

FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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December 2009

January Program Meeting

The speaker for the Jan. 4, 2010 meeting will be Rocci Aquirre. Rocci has recently co-authored an article in the Jan/Feb issue of *Fly Fisherman* on an innovative model of reshaping a tributary of the lower Madison River in Montana. His experience as a past Riverkeeper for the Catskill River streams will give us an interesting perspective on land and stream protection as related to fly fishing. Bring a guest.

Upcoming events

- January 4 Program Meeting-7pm - Land and stream protection as related to fly fishing, by Rocci Aquirre
- January 19 Business Meeting 7pm, **Tues date to avoid M.L. King Holiday**
- February 1 Program Meeting. 10 yr. Anniversary Celebration, - 2-1-09 DC2 Restaurant Elmira Airport, 6:30 cocktails, 7PM dinner, see below.
- March 1 -Program Meeting- Dr. Clifford Kraft, Impacts on our native Brook trout and its restoration, by.
- March 27 -Fly Fishing Academy- 8:00-5:00 Southside Elmira High School

10 Yr. Anniversary Celebration Dinner

On Feb 1, TTFR is hosting a buffet dinner and program to celebrate our 10 year anniversary. The event will be at the DC2 Restaurant at the Elmira/Corning Airport. Cocktails start at 6:30pm; dinner will be at 7:00. Members, their spouses and club friends are welcome to attend. Rodney Piddle, Northeast Region FFF President will be attending. A slide show retrospective of past events and activities will be featured.

Curt DeClemente is preparing a scrumptious Buffet Dinner: Soup & Salad bar, Roast Beef a Jus, Chicken Picatta, Rigatoni, Wild rice, Vegetable, Desert. A cash bar will be available.

Reservations and dinner prepayment (\$20/person) is required before 1/27/2010. 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)

The restaurant will be open this evening exclusively for our club. Parking at the Elmira Airport will be reimbursed.

Fly of the Month: The Muncher Nymph

Contributed by Chas Elliott



- Hook:** Mustad 3399 size #6 - #14
Thread: Black 6/0
Body: Lt. gray
Rib: Clear mono
Wing case: Brown plastic raffia tied in two parts with thorax
Thorax: Fiery brown seal's fur or substitute.
Legs: Speckled hen or partridge tied flat
Notes: Credit goes to Ian Collin James for this great steelhead fly.

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

Plans are in motion for our Fly Fishing Academy to be held **Saturday, March 27th** at the **Elmira Southside High School**. We'll be organizing committees to look after the various Academy activities and are seeking interested members to help. This is a good way to get to know other members and the Academy Staff better.

Areas where we are looking for member involvement include: Publicity, Presentation Setup, Casting Equipment Setup, Casting Instruction, Knot Tying Coordination and Welcome Table.

Call Steve Harris at 973-2509 or email sjh529@stny.rr.com to offer your talent and experience, and let's continue to make the **Twin Tiers Five Rivers Fly Fishing Academy** the best around !!

President's Short Cast

Kirk Klingensmith . . . ••• . . . ><(((°)

As we wind down the year – I would first like to thank all of you.

First, thank you for caring enough about our sport and the environment to become a member of FFF and our club.

In 2009, the club held a very successful Fly Fishing Academy, participated in the Ithaca Fly Fishing Day and Elmira's Riverfest, helped with Conhocton float stocking and conducted a clean-up on Cayuta Creek, held meaningful programs on fly fishing education and environmental conservation, taught fly fishing to a 6th grade class, helped staff the NEC booth at the Somerset show, helped fund Mill Street Pond kid's fishing, and had fun on at least 6 fly fishing outings. TTFR now has three active youth members - helped sponsor our first youth to attend a national outing in Montana and two youths spoke at club programs! This year, the club built a 15 fly rod inventory for our educational mission – and our educational library and its circulation were dramatically advanced. Further, our membership is growing and meeting attendance is strong.

Let me also point out that this progress was made, despite the loss in Aug '08 of our founding and serving President – Tom Kracji – along changes to at least a half dozen formal and informal leaders. Many of you have stepped up and filled vital club roles. If anything – our club mission grew and we are poised for an even better 2010 as we celebrate our 10 year anniversary. This “mostly-smooth” transition in leadership is quite unusual for small sportsman clubs and is a sign of good health and of a great membership base.

Thank you for giving and volunteering to our sport and club. Thank you for your help in sharing, teaching and growing in the love of fly fishing - in formal and informal ways. In 2010, we look forward to everyone's help and good ideas to extend this mission.

Celebration Event

The Feb meeting will be a special dinner to celebrate our 10 year Anniversary at the DC2 Restaurant 6:30 pm start. Feel welcome to bring along your spouse or a friend.

The meal cost of \$20/person must be prepaid before 1/27. Please contact Dick Naylor Make checks out to FFF - Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter and send to Dick Naylor, 179 Deerland Ave, Painted Post, NY 14870 (rnaylor5@stny.rr.com, 607-962-5592).

Send photos of past club events to (kklingensmi@stny.rr.com) to include the event slideshow. Raffle tickets for a fly rod are available from Steve Harris. Watercolor gift card sets are available at club meetings and the event.

Clouser is a go.

Thank you to many who responded to December's survey – and based on your feedback – TTFR is planning to host Bob Clouser this fall. Bob is an internationally known fly fisherman, fly tyer, and author – and inventor of the most widely used fly pattern in the world – The Clouser Minnow. Bob is credited for popularizing fly fishing for Smallmouth Bass – and championing Pennsylvania's Susquehanna fishery. Watch for future announcements as plans develop.

Marcellus Shale:

In December, 24 people attended our program to hear Cornell Prof. Tony Ingraffea speak on Marcellus Shale drilling methods and its significant environmental concerns. Because the gas and oil industry is exempted from nearly all Federal regulation, the methods present an unregulated threat to our watersheds, roads and family safety. PA is allowing drilling, while NY is holding off to consider regulations. I urge you to voice

your opinion on this. Here are several options to respond:

Call or FAX our federal representatives re FRAC ACT (simple call – important to log support)

Senator Charles Schumer	202-224-6542 fax: 202-228-3027
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand	202-224-4451 fax 202-228-0282
Rep. Eric J.J. Massa	202-225-3161 fax: 202-226-6599

Thank Schumer and Gillibrand for co-sponsoring S. 1215 and Massa for co-sponsoring HR 2677, both repeal the hydraulic fracturing exemption from the 1974 Safe Drinking Water Act as granted in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

To urge NY State to drop its inadequate proposed regulations and to pursue ones which protect our environment:

Electronic send an email through NY Trout Unlimited:

<http://takeaction.tu.org/site/lookup.asp?c=ntJSJ8MPIqE&b=5691547>

To electronically sign a letter to Gov Patterson to withdraw the DEC Conservation's Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (dSGEIS) for Oil and Gas Mining.

http://www.toxicstargeting.com/MarcellusShale/coalition_letter/sign

To sign a petition to ban hydro-fracking statewide:

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/NY-Statewide-Ban-On-Natural-Gas-Drilling>

Give Feedback on DEC's Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) by December 31.

(<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/58440.html>)

Instructions on web on 4 ways to comment.

Fly Fishing show Somerset, NJ

The Fly Fishing Show in Somerset, NJ will be held Jan 22-24, 2010. This is one of the largest shows in the Northeast. Club members have gone to this show for many years to learn from experts, attend numerous presentations and teaching sessions, see and buy new equipment, and donate their time at the FFF booth - teaching fly tying or talking about our sport. The show is so large with so many presentations, that in three days, it is impossible to see it all. Look at the link below for more information.

Would you be interested in going, maybe in sharing a ride or in sharing the cost of a hotel room? Would you be willing to volunteer some time at the FFF booth?

Contact Program Director Jake Trimmer by [January 5, 2010](#) if interested, 607-733-4333, stonefly@stny.rr.com

http://www.flyfishingshow.com/Somerset_NJ.html

Something interesting

Marcellus gas shale information.

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=5095>

http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/ny22_hinche/morenews/122309DECFrackingComments.html

Five Rivers Sweepstakes Update: Another TFR winner!

Congratulations to Jake Trimmer on his winning a book of his choice from the FFF website. Jake won the book as part of the small prizes drawing for December. Jake is still eligible for the grand prize as well. If you would like to buy tickets for the national FFF drawing to be held in March, they are still available see the; site below, or talk to Kirk.

<http://www.fffgear.com/>

One for the newsletter



Takao Okuda, During BC ELK River trip



Cutthroat



Stonefly floating on surface

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

Library Spotlight

This month's spotlight is "Lessons with Lefty" by Lefty Kreh. This fly casting video is primarily targeted at the casting instructor, although the casting instruction given would be useful to anyone who wants to cast better.

Review: This video demonstrates a multitude of casting faults and their correction. The list of topics is too large and complicated to list, but some of my favorites were.

- Casting with both hands
- Bad casting techniques
- Foot work
- Grip and gripping
- The 45 degree rule
- Tailing loop
- Hauling, Double hauling and the 1/2 rod
- Timing
- Backcast direction
- Better loops
- Roll cast
- Sinking lines and heavy lines

As previously mentioned this video would be good for anyone who wants to improve his or her casting. If you are interested in working on your casting instruction, so much the better. There are a lot of good casting tips, techniques and tools listed in this video. I give this video a 4/5 casts.

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 during the any holiday season. 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
carrollgk@yahoo.com



Brook Trout



Rainbow Trout



Yellow Sally



Black Ghost



Parmachene Belle

→ ☺ The club will raffle a Temple Fork Outfitters 8'6" – 5wt – 4 piece – Pro Series fly rod (brand new, lifetime warranty). The drawing will be held at the Feb 1 Celebration. Tickets are \$5 apiece, available at club meetings or contact Steve Harris 607-973-2509 sjh529@stny.rr.com.

The fishing was good; it was the catching that was bad. ~A.K. Best

→ ☺ 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 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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