
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

[Canistee-Chemung-Cohocton-Susquehanna-Tioga Rivers in NY South & PA North Tiers] www.TwinTiersFFF.org May 2006

May 1st- Big Flats Community Center Program begins 7 p.m.

Dave Rothrock- *Effective Nymph Tactics and Patterns*

TT-5R Chapter of the FFF welcomes back internationally known fly fishing guide, instructor, author and speaker Dave Rothrock. Dave has written several articles for Fly Fisherman magazine on nymph fishing and is especially well known for his effective methods for fishing these underwater fly patterns. It is estimated that trout find over 90% of their food underwater. Yet, many have found that nymph fishing presents significant challenges in detecting takes and hooking up on fish. Detecting nymph strikes is probably the one single most difficult part of fly fishing even for the more advanced fly fisherperson. Come hear Dave share his insights and help you improve this part of your fly fishing game.

The April program by Greg Heffner and Conhocton TU group was a huge success and we learned a lot about one of our favorite local hot spots. Greg is a nationally known fly tyer and President of the Conhocton Chapter of Trout Unlimited and no stranger to our group with his fly tying demos. Greg shared with us the ins and outs of the Cohocton River including handing out his personal hatch chart.

What's in the names? Conhocton or Cohocton- it appears later map-makers dropped the first "N". The purist wish to retain the original name with two "N's". The same might be said for Cayuta Creek. The original name was Shepherd's Creek and you might hear one or more of our members still referring to earlier name.

CASTING FOR RECOVERY- Club volunteer fly tyers brought their flies for CFR to the April meeting. Your assistance was appreciated for this worthwhile project. Thank you to all who participated.

Future Programming:

June 5- Jeff White- *Understanding and Fishing the Hatches of the Upper Delaware River*

1. How the system works and it affects on fishing

2. Major hatches by season, timing and identification
3. Imitations
4. Presentation
5. Other imitations e.g.: Alewives etc.
6. Flow Issues and current fight for water [with NYC]

Jeff's bio: "I grew up fishing for anything that swims in CT and NY. After high school I went to college in North Western South Carolina and guided on many of the streams in the Blue Ridge, the Davidson River and others in the Asheville, NC area. After college I moved to Elizabethton, TN to guide on the South Holston, Watauga, and Clinch River tailwater systems. I was hired five years ago to move back here and manage Al Caucci's Delaware River Club [Starlight, PA]. Along with the Delaware, I would be more than happy to answer any questions on the southern tailwaters or free stone streams in SC, NC, GA, and TN that have become popular in the last few years."

The Delaware River System is generally recognized as the best wild trout fishery East of the Mississippi. The Delaware River system (East Branch, West Branch, and Main Stem) are in eastern Catskills and are within a two-hour drive from Corning/Elmira. Both the East and West Branch are tailwater fisheries – cold water bottom releasing dams providing excellent habitat for high growth rate trout. The fishery is known for challenging the most experienced fly fishers, yet it offers a rare opportunity to hook up with truly huge wild trout.

NEW CLUB LIBRARY

Gary Shaw has volunteered to manage the new 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, or bring your donations to any meeting. Visit the club web site www.TwinTiersFFF.org for the latest update on the listings available. All you have to do to borrow an item is to contact Gary before a meeting and he will bring it with him. Borrowers are honor bound to return the borrowed item at the following meeting.

The FFF TT-5R Chapter Library

Books/DVD/VHS:

Graham, Kenneth- *Fishing Wyoming* (1998)

Murray, Harry- **Virginia, Blue Ribbon Streams** (2000)

Hughes, Dave- **The Yellowstone River** (1992)

Rosenbauer, Tom- **The Orvis Flyfishing Guide** (1984)

Route, Anthony- **Flyfishing Alaska** (1995)

DVD's:

Feeding Lies (63 min)

Edelmann, Terry- **Catch & Release** (20 min)

VHS Tape:

Stone, Wolf Productions- **Blue Ribbon Trout** (60 min)

Gordon, Eastman- **Hunting Trophy Trout**

Additional Items for special loan through Gary Shaw, Chapter Librarian:

Books:

Osthoff, Rich- **Active Nymphing, Aggressive Strategies** (2006)

Sosin, Mark & Kreh, Lefty- **Practical Fishing Knots** (1991)

Newman, Eric- **Flyfisher's Guide to New York** (2002)

Meck, Charles- **How to Catch More Trout** (2001)

TROUT STOCKING- In March and April club members and other area sportsman groups stocked brown trout in Cohocton River, Cayuta Creek and several other area streams and lakes. Float stocking spreads the fish along the streams giving them a better chance at survival. We've all seen the herds of

fishermen waiting at bridges for the stocking truck. Fish put in these areas do not have a very long survival rate. Earlier studies by the DEC has shown that 85% of these fish were caught in the first 14 days after stocking. In fact, the DEC insists that a large percentage of stocked trout be placed in waters easily accessible by the general public. Still, several hundred trout are spread by float stockers along the streams between stocking truck access points. These trout, along with our chapter member's practice of catch and release, ensure a fair survival rate.

Club Fishing Outing May 7

Tom Krajci and Jake Trimmer have set up the first FFF Chapter fishing outing for **SUNDAY MAY 7**. Members should meet at Wegman's (Corning) parking lot- southwest corner- at 9:30 AM. **BRING YOUR OWN BOX LUNCH**. We plan on fishing the Cohocton (Conhocton). Exact spot to be determined during the May 1 meeting. We'll car pool wherever possible.

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.*

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.

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. You can join the FFF online at www.fedflyfishers.org or by phone at 406.222.9369

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NEXT CLUB MEETING: Monday May 1

Big Flats Community Center 7pm

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