
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

[Canisteo-Chemung-Cohocton-Susquehanna-Tioga Rivers in NY South & PA North Tiers] www.TwinTiersFFF.org May 2007

NEXT MEETING May 7

Monday, May 7th, 7 – 8:30 PM at the Big Flats Community Center

The May 7 meeting will feature nationally known fly angler, tier and author Ed Shenk. Ed grew up in Carlisle PA fishing the Letort, Big Spring, and Yellow Breeches. Ed, along with Vince Marinaro, Charlie Fox, Ross Trimmer, were legendary for developing flies and techniques for tough trout in ultra-demanding crystal clear spring creeks. Their legacy has influenced trout fly fishing strategies throughout the world.



Ed has fly fished for nearly 70 years. Ed has written for 'Sports Afield', 'Field and Stream', 'Fly Fisherman', 'Trout', 'Pennsylvania Angler', and many others. He wrote *Fly Rod Trouting*, appeared in the video *Ed Shenk, Master of the LeTort*, and will soon publish *70 Years with a Fly Rod*. Mr. Shenk originated the LeTort Hopper, LeTort Cricket, Shenk Cress Bug, Shenk Sculpin and Shenk White Minnow. Ed will soon be recognized for his LeTort Cricket fly as the fly of the year (2007) by the Pennsylvania Fly Fishers Museum Association.

Ed's slide presentation will be a rare opportunity to gain insight from a true master in our sport. The public is invited. We will be meeting in the larger room of the Community Center. *There will be a \$5 admission fee (waived for FFF members).*

April Meeting Highlights

Our own FFF member Bill Kessler shared his secrets of "Do It for Yourself" fishing for 'Bones' in the

Acklins and Crooked Islands of the Bahamas. Acklins was Bill's first choice due to its accessibility. He said good maps are hard to find. Acklins is 40 miles long and has 400 residents. There is not much in the line of provisions on the island. However, they were able to hire a local lady to their cooking for them. "Bones" caught ran from 1-1/2 to 6 pounds. Larger ones were seen but not enticed to strike. Be prepared to do a lot of wading in the shallow waters. Catching 'bones' requires a good deal of stealthy stalking and have your technical fly casting practice sessions completed well in advance of any trip for 'bones.' The fish spook easily. Fish tails will reach the surface when the fish feed on shrimp and crabs in shallow water.

Their rental cottage came with a "car" so they could reach other flats around the island. Local guides with boats are also available. The local past time is Dominos which the natives take very seriously.

TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS meeting notes:

Fish stocking has been on going with Chohocton, Cayuta, Park Station Lake and others receiving at least two spring stockings to date.

Russ announced that Park Station **will** again be the site for the youth fishing derby in June with a fly fishing only division a possibility. Date to be announced.

Keith Matthews and Ed Ryan attended the Chemung River Council meeting. The council is looking at several improvement programs for the Chemung River in the Elmira area. Included in the studies are walking trails, pedestrian bridge, additional access points, canoe portage route around the Elmira dam, rest room facilities, and other ideas. The two reported that all these projects will result in further studies but that at least a start is being made.

Two club participation dates are rapidly approaching: Sat June 9th 11 am to 3 pm Chemung River-Fest at the Grove St boat launch site in Elmira and Steuben Water Day June 3rd noon to 4 pm in Hammondsport. Plans were discussed regarding the club operating a booth with a few fly rods for people to

use with member instruction. These events present good opportunities to reach potential FFF members.

The Educational Scene

By Russ Hyde, TT-5R Educational VP

Our efforts to introduce “Fly Fishing“ as an alternative activity for youth is starting to come together. Two years ago we were asked to help promote Fly Fishing in one of our local High Schools as an alternative activity. Mr. Jeff Manwaring, then an administrator in the Horseheads School District spearheaded the project and obtained a school district grant to build the program. If success can be measured in numbers, Horseheads High School put 790 students through the program in its first two years. Mr. Manwaring has since assumed a new position with the Elmira City School District (CSD) as Physical Education Director and it is rumored that “ Elmira CSD will be starting a similar program in the ‘2007-08‘ school year .

Since the inception of this program at Horseheads and now Elmira, there has been quite a bit of interest shown by the school districts of Odessa, Watkins Glen, Bradford and Corning-Painted Post. It pears that through the channel of Physical Education Programs in our high-schools we can provide an avenue for the young ‘*Fly Fishers of Tomorrow*‘ !

Broadway Middle School in Elmira has five students enrolled in a fly tying class. They have progressed beyond the Green Weenies and Wooly Buggers. Plans are afoot to use a special bus to take the students on a fishing outing to Miller's Pond.

These are not the only programs that are affecting the youth of our tri-county area. At the beginning of the '07 school year, Mr. Dan Drake, Director of Youth Services and Recreation for the Town of Southport, approached the Federation of Fly Fishers asking if we thought there might be interest in teaching ‘*Fly-Tying & Fly Casting*‘ as part of his After School Programs for Middle School Youth.



Having participated [TT-5R] in three of Mr. Drake's Town of Southport's youth fishing derbies in the newly created division for

“Fly Fishing Only“ area, Mr. Drake was no unknown promoter of youth fishing programs to the Federation.

We [TT-5R] agreed to support any interest that he may conjure up within the schools. A phone call in early September showed that there was so much interest that on the day of registration for the school program, 'sign-ups' had to be “CLOSED“ in the first hour. There were 39 students and a line waiting for more applications.

After much ‘hustle and bustle‘ and the help of Ray Grandner's Pinewood Flies shop, we were able to start our first program for ten students in the beginning of March. Mr. ‘Dick‘ Paul graciously accepted the title of Program Director along with help from other TT-5R members Jack Russen and Russ Hyde. .

Since the program has started, and the ability of the students overwhelmed us, we have joined forces with the local Trout Unlimited chapter [Catherine Creek], its president, Tim Blank and ‘Master‘ fly tier and instructor Don Walker. At this point, I must also mention the project has also received a ‘sizeable donation‘ of materials and much needed supplies from StoneRiver Outfitters, in Bedford, New Hampshire.

One can only believe we are making an impact on the youth of tomorrow. This program will become a ‘feeder‘ for our high schools and an avenue of ‘Success‘ for our youth.

Thank you: Federation of Fly Fishers Twin Tiers-Five Rivers Chapter, Catherine Creek Trout Unlimited, Local and Distant Fly suppliers and volunteers for “Making a Difference“ and impacting “Our Youth of Tomorrow “!

Temple Fork TiCR X fly rod - auctioned off May 7

The Twin Tiers Five Rivers club has qualified to receive a free Temple Fork TiCR X 4-piece fly rod as part of the national FFF membership incentive program. The rod will be auctioned off as a fund raiser for the club at the May 7th meeting. The auction will be a silent auction format with bidders writing bids on a sheet of paper before and after the Ed Shenk presentation and during the following business meeting. Highest bid at the close of the meeting wins their choice of a 4 weight or 8 weight rod. These rods retail for \$225-\$250. Bidding will start at \$150 and proceed in \$5 minimum increments. The rod chosen by the winner will be delivered in 4 to 6 weeks time. Any FFF member who would like to bid but can't attend the meeting should call John Lively (607-739-8791) before the meeting and he'll bid for you, up to your limit. Proceeds of the auction will go into the general club treasury. Participation in the auction is limited to Twin Tiers Five Rivers club members with paid-up FFF memberships.

Cayuta Trash Round-Up and Rose Trimming

By John Livey, Pres TT-5R

TT-5R member Dave Gardner and I visited the Cayuta Creek special regulations area and picked up roadside trash from the "hub-cap" barn on Decker Road to the railroad bed pull off on NY Rte 223. In 90 minutes we collected six bags of trash. One rose bush was also trimmed (with prior permission of the landowner). The highlight occurred when a landowner, whose house fronts Decker Road and the creek, came out and thanked us, saying they were dismayed by the amount of litter left by fishermen over the past few weeks. TT-5R plan to do it again in a month or two, hopefully with a few more participants.



KEEP UP TO DATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING

around the Twin Tiers and Five Rivers by tuning into your club's web site which is updated regularly by club pres John Livey. www.TwinTiersFFF.org. Past newsletters and club library listings are available on-line.

FUTURE CLUB PROGRAMING

If you have a good program to suggest - call Kirk at 607-562-3344 or e-mail at kklingensmi@stny.rr.com
Mark these dates on your calendars, programs will begin promptly at 7 pm and, unless otherwise specified, be held at the Big Flats Community center.

June 4- **John Gaulke** - Unique Flyfishing in the Finger Lakes- see attached flier.

Club meeting programs are also on-line on the club's web site: www.twintiersFFF.org

FFF SPONSORED ROD BUILDING CLASS

The FFF is offering graphite rod building kits to charter club such as the TT-5R Chapter as an

educational tool. Kits are not to be used for personal use or for fund raisers. We can order up to 12 kits for a class. Kits are \$10 each plus shipping and include the graphite rod blank, snake guides, reel seats, tip top, hook keeper, and grip. Class participant's names and the class date must be sent to the FFF to obtain the kits. The TT-5R has experienced rod builders in its membership. If there is an enough interest this might be a worthwhile project for your chapter to consider. While the article offering the kits doesn't specify it, it is assumed that these rods are intended to used during fly casting instructional classes.

TICK REMOVAL

Submitted by Jake Trimmer

SUMMER IS COMING. THIS INFO MIGHT BE OF USE!

Please forward to anyone with children... or fishermen, people who do yard-work, gardeners, etc.!

A School Nurse wrote the info below -- good enough to share -- And it really works!

"I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

"Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20), the tick will come out on it's own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me.

"Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say, "It worked!" [Ed. Note- Anyone bitten by a tiny deer tick should seek professional medical attention as Lyme Disease is a real possibility as a result of the bite.]

CLUB LIBRARY

The TT-5R Chapter has its own library. If you have books, periodicals, tapes, or CD-ROMs involving flyfishing in any aspect that you wish to donate for this program, please bring your donations to any meeting. Gary Shaw has had to resign his position as club librarian, due to his work schedule conflicting with our

meeting nights. This position remains open – please talk to one of the club officers if you are interested. The club library list is up on the club web site www.twintiersFFF.org.

MicroDots

These are Velcro and stick on reel bodies. They are great for holding the end of your tippet so it doesn't catch up in the body of the reel. No more lost tippet ends. A package of three normally sells for \$5.95 but

you can get a pretty good discount if you buy them from the club. You'll want one for all your fly reels. See Dick Naylor for yours.

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.

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The Federation of Fly Fishers is a 41-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. *Join or renew FFF membership online at www.fedflyfishers.org or by phone at 406.222.9369*

Club Web Site www.TwinTiersFFF.org

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John Gaulke “Flyfishing in the Finger Lakes”

Monday, June 4th, 7 – 8:30 PM at the Big Flats Community Center

The June meeting will feature Finger Lakes guide and Cornell teacher, John Gaulke.

John guides on the Eastern Finger Lakes Region over 150 days a year – including Skaneateles, Cayuga, Cayuta, Keuka, Owasco, Cross, and Lake Ontario. John runs trips on his 18’ Crestliner from January through December. He targets landlocks, big pike, lake trout, smallmouth and largemouth bass, gar, carp and freshwater drum.

John also teaches the “Introduction to Fly Fishing” and “Introduction to Freshwater Angling” classes at Cornell.

John’s presentation will review species and strategies for Finger Lakes fly fishing. He is well known for his knowledge and expertise on our home waters. This will be a do-not-miss opportunity.

Check out John’s website at www.fingerlakesanglingzone.com