
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

www.twintiersfff.org

January 2008

NEXT MEETING

Monday, January 5, 7:00 PM

Big Flats Community Center

Dave Rothrock

“Eastern Hatches and Their Imitations”



Dave Rothrock will join us January 5th to talk about “Eastern Hatches and their Imitations”. Dave is a well-known author, guide, and instructor. Don’t miss it! For more information on Dave, see www.salmo-trutta.com.

Membership

Memberships expired or expiring soon: Bill Mihaly, John Scott Ryan, Raymond E Sherwood (December), Greg Hefner, Gary Shaw (January), David Collins, Dan Corbett, Steve Harris, Dick Hughes, Howard H Kimball, Vincent Leonard, Tim Maney, Omar Six, Robert T Swiatowy Jr., Tom Waytena (February).

As you renew your memberships, please email Secretary John Lively so he can update the club roster. The new member special deal (\$15/one year) ends December 31.

Expanded club library is open

The Tom Krajci Memorial Library, containing both VHS and DVD videos, and print books, is now operating. Members who wish to borrow something should contact Club Librarian Ken Aniolek. The entire collection is now listed on the club’s website at: www.twintiersfff.org/library.htm.

=> **The club needs a 4-drawer filing cabinet to store the library books and disks.** See Kirk or Ken if you know where we can get one at a good price (or free).

Change a law ?

Jake Trimmer reports that the Chemung County Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs is permitted to submit two resolutions pertaining to changes in the fish & wildlife laws to the NYS Conservation Council. Jake has guidelines for writing up resolutions and will work with anyone with an interest in suggesting a change. The resolutions are due by February 1, 2009, and the NYSCC will then lobby our legislature to enact the changes.

Not getting club emails ?

The December newsletter email was sent before the December 1st meeting, but was only received by a few members, due to some distribution list processing problems. If you did not receive the newsletter email for December by Friday December 5th, please let club secretary John Lively know. Also, if your old email address is below, please give your new one to John:

- sandbar@empacc.net
- swanatlake@earthlink.net

General meeting – December 1

The main feature this meeting was a DVD on fly casting. Several myths were dispelled and we learned some great exercises for practice casting. Some points emphasized were:

- 1) put the foot of your casting hand a step behind
- 2) put your thumb on the cork

- 3) don't twist your wrist
- 4) keep your elbow 'on the shelf', i.e. in a flat horizontal plane, throughout the cast.
- Dick Naylor was presented with a card and a nice shadow box filled with flies, in recognition of his many years of service as treasurer.
- John Lively demonstrated how to make a welded loop in the end of a fly line, using shrink wrap tubing.
- Updates were given on: the December 6th fly tackle sale, Marcellus Shale regulatory oversight, the library, and upcoming events.
- There were about a dozen members in attendance.

Business meeting – December 15

The monthly business meeting was held December 15. Kirk Klingensmith, Steve Harris, Dick Naylor, Jake Trimmer, John Lively, and Ken Aniolek attended.

- Treasury: Steve Harris reported an ending balance of \$3,221 in the club's bank account.
- Conservation: Options for making and placing new signs for local creeks were discussed.
- Programs: speakers set for Jan and Feb.
- Academy: Publicity plans were discussed.
- The Tom Kracji estate sale resulted in a \$700 cash donation to the club by Rosalie Krajci, along with a number of unsold items.
- Library: The merits of storing the library at the Community Center were discussed.
- Outreach: Opportunities at Bass Pro in March, and Ithaca Fly Fishing Day

Tom Mason – February 2nd

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.

Successful estate sale

Congrats to Jake Trimmer and Ed Ryan on the successful Krajci estate fly tackle sale held December 6th. A large number of fly fishers turned out from as far away as Ithaca, and the club added 1 new member and gave out an additional 4 applications. After the sale, Rosalie Krajci donated a number of unsold books and other items to the club for its use.

Fly of the Month: The Gurgler

Contributed by Kirk Klingensmith.

This fly is a favorite for Chemung River smallmouth.



- Hook: Mustad 3366, size 4 or 6
- Thread: Yellow, size 3/0
- Tail: Chartreuse bucktail & yellow Crystal Flash
- Underbody: Yellow Ice Chenille or Estaz
- Overbody: Yellow 3 mm craft foam (doubled)
- Eyes: 4mm Fire Orange Doll Eyes

Fly Tying Starts January 6th

Open fly tying begins January 6th. Sessions run 6:00-9:00 PM at the Big Flats Community Center. Bring your materials and tools and tie alongside other club members. Informal sharing of recipes and techniques. Every Tuesday through the end of February.

Fly Fishing Show - January

This coming January 23, 24, 25th club members will attend the Fly Fishing Show in Somerset NJ, located at the Garden State Convention Center. See website www.flyfishingshow.com/Somerset_NJ.html for more information, and see John Lively if interested in going.

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.

Bass Pro Shops – March 2009

The Bass Pro Shop in Auburn, NY is having a fishing promotion the first two weekends in March. The TT5R FFF is invited to participate by demonstrating fly tying. At the same time, we can advertise our club, hand out membership applications, and sell raffle tickets if we desire. Anyone who wishes to participate in this opportunity please contact John Lively.

Catch of the Month

Club member Ed Ryan with a 20" brown caught last spring on a white-tailed hair-wing Royal Coachman.



Ed declined to say where he caught it. We're guessing West Branch of the Delaware River. Nice, eh?

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).

Currently, the club has the following items for sale:

- Sage 3 wt rod, almost new
- Patagonia waders, size XL
- Wading boots, size 13

Meeting Cancellations

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

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.

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

"I fish because it's an anti-social, bohemian business that puts you forever outside the mainstream culture without actually landing you in an institution."
John Gierach

"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

"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

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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