
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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November 2008

Membership

NEXT MEETING

Monday, November 3, 7:00 PM

Big Flats Community Center

Dr. Walter Hang

“Citizen Advocacy Efforts to Clean up Cayuga Lake”

Our November 3 meeting will feature Ithaca resident Walter Hang, who will talk about “Citizen Advocacy Efforts to Clean up Cayuga Lake”. Dr. Hang is president of Toxics Targeting, an environmental data firm in Ithaca, NY. He and his colleagues conducted a study that found more than 1,000 pollution sources along four tributaries to southern Cayuga Lake. They received national media attention which resulted in nearly \$80 million in funding for toxic clean ups. Now Toxics Targeting is coordinating grassroots efforts to clean up Cayuga Lake. Alleviating and eliminating the lake's pollution problems remains an elusive goal for complex political and public policy reasons that will be documented and discussed.

Elections are here

Election of officers will be held at the November 3rd meeting. The slate of candidates is as follows:

- President – Kirk Klingensmith
- 1st VP and Secretary – John Lively
- Treasurer – Steve Harris
- Program chair – Jake Trimmer
- Conservation chair – Ed Ryan
- Club Librarian – Ken Aniolek
- Membership chair – open
- Education chair - open

Memberships expired or expiring soon: Tom Gill (August), Alan Podell, Jack Reed (September), Matt Collins (November), Bill Mihaly, John Scott Ryan, Raymond E Sherwood (December).

First-time FFF joiners can still buy a one-year membership at the discounted rate of \$15. The discounted one-year family rate is \$25, and a 3-year membership is only \$50. Joiners who list “Twin Tiers Five Rivers” in the ‘Referred by’ will count towards the membership incentive program, where the club can receive a new fly rod to use in funding raising or prize. (Discounts apply only to new members, not renewals.)

November Steelhead

November has traditionally been the month when many fly fishers put away their waders, rods, and reels, and break out the fly tying vise and pattern books. For others though, November is the most awaited month of the year, due to the arrival of steelhead season! Steelhead are rainbow trout that spend their summers in Lake Ontario or Lake Erie, and enter tributaries in the fall along with or after the salmon. They overwinter in the tribs, spawning in the springtime.



Fall steelhead often take flies with smashing hits, make amazingly fast runs, and display aerial acrobatics worthy of any stunt pilot. Swinging streamers, and

indicator fishing with egg flies and nymphs are proven tactics at this time of year. The more well-known steelhead streams within our reach are the Salmon River and Cattaraugus Creek in New York, and Elk and Walnut Creeks in Erie PA. Many other smaller tribs also get runs of fish as long as water levels are favorable. Some streams, like Oak Orchard west of Rochester, also get runs of large brown trout at the same time, making for some unforgettable fishing. If you haven't yet, give it a try! One great source of information for beginners is www.steelheads.com. The books *Steelhead Guide* by Jon Nagy, and *Steelhead Dreams* by Matt Supinski, are also excellent references.

Club library is expanding

The club was recently able to purchase a large collection of videos on fly fishing and fly tying at a great price. These are currently being cataloged and will soon be available for borrowing by club members. Ken Aniolek is taking over as Club Librarian and is managing the addition of these volumes to the collection.

Members only fly tackle sale

At the request of Tom Krajci's widow the club will hold a sale of Tom's fly fishing tackle, books, and fly tying equipment on Saturday December 6th, at the Chemung County Fairgrounds, in the Conservation Building. There are dozens of books, a variety of rods/reels/lines, and an extensive collection of fly tying tools and materials in the collection. The sale will be open to current FFF members at 10 AM, and to the general public (including club members with expired memberships) from 12:30 – 2:00 PM. If you would like to volunteer to help with the sale please contact Jake Trimmer or Ed Ryan.

Fly Fishing Academy - April 4, 2009

The club is planning to hold another Fly Fishing Academy next April 4th (2009). Please put a hold on the date. Planning will commence in the next few months.

Conservation news

The NYS DEC is holding public meetings on the environmental impact of natural gas well-drilling in New York. Fly fishers and others interested in keeping local streams, rivers, and lakes clean and flowing should attend. Meetings will be in **Bath at Haverling High School on November 12, and in Elmira at Southside High School on November 13**. The doors

open at 4:30 p.m., and the meetings start at 5:15 p.m. A presentation by DEC staff will be followed by public comments starting at 6 p.m. The DEC has proposed a number of issues to be covered in its analysis. The forums give the public the opportunity to review and comment on them. Copies can be downloaded at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/45912.html>.

On September 26, President George W. Bush signed an amendment to the 1995 Executive Order on recreational fishing. This historic amendment ensures that federal agencies must maintain recreational fishing on federal lands and waters, including marine protected areas. Once implemented, this policy will provide access to places where men, women and children can enjoy fishing now and in the future. This Executive Order revises Executive Order 12962 signed in 1995 by President Bill Clinton.

December program: bamboo

Tom Mason will join us in December and will discuss 'Fly tying and baloney'. Tom is very knowledgeable of old bamboo fishing rods, and will share what he knows of the history of old rods that members bring in.

October 2008 Meeting

Rob Streeter was the featured speaker at the October 2008 meeting. He presented "99 Ways to Improve Your Fly-Fishing". Among the tips that he shared were these:

- A clean fly line casts longer and easier
- Bass hate sunlight
- Don't wear bright colors on the stream
- Wash your hands to eliminate human smells
- Leave a trip plan at home with your whereabouts
- Be an ambassador for the sport
- Remember – it's supposed to be fun!

The second part of our meeting was held from 8 – 9 PM. Acting President Jake Trimmer reminded everyone that the club's next business meeting will be held on October 21st. A proposal will be voted on to provide funding to help stock the Mill Street pond in Horseheads with trout. The Chemung Federation of Sportsmen and Catherine Creek Chapter of TU have shared the cost in the past.

Members attending this meeting included Steve Harris, Dylan Margeit, Terry Margeit, Tim Costley, Dick Naylor, Dick Paul, Russ Hyde, Jack Russen, Jim Laskaris, Keith Matthews, Kirk Klingensmith, Jake Trimmer, George Roy, and John Lively. (Apologies for any misspelled names or missing members!).

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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