
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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June 2009

NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 1, 2009

Big Flats Community Center

Fly Rodding for Bass



On June 1, Kirk Klingensmith will talk about fly fishing for bass, something he spends a majority of his fishing time doing.

His talk will cover bass behavior, techniques, fly selection, and successful approaches. He will point out helpful adjustments to adapt trout skills to bass.

Kirk's talk will focus on smallmouth and opportunities in our Chemung River basin, via both wade-fishing and from a canoe or personal watercraft. He will also cover largemouth techniques and local hotspots if time permits.

You might be surprised to learn how good the bass fishing is in our area. If you want to give this species a try, or improve your luck – be sure to attend.

Upcoming Events

The club has several fishing trips coming up. The first is a trip to the **Cohocton River** on May 30. We will meet up at the Corning Wegmans' parking lot (south side) at 10:00 am. Bring sulfur, Cahill, and March Brown mayfly imitations, and you may want to stay till dark for a possible spinner fall. If you do, bring a flashlight. Steve Harris is coordinating this trip; please let him know if you plan to attend. Steve will provide burgers, buns, salad, and condiments. Others should bring a few drinks and snacks/chips to share.

The second is a trip to the **Genesee River**, on June 13th. For that trip the club will rendezvous at noon at the Corning Wegmans, arrive around 1:30 PM, fish till 5-5:30, have a streamside cookout dinner, and then fish right until dark. The club will provide burgers, rolls, and fixings for dinner; participants should bring along snacks and drinks to share. John Lively is coordinating this trip; please let him know if you plan to attend.

July 6th, the club will meet at Denison Park in Corning (north side of Denison Parkway), for an evening of **Chemung River** fishing. Pizza will be provided starting at 6 PM, and fishing will commence shortly thereafter and continue until dark.

August 2nd the club will float and fish the Chemung River, starting in Corning and ending in Big Flats. This will be an afternoon/evening trip. Details will be firmed up closer to the date of the event and members will be notified via email.

Cohocton River Cleanup

The Canandaigua Lake Chapter of Trout Unlimited is organizing a project to clean-up a five mile section of the Cohocton River. The goal is removal of unnatural debris from the bottom and sides of the river (tires, batteries, plastic, junk metal, etc.). The project area will run from the 2nd Route 371 bridge above the Village of Cohocton, to the bridge on Jones Road south of the Village.

The cleanup dates are the 1st and 2nd of August 2009 (Saturday and Sunday). Volunteers will meet at the

Town of Cohocton Garage, on Wilcox Street, within the Village of Cohocton, at 8:30 AM and be broken up into teams to be lead by a designated Team Leader. Teams will work from about 9AM to 4:00 PM; with a lunch break about 12 noon (a free lunch will be provided). Volunteers should bring work gloves, footwear suitable for walking in the river (e.g., old sneakers or waders), bug spray, suntan lotion, and a hat. Anyone who wishes to help with this project should register via the TU website: <http://canandaigualaketu.org/> and click on the "Volunteer Sign-up Link". For more information contact Al Kraus (krausengr@earthlink.net, 585-396-0242), with the Canandaigua Lake Chapter of Trout Unlimited, or talk to Ed Ryan, FFF Conservation Chairperson (ryanfly@verizon.net).

Fly of the Month: Baby Bass

Contributed by John Lively

This easy-to-tie streamer catches smallmouth in the Chemung River from June through October.



Hook: Standard streamer hook, size 2 – 4 -- 6
 Thread: White
 Eyes: Plastic bead chain, w black pupils
 Tail: White marabou
 Body: Sparkle braid (lead wraps underneath)
 Underwing: White marabou or craft fur
 Overwing: Olive marabou or craft fur
 Throat: Tuft of orange/pink glo bug yarn

This fly is lightweight and easy to cast, and I usually fish it with a 9 foot leader and a floating fly line. Cast it across the tail of a pool, make a few upstream mends to let it sink a bit, and then swing it or strip it across the tail where the smallies wait.

General meeting – May 4

At our May meeting, we showed the film Red Gold, which tells the story of the Bristol Bay, Alaska sockeye salmon fishery, and the threat posed to it by open pit and underground copper/gold mines which are proposed for the headwaters of the fishery. After the

film there was a discussion of the impact of mining on water quality. Some members signed a petition in opposition of the Pebble Mine development.

Making 'Blind' Loops

After the film, Bill Kessler shared a technique for making loops in the end a fly line. Basically the coating is softened with PVC solvent, and then stripped off like insulation from an electrical wire using a piece of mono cinched around the fly line. The exposed woven core is then threaded back through the first half-inch of remaining coating via a needle, parallel to the core inside. Superglue is applied to a last short bit of core before pulling it under the coating. According to Bill, loop-to-loop connections made in this fashion do not hinge and do not tic or grab when going through the guides. Bill recommends using a 'pin vise' to securely hold the needles during this procedure.

Business meeting – May 18

The monthly business meeting was held May 18, with Kirk Klingensmith, Steve Harris, Jake Trimmer, and John Lively attending.

- Treasury: Steve Harris reported a starting balance of \$4,990, expenses of \$496 and income of \$70, resulting in a closing balance on 5-18-09 of \$4,564.
- Conservation: Cohocton clean up discussed
- Programs: Fall planning is underway. Focus will be on educational/instructional programs. Kirk to reserve use of the Community Center for next season.
- Plans for upcoming fishing trips were reviewed, no changes.
- Calendar: We decided to not have a business meeting in June, but have a meeting August 17th instead (likely a fishing/business meeting, see Kirk for details).

Business meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month and are open to ALL club members.

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.

Members with fishing equipment to sell (or give away) can post it here, by sending a description and contact information to John Lively (jlively@stny.rr.com).

Rainbow Paradise Outing

The club held a fishing trip to Rainbow Paradise, near Galeton PA, on Saturday May 9. The area consists of two trout ponds with many fish in the 14-20 inch range for catch and release fly fishing. The smiles tell all!



The trout Kirk is holding is a 'tiger trout', which is a cross between female brown trout and male brook trout. They are lively fighters.



All four anglers above are demonstrating proper technique for a CPR (catch-photo-release): 1) using a knotless catch and release net, 2) keeping the fish in the water until just before the photo, and 3) holding the fish low over water in case it slips out of your hands.

Win a Fly Fishing Trip!

The club is still selling tickets for a raffle sponsored by the FFF National office. Grand prize is a fishing trip for two to Chile. Fifteen 2-person trips to Montana will be awarded as second prizes. Other rods and equipment will also be given as prizes. 1/3 of ticket sales go directly to our chapter. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for

\$100. Tickets will be on sale through the June meeting, and the drawings will be held during the national conclave. E-mail or call Kirk Klingensmith for details and tickets, or pick one up at the meeting or an outing.

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:

Tom Abernatha Jr	Alex Dawson-Elli	Terry Margeit
Tom Abernatha Sr	Paul Elli	Al Neally
Chris Abernatha	Mike Gildea	Jason Novotny
John J Arnault	Addison Goff	Thomas Rood
David Brown	Jim Houck	Jim Swan
Adam Corey	Joe Hurley	Michael Tarby
Ray Corey	Julian Euell	Casey Volino
Tim Costley	Dylan Margeit	Tina Winstead

As you renew your memberships, please email Secretary John Lively so he can update the club roster.

Recent renewals include Jim Anderson, Ken Aniolek, Joe Cambridge, Steve Capizzi, Carol Farkas, Scott Frederick (family), Darryl Green, Russ Hyde, Mark Ivanick, Fred Kelly, Bill Kessler, Dave & Cheryl Larsen, Greg Marion, Pete Masia, Gene Nowlan, Roy Patterson, Dick Paul, Ed Ryan, Stephen Roe, John Rominger, Dave Rothrock, George Roy, Jack Russen, Bob Swiatowy Jr., Hector Velez. Thanks everyone!

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.

Assistance needed

The Club Secretary, John Lively, was recently elected to a 3-year term on the Horseheads Board of Education, and consequently the club needs people to step forward to take over one or more of the following activities: taking minutes at meetings, producing the newsletter, maintaining membership lists, and maintaining the club website. Talk to John or Kirk if you are interested!

<p>"Many men go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after." Henry David Thoreau</p>	<p>"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</p>
<p>"There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot." Steven Wright</p>	<p>"Men and fish are alike. They both get into trouble when they open their mouths." Jimmy D Moore</p>
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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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