.rr.com)

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## TUES EVENING FLY TYING CLASS

**Beginning Feb 20** and continuing through March 20 TT-5R club will offer beginner's fly tying instruction. Kirk Klingensmith will be the lead instructor with club members assisting. Classes will be free to FFF members and FFF membership is required to attend. Class size is limited to eight students. Students must furnish their own tools but all fly tying materials will be provided by the club. Classes will 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. John Lively will begin publicity for these classes in Mid-January. Open fly tying will continue on Tuesday evenings for those interested. To sign up or obtain additional information call Kirk at 607-562-3344 or John at 607-739-8791.

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## Chemung County Fed Sportsman Raffle

Your club purchased 20 tickets at \$10 each for the drawing. Your TT-5R chapter won a total of \$350 from this raffle.

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## 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](mailto: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.*

Jan 26-28- Sommerset, NJ Fly Fishing Show at Garden State Exhibition Center

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

March- 5- Final Seminar Planning (See comments in this newsletter.)

March 25- **Fly Fishing Seminar**- Horseheads Middle School 1-5 pm

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](http://www.twintiersFFF.org)

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## Bill Lavris Memorial

Dick Paul is leading the effort to erect a bench at the King Farm on the Cohocton River as a memorial to Bill. Bill loved to fish the Cohocton and was a major player in helping the DEC float stock this stream. Funds continue to be donated for a memorial to Bill. If you wish to donate to this project, see Dick. The bench is six foot heavy recycled plastic mounted on a concrete base. It will carry a bronze engraved plaque honoring Bill. Approximate cost is \$560.

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## CLUB LIBRARY

Gary Shaw manages the club's TT-5R Chapter library. If you have books, periodicals, tapes, or CD-ROMs involving flyfishing in any aspect that you wish to donate for this program, please contact Gary at 607.733.5238, email [gweb731@aol.com](mailto:gweb731@aol.com), or bring your donations to any meeting.

The club library list is now up on the club web site [www.twintiersFFF.org](http://www.twintiersFFF.org). *If there is something on that list you would like to see for a month, give Gary a call or email and he will bring it to the next meeting. We all are honor bound to return borrowed items to the next club meeting.*

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## Club Financial Position

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

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## 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 John Lively for yours.

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## March Fly Fishing Seminar

After much discussion at the December regarding the future of the 2007 seminar, it was decided to table the issue until the January meeting.

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## 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.

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

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Note - DEC Region 7 is always looking for new participants in their **Angler Diary Cooperator Program** for the Finger Lakes region's waters. Cooperator's numbers have dropped in

recent years and they need new cooperators now more than ever. If you want to learn more about this program and how to sign up please contact the Region 7 office at (607) 753-3095 and ask for the Fisheries office. On line you can click on [www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/fish/fishmail.html](http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/fish/fishmail.html) , click on Region 7 and email us your name, address, phone number, and the name of the Finger Lake(s) and/or tributaries you would like to keep a diary on.

DEC Region 8 has discontinued their fishery report. However, the Yates County Chamber of Commerce has picked it up and it is available at [www.fishfingerlakes.com](http://www.fishfingerlakes.com) or by phone at 800.228.2760. Once on-line you can access specific Finger Lakes for additional information about them.

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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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The Federation of Fly Fishers is a 40-year-old organization working to conserve, restore and educate through fly-fishing. The FFF is the only organization that advocates for fly anglers on all waters. **Join the Federation of Fly Fishers.** Send a check for \$35 (seniors over 65 \$25) to **Federation of Fly Fishers, PO Box 1595, Bozeman, MT 59771.** Include Twin Tiers-Five Rivers as your club affiliation on your FFF membership form to be recognized as part of the TT-5R Chapter. **Join or renew FFF membership online at [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org) or by phone at 406.222.9369**

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