
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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March 2009

NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 2, 2009

Big Flats Community Center

Joe Cambridge



Springtime in the Finger Lakes

Joe Cambridge is our featured speaker in March. He will talk about tying and fishing soft hackle flies, and about fishing the local Finger Lakes streams for lake run trout in April. For those that don't know Joe, he is a professor of English and Fly Fishing at Tompkins Cortland Community College, and he holds a wealth of knowledge about fly fishing techniques effective in the Finger Lakes area. He is also a regular contributor to Fly Fisherman magazine.

Membership

Memberships expired or expiring soon: February: Dave Collins, Dan Corbett, Dick Hughes, Tim Maney, Omar Six, Bob Swiatowy Jr., March: Bob Davis, Mark Gibson, George Howell, Dave & Cheryl Larsen, Roy Patterson, John Rominger, Dave Rothrock, Jake Trimmer.

Recent renewals include Steve Harris, Joe Bird, Tom Waytena, Vince Leonard, Gary Shaw, Howard Kimball, and Greg Hefner. (Any others?)

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

NOTE: the new member discount has been extended through April 1. Join for \$15 if not already a member.

Youth Education Coordinator wanted

Several local middle and high schools offer fly fishing as a physical education or after-school activity. The club is looking for someone to contact the schools and see what sort of help they might need, then report back to the club. If you are interested in being the club's Youth Education Coordinator, please talk to one of the club officers.

Fly of the Month: The Monitor

Contributed by Tom Mason.

This trout fly was developed by Dick Talleur and demonstrated at the February meeting by Tom Mason.



Hook: Scud fly hook, sizes 22-16
Thread: White
Post: Strip of foam tied in a loop
Body: Four pheasant tail barbules
Hackle: Dry fly hackle, grizzly (parachute style)

Bend the hook down a bit 1/3 behind the eye. For smaller sizes use a single strip post instead of a loop. The fly imitates emerging duns in various sizes.

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.

New Library Books

The club has received the following new additions to its library:

- Fly Fishing for the Compleat Idiot, by Michael Rutter (book, 1995)
- The Longest Silence. A Life of Fishing, by Thomas McGuane (book, 1999)
- Handcrafting a Graphite Fly Rod, by L.A. Garcia (VHS, 1996)

We also now have a rod wrapping jig available for use by club members.

General meeting – February 2

Tom Mason entertained the group of 20 or so guests at the February meeting with a mix of ‘fly tying and baloney’. He first looked over a number of older fly rods brought in by members. Tom said that rods by early U.S. makers like Leonard, Dickerson, Payne, Edwards, Grangier, and Phillipson can be worth several thousand dollars. However, the majority of older bamboo rods on sale today are mass production rods by Montague, Horricks and Ibbotson, and Wright and McGill and are only worth \$10-\$25. Yet these rods can cast and fish very nicely.. if you own one, don’t be squeamish about fishing with it!

Tom also showed the group a fly called the Monitor, developed by Dick Talleur. This is a Klinkhammer style fly – a dry fly with a wet abdomen - and it imitates emerging mayfly duns of various species. It is this month’s Fly of the Month.

Business meeting – February 16

The monthly business meeting was held February 16, with Kirk Klingensmith, Steve Harris, Jake Trimmer, and John Lively attending.

- Treasury: Steve Harris reported an ending balance of \$3,343 in the club’s bank account.
- Conservation: no report (Ed Ryan in Florida)
- Programs: Schedule is now filled through June.
- Academy: 10 prospective students so far, with more expected due to press releases sent out last week

- Outreach: a few more volunteers needed to assist with the Ithaca Fly Fishing Day

FFF National supports TT5R educational efforts

The club recently received a gift of five Temple Fork rod/reel outfits from the FFF national (co-sponsored by the Sierra Club), and another three rods via the FFF new member incentive program. With the purchase of a number of reels with line at the Somerset show in January, our educational rod/reel inventory now stands at 13 rods and 16 reels.

New regulations to protect brook trout

New York DEC is soliciting input on proposed changes to freshwater fishing regulations for 2010. The formal comment period will begin in the fall, but a preliminary view is now available for review at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/51001.html>. One notable proposed change is the elimination of the 5+5 trout limit which allowed the taking of extra small brook trout in 18 counties. The rationale for eliminating this regulation is that “past allowance for extending the daily creel limit for brook trout in a part of the state is no longer prudent. Brook trout have been identified as a Species of Greatest Conservation Need in New York State's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. A recent status and threats assessment conducted by the Eastern Joint Venture revealed that brook trout populations have been reduced or extirpated from over 60% of the watersheds historically occupied by brook trout in New York. The primary reasons for decline are changes in land-use patterns, reductions in riparian habitat, and invasions by non-native species. This regulation change is consistent with recognition of the need to provide additional protection for brook trout populations.” If you want to send a note of support for this regulation change, send an email to fwfish@gw.dec.state.ny.us and mention regulation 2010_R5_22.

Fly Fishing Academy update

The Fly Fishing Academy will be held April 4, 2009 at the Horseheads Middle School. Press releases went out to local clubs and media outlets on Feb. 10th. Several registrations have been received already.

Ithaca Fishing Day – March 14

The Leon Chandler Chapter of Trout Unlimited is sponsoring a Fly Fishing Day in Ithaca on Saturday

March 14, 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M. The event will be held at the Boynton Middle School Cafeteria, located off Route 13 North in Ithaca (next to the High School).

Instruction will be offered in fly tying and fly casting, and there will be numerous other vendors and exhibits. The Twin Tiers Five Rivers chapter of FFF has agreed to assist TU by providing fly tying instructors. See Kirk if you would like to help.

Catch of the Month

That's not a fly rod in her hand, but this budding angler had a lot of fun fishing Catherine's Creek last April.



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).

The club itself currently has the following items for sale:

- Cabelas DryPlus breathable waders, size XL
- Orvis breathable waders, size XL
- Red Ball pack-weight nylon waders, size XL
- Red Ball wading shoes, size 5
- Hip boots, size large, rubberized nylon
- Fly rod, Pflueger Purist, 9' 8 wt. (IM6 graphite)
- Fly rod, Berkeley, 8½', 7/8 wt. (IM6 graphite)
- Fly rod, homemade, 7½', 7/8 wt. (glass)
- Fly rod, homemade, 9', 8/9 wt. (glass)
- Fly rod, homemade, 9½', 9 wt. (glass)
- Fly reels, assorted Cabelas, Cortland, Martin
- Two saltwater spinning reels and tackle

Meeting Cancellations

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

Upcoming Events

Here's a list of upcoming club events. More details on the club website:

- March meeting: Joe Cambridge (Springtime in the Finger Lakes)
- April meeting: George Daniel (Lessons from the Fly Fishing Championship)
- April fishing trip: Cayuta Creek
- May meeting: Red Gold, a film about Alaska's salmon fishery and attempts to build the world's largest gold mine in the headwaters
- May fishing: Rainbow Paradise, Cohocton River
- June meeting: Casting clinic
- June fishing trip: Genesee River
- July fishing trip: wade fishing Chemung River
- August fishing trip: Float fishing Chemung River

Are club meetings open to the public?

Our club has a long-standing policy of welcoming non-member guests to club meetings and fishing trips. This is to allow interested people to learn about the club before joining. Our policy is to welcome non-members for up to 3 activities, after which we expect them to join the club or stop attending.

To become and remain a member of our chapter, our only requirement is to hold a paid-up membership in the national FFF. National membership for every member is required by our constitution as an FFF charter club. We do not charge additional local dues like some fishing and sporting clubs.

We trust in the honesty and integrity of participants in club activities to remain in good standing with respect to their FFF dues.

This policy covers all club activities – monthly speakers, business meetings, fly tying, fishing trips, and library loans, with one exception. The April 6 meeting featuring George Daniel is open to the public. We will charge a nominal admission fee to non-members to help offset speaker fees.

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| <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> |
| <p>FIVE WEEKS until New York's inland trout season opens.</p> | <p>This ad space is available. Contact John Lively for details.</p> |

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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