
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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May 2009

NEXT MEETING

Monday May 4, 2009

Big Flats Community Center

Red Gold

At our May meeting, we are showing 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 gold mines which are proposed for the headwaters of the fishery.



Red Gold is not just a film about salmon. It features beautiful scenery, interesting portraits of people living and working in the affected area, and a great soundtrack. It has won numerous awards, including:

- Director's Choice, Telluride Film Festival
- Audience Choice, Telluride Film Festival
- Best Cinematography, Newburyport Festival
- Best of Festival, Ellensburg Film Festival
- Best Environmental Film, Taos Mtn. Film Fest.
- Big Sky Award, Big Sky Film Festival
- Culture Award, San Francisco Ocean Festival

We hope you will join us!

Upcoming Events

The club has two fishing trips planned in May. The first is a **trip to Rainbow Paradise** in Coudersport, PA on May 9th. The area consists of two trout ponds with many fish in the 14-24 inch range for catch and release fly fishing. No PA license is needed. This is a great time, and a chance to catch some unusually large fish or to try that new pattern.

A fee is charged for actual time spent fishing. Rainbow Paradise is offering the club a discount - depending on how many attend. If we have a group >8, the cost is \$5/hr (5-7 is \$6/hr, <5 is the std \$7/hr).

We will carpool from the Corning Wegmans' (NE corner) at 9:00am. The club will provide burgers, rolls, and fixings for lunch. Participants may bring along food or drink to share. We will be returning to Corning approx 5:00. Please let Kirk know if you are planning to attend - call or e-mail Kirk for more info. (Members are welcome to bring guests - this is a great outing for beginners or to refresh those big fish skills).

The second club fishing outing in May is a trip to the **Cohocton River** on May 30. We will meet up at the Corning Wegmans' parking lot (NE corner) at 10:00am. Bring sulfur mayfly imitations.

Fly Fishing Academy

The 2009 Fly Fishing Academy took place Saturday, April 4, at the Horseheads Middle School. A total of 28 students took the class, assisted by almost as many club members. The event came off without a hitch, and feedback has been very positive. Special thanks to Steve Harris and Kirk Klingensmith for organizing the event, and to Dick Naylor, George Roy, and Dylan Margeit for managing the food and drink. And most of all we extend our gratitude to the instructors - Dave Rothrock, Carol Farkas, and Joe Cambridge - for giving up their time and sharing their extensive knowledge with the rest of us.

Fly of the Month: Red Quill

Contributed by Factotum

This is a must have fly in late April-early May during the Hendrickson hatch.



Hook: Standard dry fly, size 14
Thread: Brown
Tail: Dun hackle fibers, or dun microfibrils
Underbody: Brown dry fly dubbing, tapered
Abdomen: Two stripped hackle stems, one darker, one lighter in color
Thorax: Brown or dark tan dry fly dubbing
Para post: Dark dun Z-Lon, turkey flat, or polypro
Hackle: Dark dun

The key differentiator of this fly is the use of two stripped hackle stems for the abdomen, which are wrapped in alternating fashion to create well-defined segmentation. One should be thicker and colored with a dark tan marker, the other thinner and lighter colored. This is a favorite of both Kirk Klingensmith and Ray Grandner.

General meeting – April 6

2008 Fly Fishing Champion George Daniel addressed our chapter meeting on Monday, April 6. He first talked about Lessons Learned from Fly Fishing Competitions. George is a member of the U.S. Fly Fishing Team and traveled to Europe to participate in the World Championships of Fly Fishing. He said that since contestants can't choose the time of day to fish, most competitors use simple bead head nymphs such as a hare's ear or pheasant tail, with orange or red accents, and focus on presentation. Many also use extra long leaders, so no flyline is outside the guides during the cast and drift.

George also gave us a bonus talk on small stream brook trout fishing in Pennsylvania. Using photos and video clips, he showed how to execute a bow and arrow cast to reach little pockets and pools where a normal cast was impossible, often from a kneeling position.

George is a dynamic speaker and both talks were fun, inspiring, and instructional. Mr. Daniel is currently assistant manager of TFO Outfitters in State College, PA.

Business meeting –April 20

The monthly business meeting was held April 20, with Kirk Klingensmith, Steve Harris, Jake Trimmer, Ed Ryan, and John Lively attending.

- Treasury: Steve Harris reported a starting balance of \$4,046 in the club's bank account, expenses of \$1,269 (mainly the Academy), and income of \$2,214 (Academy fees, equipment sales, raffle money). Closing balance on 4-20-09 was \$4,990.
- Conservation: Plans for clean up of the Cayuta Special Regs area were finalized.
- Programs: Decision was made to do a bass fishing program for the June meeting.
- Plans for upcoming fishing trips were reviewed, no changes.
- Proposal to write a letter in support of keeping the state's only tree farm open was approved. Jake provided a draft letter which was signed and sent by President Klingensmith. The tree farm is operated by the DEC and provides pines, willows, and other plants for reforestation and bank stabilization programs.
- Proposal to send \$220 to Southern Tier Float Stockers in support of float stocking efforts on the Cohocton was approved. Money to reimburse for materials used in repairing damaged equipment.
- Proposal made and approved to provide partial funding in support of one of our youth member's travel to Montana in June to attend an FFF sponsored youth fly fishing camp.
- Discussion: Now that paddle boats will be allowed on Eldridge Lake in Elmira, can we get permission for other small craft such as canoes, kayaks, and float tubes? Jake will make inquiries and report back.

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

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).

Catch of the Month

Club member Chas Eliot with a spring steelhead from one of the Erie, PA tributaries, caught in March 2009.



Win a Fly Fishing Trip!

The club is 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.

Cayuta Creek Cleanup

About a dozen club members and friends participated in the club's annual clean-up of Cayuta Creek on Saturday April 24. With the landowner's permission, wild rose bushes were trimmed away from the access path along one popular stretch of the special regulations area, and trash was collected from both sides of a one mile section.



The take consisted mainly of beer and soda cans, plastic water bottles, fast food packaging, discarded

monofilament fishing line, Styrofoam cups and a few worm containers. With bright sun and temps heading into the 80s, it was not a great day for trout fishing, but a number of members gave it a shot anyway.

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.

Membership

To become and remain a member of our chapter, the 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.

The following memberships have expired or are expiring soon, according to our records:

Tom Abernatha Jr	Darryl Green	Dick Paul
Tom Abernatha Sr	Addison Goff	Stephen C Roe
Chris Abernatha	Jim Houck	Thomas Rood
Ken Aniolek	Mark Ivanick	John Rominger
John J Arnault	Julian Euell	Dave Rothrock
David Brown	Fred Kelly	George Roy
Joe Cambridge	Bill Kessler	Jack Russen
Steve Capizzi	Dave & Cheryl Larsen	Ed Ryan
Adam Corey	Jeff Manwaring	Bob Swiatowy Jr.
Ray Corey	Greg Marion	Jim Swan
Bob Davis	Dylan Margeit	Michael Tarby
Alex Dawson-Elli	Terry Margeit	Hector Velez
Paul Elli	Al Neally	Casey Volino
Carol Farkas	Jason Novotny	Tina Winstead
Scott Frederick	Gene Nowlan	
Mike Gildea	Roy Patterson	

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

Recent renewals include Jake Trimmer, Dave Collins, Steve Harris, Joe Bird, Tom Waytena, Vince Leonard, Gary Shaw, Howard Kimball, and Greg Heffner.

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.

<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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