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# FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

## TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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### NEXT MEETING

**Monday, Nov 5th, 7 PM at the Big Flats  
Community Center**

**Joe Cambridge**

### Strategies for Rising Trout

**Monday November 5 7:00 pm**

We welcome back **Joe Cambridge** and his **Strategies for Rising Trout**. Joe's program will focus on approaching situations when trout are taking on top. Joe is no stranger on our club's program schedule. His last program "Winter Fishing Finger Lake Tribs" was filled with "how to" tricks of the fishing trade. Many of us took away a lot of useful notes on improving our own efforts for wintertime fishing open waters.

Joe's November presentation promises to be just as helpful to those just getting started in the sport. Yet, Joe's insight will be just interesting to those of us who from time to time have faced difficulties in catching rising trout.

Professor Joe (He teaches fly fishing and English at Tompkins-Cortland Community College) will be explaining rise forms and how to interpret them. He will discuss his choice of flies (emergers, duns, and spinners) for each situation and his strategies to fish them. Joe says: "I'll try to get in a little something for everyone. What's important is that people know a few tricks to try, especially when trout are being snooty."

Joe is a member of the FFF and your own Twin Tiers-Five Rivers Chapter. Check out Joe's article on "Fishing the Finger Lakes" in the December '07 of *Fly Fisherman*.

### Last Month's Program-

**featured our own Dave Rothrock.** Dave is a member of our TTFR – FFF club. He is a guide from Jersey Shore PA, FFF certified casting instructor, former LL Bean casting instructor, Vice President of the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited, and author of a number of articles in *Fly Fisherman* and *Pennsylvania Angler*.

Dave's program- "Pennsylvania's Prime-Time Limestoneers" was filled with photos of prime fishing waters of some of Pennsylvania's best trout streams. Dave "walked" us through some of his favorite fly fishing spots and gave us several of his successful strategies on how he approaches them.

Dave's slide show was overview of limestone-influenced streams in central Pennsylvania. He covered such streams as:

Little Lehigh- began testing fly patterns there in 1967

Little Juanita River-

Fishing Creek- Wild browns, lots of pocket waters and pools. Some wild Brookies too. 24 miles of trout water. Upper reaches not stocked but lower section gets a stocking of rainbows.

Spring Creek- fish in just about every pocket water but sensitive to fish. Good water to teach others the art of flyfishing.

Penns Creek- usually open all winter and not heavily fished then. 7 miles of trophy trout waters but access by walking only. Spring hatches may bring out a lot of fishermen.

Little Joy- stocked with fingerlings

Dave highlighted tactics for fishing these streams, important hatches, and effective patterns for fishing "hatch" and "non-hatch" situations. He emphasized the importance of a strike indicator on these waters.

These streams are within 2 hours drive of Elmira-Corning. Many club members fish them regularly. They are worthwhile destinations through the winter, fishing well when many local streams don't. \*\*

## Business meeting minutes for October

1. Sportmans Show was not well attended. Club members tied flies and gave casting demos.
2. Insurance – We now have liability insurance coverage for club activities. This is a requirement for us to use the Community Center for meetings as well other club functions.
3. Programs – Kirk has lined up US Fly Fishing Team member **George Daniel** to be our spring round-up feature speaker at our April meeting. There are still openings in the spring schedule, so if you have any ideas for speakers, contact Kirk Klingensmith.
4. Fly tying – rooms are reserved for open tying starting the first Tuesday in November, 6 – 9 PM. Allan Podell contacted the Star Gazette re a public notice. Another room is reserved for a fly tying class (should we decide to hold one) in the months of January and February.
5. School programs – Russ gave a long report on after school flyfishing program activities. The success of the Horseheads program has been contagious. Several area schools were looking into the possibility of having similar programs in their schools. Now, several of these schools are ready to launch their own programs and are looking to us for assistance. There is some concern that the sudden start-up of so many schools may tax our club's resources. If asked, please give strong consideration to assisting Russ and his committee in the worthwhile project. Sign-up for some of these programs begins in December for January and February after school programs.
6. Healing Waters – Dick Naylor reported on sessions held with military veterans convalescing at the Bath VA Hospital covering the basics of fly fishing. It has been a challenging program requiring a lot of patience.
7. Treasurers report – the club account has a balance of \$2874.80.
8. An alarming report was presented concerning the spread of "Rock Snot" *Didymosphenia geminata*. Rock snot has been found in the Beaverkill and the West Branch of the Delaware. Those fishing these and any other waters must be careful not to spread this into our home waters. Careful cleaning of waders and fishing craft after use will prevent this invasive algae's spread.

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## TT-5R Elections in November

The TT-5R nominating committee has selected the following candidates for office beginning January 1, 2008:

President- Tom Krajci  
First Vice President- Jake Trimmer  
Vice President Program- Kirk Klingensmith  
Vice President Education- Russ Hyde  
Vice President Conservation- John Lively  
Treasurer- Dick Naylor  
Secretary/Newsletter- Tom Rood

Other nominations for officers from the floor must be for and by FFF members in good standing. The nominating committee requests that all such nominations be approved by the potential nominee prior to the November 5<sup>th</sup> election of officers.

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**Monday Dec 3 7:00 pm**  
**Amy Wolfe**

**Presents**



## TU Kettle Creek & West Susquehanna Restoration

We are very fortunate to have **Amy Wolfe** with to us in December. Amy is the director for Trout Unlimited's much-celebrated **Abandoned Mines Program** – which is overseeing vital watershed restoration efforts in Central PA. Amy directed Home Water's restoration of Kettle Creek – and now is overseeing the critical West Susquehanna Restoration. You may have read about these projects in the Summer's Trout Unlimited's magazine *Trout*.



Under Ms. Wolfe's leadership since 1999, the Kettle Creek Home Rivers Initiative has grown into a \$4.1MM watershed restoration program that focuses on abandoned mine

drainage abatement, fish habitat improvement, and landowner stewardship education

Hold your calendar's open. This meeting will be a do-not-miss opportunity.

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## Words from the President

John Livey: Many of you may know that upon conclusion of the elections at the November meeting, I am stepping down as president of the club after serving three one-year terms. I strongly believe that clubs, like governments, need turnover in leadership on a regular basis, to inject new ideas and energy into the organization. As I wrap up my 3 years at the helm, I thought this would be a good time to reflect on what the club has accomplished and where the challenges ahead lie, as I see them.

In terms of accomplishments, the club has done a lot of good things over the past three years, including:

- Held two 1-day seminars, which provided an introduction to fly fishing and tying to over 400 people.
- Initiated club-sponsored fly-tying classes and open fly-tying nights
- Had many top-notch speakers educating our members both on new techniques and new places to fish
- Conducted the club's first Healing Waters program, providing an introduction to fly fishing as well as recreational therapy for a number of military veterans at the Bath VA Hospital.
- Initiated and staffed a fly fishing club for school kids at the Broadway Middle School in Elmira, and generated interest in several other schools in our area
- Donated hundreds of dollars to buy fish for the Mill Street Pond and for float stocking equipment
- Represented club interests in the development of a preliminary master plan for the Chemung River
- Participated in the Elmira RiverFest and Chemung Federation's National Hunting and Fishing Day events.
- Maintained a strong financial position and initiated liability insurance coverage for the club.
- Published a professional-looking newsletter, and established a club web site and club library.
- Grew the membership of the club considerably

The credit for these accomplishments belongs to each and every club member who suggested, planned, and participated in them. The list of accomplishments makes clear that this club has some talented and dedicated members, and that we have had a positive impact on both the fly fishing community and the community at large. I have every expectation that this will continue.

At the same time, there are two things I wish we had done more of during my tenure. The first is conservation projects. While some of us helped stock fish and planted willows, and two of us picked up trash along Cayuta Creek (thanks, Dave), my gut says we can do more. To that end, I am standing for election to a new position of VP of Conservation/Access, to bring more focus on that aspect of the FFF mission. I'm looking forward to this new role. The second area for improvement is integrating new members into the club. We have not had a high percentage of newcomers coming back. As president I accept responsibility for the shortfall in this area. Going forward we need to work harder on this important task.

My final words as president are these: "Thank you!" Thanks for your time and participation, thanks for your positive attitudes, thanks for your friendship. It has been a lot of fun.

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### PROGRAMMING

If you have a good program to suggest - call Kirk at 607-562-3344 or e-mail at [kklingensmi@stny.rr.com](mailto:kklingensmi@stny.rr.com)  
*Club meeting programs are also on-line on the club's web site: [www.twintiersFFF.org](http://www.twintiersFFF.org)*

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### 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..

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### ROCK SNOT UPDATE

You have no doubt heard about Rock Snot (*Didymosphenia geminata*) from reports coming out of New Zealand trout fisheries. Well, we got it here now. Here being the Battenkill (VT) and Catskill's Beaverkill and West Br. Delaware rivers. From photos it looks like a brownish green quick covering wet slimy moss-like aquatic algae growing up to six inches thick. It produces long stems. So far reports are coming in that streams from Tennessee to California, including areas of Idaho and Montana, up into Alaska have it.

It is nearly impossible to fish through and in shallower waters the stuff cling to lines making them difficult to lift. The worst damage comes from its ability to

smoother aquatic insects thus removing the major sustenance of our favorite cold water fishes. How it spreads so fast is still a mystery. We can not do much about aquatic waterfowl but we can make sure we thoroughly clean our waders and water floating devices (boats, tubes, etc) before switching streams.

There is supposition that low water due to droughts may encourage it to get started. How to remove it is still an unanswered question but will probably require lots of money and hard work. If you spot it in our local streams let us know.

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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