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# FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

## TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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### \*\*\* NEXT MEETING \*\*\*

### Monday 7pm October 2

#### **Tying Nymphs - Basic to Imitative**

The October meeting will be a real treat. Our own Dave Rothrock will be demonstrating fly tying nymphs - from basic to imitative. Dave is well known for his tying, especially of imitative nymphs. Some of these patterns appear in Ted Fauceglia's awesome book, *Mayflies* - and in *Fly Fisherman* magazine.

Dave will be tying and discussing nymph design. He will demonstrate a basic nymph design, then one of his own fur gill nymphs. Dave will talk about features of the fly which are helpful in triggering a take in those tough situations.

This presentation will be interesting to tyers from beginner through advanced. Even if you buy your flies, you will find Dave comments on fly design and situational fly selection helpful to your fishing success.

For those of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting Dave Rothrock, Dave is a member of our club, a fishing guide, and FFF certified casting instructor. He has been featured at fly fishing shows throughout the U. S. - including the International Fly Tying Symposium - as well as shows in Canada and Germany. Dave's articles have appeared in *Fly Fisherman* and *Pennsylvania Angler*. He participated in the Outdoor Life Network's Fly Fishing Masters competition. Dave has also served as an instructor in the L. L. Bean fly fishing schools in the Mid-Atlantic region.

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#### **Report From Last Meeting-** **Submitted by John Lively, Chapter President**

Dave Rothrock, Joe Cambridge, and Carol Farkas gave a fly casting clinic on the lawn from 6 - 7:30 PM. Dave taught curve casts and aerial mends, Joe taught tuck casts and other small stream techniques, and Carol taught the Belgian underhanded cast, for larger flies and tight situations. There was a lot of time for 1:1 interaction. Thanks to the instructors for a great seminar.

The following visitors, new or returning members were welcomed: Bob Corneau, Mark van Doninck, Dave Rockwell, and Al Podell. Kirk Klingensmith passed around a sympathy card for the club to sign, to send to Bill Lavris's wife Gloria. John Lively made several short announcements: - several donations have been received in memory of Bill Lavris by John Lively. John Lively will deposit in the club's account and Dick Naylor, club treasurer, will have a final tally by next meeting.

The FFF national is sponsoring a 'Healing Waters' program for wounded veterans, which is supposed to be spreading to all VA hospitals. If so we may be able to get involved via the Bath VA. More info coming in the a few months.

The FFF is now running a membership incentive where the club will get a Temple Fork fly outfit for every 10 new memberships

The Catherine's Creek watershed repair that we contributed money toward was completed. Don Walker sent us before and after photos.

The club Library list is now available on the club website: [www.twintiersFFF.org](http://www.twintiersFFF.org).

Kirk Klingensmith reviewed the speaker's calendar (also on your club website). A few slots are still open so feel free to make suggestions to Kirk or Scott Frederick. Kirk also noted that we have the room reserved for open fly tying every Tuesday night starting in November. Currently its reserved 7 to 10, but Kirk is checking to see if we can get it from 6 PM.

John Lively asked if there was interest in having a fly tying class again this year. Dave Rothrock suggested that instead of offering it for free we could require that students join FFF for one year in lieu of paying a fee. Mark Sodums suggested we could advertise it as a parent/child activity, charge one fee per family.

Final decision on fly tying night needs to be made by the November meeting, in order to publicize in December and start in January. Someone else suggested we could also have different members demonstrate different techniques or flies on our regular fly tying nights. If you want to volunteer to demo a fly or technique, please let John Lively know.

Jim Laskaris said that the Chemung Federation raffle drawing will likely be held during its December banquet. So there is still time for TT5R club members to buy tickets or sell tickets to friends/family. First prize is \$3500 cash.

Ed Ryan proposed that we codify the float stocking technique developed by the late Bill Lavris as *'The Lavris Method'*. John Lively agreed to put a description with that name on the website, linked to the float stocking article that is already there.

Dick Paul mentioned that he and others are planning to purchase a couple of benches to be placed along the Cohocton with a bronze plaque commemorating Bill Lavris. He plans to ask our club (as well as Bath TU and Hornell Floatstockers) for a donation once design is firmed up and costs are known, probably in the October meeting. Benches would be placed on site in the spring.

Dick Naylor reported our finances are still in good shape with more than \$3000 in the club bank account.

Two club fishing outings were agreed to. The first is a trip to the Genesee River on September 23rd (Saturday). Meet at Wegman's (Corning) parking lot at 11 AM to carpool.

The second fishing trip is to the Cohocton on October 14 (Saturday). Meet at Wegman's in Corning at noon to carpool.

*In the event the streams are not fishable, we may change the venue to Rainbow Paradise.*

Tom Krajci was absent. Someone reported seeing him last being detained for questioning at the airport, after TSA personnel found 300 Fly Rod Dots in his carry-on bag while attempting to board a flight south. [OK, not really, but if you want to buy any dots, Tom has them.] 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. You'll want one for all your fly reels. See Tom Krajci for yours. Contact Tom at 607-734-1156.

On a personal note, especially fitting on the 5th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks, Dick Naylor mentioned that a 19-year-old in his family is preparing to deploy to Iraq for the second time with the Marines. He is bound for Ramadi where he expects to be engaged in door to door operations against insurgents. Dick asked that we think about this person, and others like him, the next time we enjoy the freedom to fish one of our beautiful streams. The thoughts and prayers of the club members will be with Dick and his family.

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## November 6 Program - Fly Lines, their Construction, Choice, and Care

John Shaner from Cortland will present on **"Fly Lines, their Construction, Choice, and Care"**. His talk will cover *"all you ever wanted to know about fly lines, but were afraid to ask."*

John has fly fished since he was 8. He has been in the "business" since 1984, spending 15 years managing fly shops and organizing fishing travel. In the 1990's, John managed Madison River Outfitters in West Yellowstone, MT; guided; and tied flies commercially. He has been a sales rep for Orvis. John is now the Cortland representative for PA, NJ, MD, and DE.

John has fished from Maine through the Keys, Bahamas, Belize, Panama, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, New Mexico, etc. John is past president of the Iroquois Chapter of TU and currently a Trustee of the CFFCM. His favorite fishing is sight fishing tiny nymphs on Spring Creeks, Limestoneers, and Chalk Streams. We think you will find John's talk informative and will find John a very interesting fly fisher.

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## Club Election of Officers

It's that time of the year again. Election of club officers for 2007 is slated for the November meeting. Any club member with an interest in serving as a club officer, please talk to John Lively (President) or any of the current club officers: Kirk Klingensmith (VP Programs), Russ Hyde (VP Education), Tom Rood (Secretary), Dick Naylor (Treasurer), and Dick Paul (Seminar Chair).

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## TUESDAY EVENINGS FLY TYING

From Allan Podell

*[Allan has volunteered to chair the Tuesday evening fly tying program. He is seeking your ideas and support]*

### YOUR PARTICIPATION SOUGHT

On Tuesdays, beginning November 7th from approx. 6:30 through 9:30pm, the TT5R chapter of FFF will hold fly tying sessions at the Big Flats Community Center. These sessions will be geared to 'above beginner' fly tiers who:

- want to just tie some flies
- want to observe others tying
- want to learn specific techniques to improve their abilities
- who are willing to share their fly tying knowledge through specific demonstrations.

Perhaps you enjoy tying a specific pattern or style. Perhaps you've developed or feel well versed with a particular technique.

On the other hand, perhaps there's always been a pattern or style that's eluded your efforts to learn or intrigued you and you haven't tried tying it yet. Here's your chance to share what you know and learn something new.

There's quite a diversity of fly tying knowledge and capabilities among the membership and friends of this chapter. So, to take advantage of those capabilities and

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to meet the desires of those who wish to learn some specific techniques, I'm in the process of creating a list of members and what they are willing to demonstrate and what demonstrations members would like to see.

To make that determination, and to follow-up the information gathered with a complete schedule, I am asking the membership and its friends to take a few minutes to complete the brief survey below and return it to me. All you have to do is answer a few questions:

1 - I am comfortable and willing to demonstrate:

\_\_\_\_\_.

2 - I am interested in seeing a demonstration about:

\_\_\_\_\_.

3 - What date would you be available to do a demonstration (as in #1): \_\_\_\_\_,  
or \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.

For example, answers might be (1) Catskill dries, (2) Married winged wets and (3) a specific date, any Tuesday, or any Tuesday except (specific date). Based on the responses received, I will coordinate and prepare a schedule to satisfy those who can do #1 and those who seek to learn #2.

You can respond by email or, if you prefer, call me. I'll be looking forward to hearing from many of you. Please respond by October 2.

Thanks,

Allan Podell Ph. 607-734-6257 or apodell@stny.rr.com

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## **FUTURE CLUB PROGRAMING**

Scott Fredrick and Kirk Klingensmith are continuing to work your club's schedule. If you have a good program to suggest - please call Kirk at 607-562-3344 or e-mail at [kklingensmi@stny.rr.com](mailto:kklingensmi@stny.rr.com)

***Mark these dates on your calendars, meetings will begin promptly at 7 pm and, unless otherwise specified, be held at the Big Flats Community center.:***

Nov 6- **John Shaner- Cortland Line Co. Fly Lines, Their Construction, Choice, and Care**

Nov 7- Fly Tying Programs 7 pm- Big Flats Community Center- and every Tuesday evening through March.

Dec 4- **Joe Cambridge- Winter Finger Lakes Fishing**

Jan 8- **Keith Matthews- Fly Fishing in South America**

Jan 26-28- Sommerset, NJ Fly Fishing Show at Garden State Exhibition Center

Feb 5- Suggestions?

March- 5- Final Seminar Planning

March 25- **Fly Fishing Seminar-** Horseheads Middle School 1-5 pm

Suggestions desired for meeting programming April through August.

The schedule is also on line on the club's web site:

[www.twintiersFFF.org](http://www.twintiersFFF.org).

## **CLUB LIBRARY**

Gary Shaw manages the club's 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](mailto:gweb731@aol.com), or bring your donations to any meeting.

The club library list is now up on the club web site [www.twintiersFFF.org](http://www.twintiersFFF.org). *If there is something on that list you would like to see for a month, give Gary a call or email and he will bring it to the next meeting. We all are honor bound to return borrowed items to the next club meeting.*

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## **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.*

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TT5R Members Who Should Renew FFF Membership on or before November 1, 2006:

John Dytman

Jim Laskaris

Jim Emmick

Dick Naylor

Tom Krajci

Dave Pelachik

*Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter of the FFF is a non-profit group where the only requirement to belong is a current membership in the FFF. TT5R does not collect initiation fees or collect dues. While business meetings are for FFF members only, the program part of meetings is open to the public.*

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## **Some Reminders**

TT5R celebrates the first anniversary with its own domain name web site [www.twintiersFFF.org](http://www.twintiersFFF.org)

What's up on the site? How about the current club library listing, club schedule, special activities, and contact information. Check it out today and be sure to bookmark it for rapid returns.

FFF members should know that they could renew on-line as well as by phone. The information, address, web site, and phone number for the FFF is always at the end of every newsletter.

We also include directions to the Big Flats Community Center at the end of every newsletter so

you will be able to invite friends to meetings and special events. Just give them a copy of the club newsletter. It contains all the real important stuff.

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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.

**John Lively- Pres- (607.739.8791 Email [jlively@stny.rr.com](mailto:jlively@stny.rr.com))**

**Tom Rood- Sec/Editor (315.536.2556 E-mail [TKRood@Localnet.com](mailto:TKRood@Localnet.com))**

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. Join or renew FFF membership online at [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org) or by phone at 406.222.9369

**Club Web Site [www.TwinTiersFFF.org](http://www.TwinTiersFFF.org)**

**NEXT CLUB MEETING: Monday Oct 2**

**Tying Nymphs - Basic to Imitative**

At

**Big Flats Community Center**

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Twin Tiers-5 Rivers Chapter  
C/o Tom Rood, Secretary  
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