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# FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

## TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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### NEXT MEETING

**Monday, October 6, 7:00 PM**

**Big Flats Community Center**

**Rob Streeter**

**“99 tips to improve your fly fishing.”**



At our next meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>, Rob Streeter will be presenting "99 Ways to Improve Your Fly-Fishing". His talk features tips, techniques, humor, and even a little philosophy.

Rob works for NYSDEC Region 5 Division of Water with fisheries and wildlife biology education. He is also an avid outdoor writer (25 plus years) – writing mainly about bow hunting and fly-fishing. He is currently the outdoor columnist for the Albany Times Union. Rob's articles have also appeared in Outdoor Life, Bowhunter, American Angler, and Fly Rod & Reel. He has authored two books- The New York Fly-Fishing Guide, and, Warmwater Fly-Fishing. ([www.robstreeter.com](http://www.robstreeter.com))

See you there!

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### Help wanted

With Tom Kracji's death in August, Russ Hyde and Tom Rood having both stepped down from their posts, and Dick Naylor needing to do so also, the club is running almost on empty. Jake Trimmer has assumed the presidency and John Lively has agreed to be Secretary, but that still leaves us severely shorthanded.

The positions of VP Education, VP Conservation, and Treasurer are all open or will be, and there is also a need for people to help plan the speakers and programs for our meetings, and to assist in planning of the Fly Fishing Academy. The primary qualifications for these positions are a desire to help and a willingness to spend a little extra time working with other club members. Please talk to Jake, Kirk, or John if you have an interest in getting more involved.

### Membership

**New joiners:** Tim Costley, Duke Carroll (June)

**Memberships expiring soon:** Tom Gill (August), Alan Podell, Jack Reed (September), Matt Collins (November).

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.)

### Tom Rood hangs up the pen

Tom Rood retired from the post of club Secretary and Newsletter Editor in September, after serving for longer than any of us could remember. All of us in the club owe Tom a debt of gratitude for the many hours spent composing and mailing the newsletters, and maintaining our membership and mailing lists.

As I begin my on-the-job training as Tom's replacement, I am sure I will make a few missteps along the way. I hope you will all bear with me and be

quick to point out errors and make helpful suggestions. If you don't know me, I live in Horseheads, joined the club maybe 6 years ago, served as club President for 3 years, and fly fish for trout, smallmouth, carp, salmon, and steelhead, as often as I can. – John Lively

## **Time for a new license**

New York State fishing licenses expired on the last day of September. Starting October 1, you need a new one for the 2008-2009 license year. In addition to buying licenses at a local sporting goods store, you can order them online, by phone, and by mail. See this link for more info: [www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6101.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6101.html). (The state says 'allow three weeks for delivery'.)

## **Attend a meeting, win a float tube**

Starting in October, the club will raffle off a 'Classic float tube kit' at each meeting, until our supply is gone. The kit lets you take a regular truck or tractor tire inner tube, and turn it into a float tube for fishing still waters. The kit has a secondary air bladder in the backrest, and inner tubes are available at Central Tractor and tire stores for around \$25. The club recommends that you wear a PFD whenever using a float tube, as an added measure of safety.

## **Fly Fishing Academy April 4, 2009**

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

## **Conservation news**

The Great Lakes Compact was recently passed by the House of Representatives and sent to President Bush for signature. This legislation prevents the diversion of water from the Great Lakes to other areas of the country. Lawmakers had feared that water shortages in other areas would lead to pressure to divert large amounts of water to other parts of the country, damaging the Great Lakes ecosystem and the sport and recreational industries that depend on them.

The USGS reports that several important water gauges on local rivers will cease operation on September 30, due to funding cuts in President Bush's 2009 Budget. Gauges slated to be turned off include those located on the Chemung in Chemung NY, and on the Cohocton River in Avoca, New York. These gauges are an important tool for monitoring surface water withdrawals by well drilling operations. Some of the data series to be discontinued are over 100 years old.

## **November program on 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.

## **September 2008 Meeting**

A casting clinic was held on the lawn of the Big Flats Community Center starting at 6:30 PM. Carol Farkas, Dave Rothrock, and Kirk Klingensmith taught a total of 12 participants a variety of skills, from the basic lay-down cast, to casting weighted flies, sidearm casts, and slack line casts.

The second part of our meeting was held inside from 8 – 9 PM. With the passing of Tom Krajci in August, Jake Trimmer is now the acting President of the Club (he had been First Vice President). Since Jake was on a fishing trip, he asked Kirk Klingensmith to run the meeting. Kirk passed around a sympathy card for members to sign which he is sending to Tom Krajci's widow, Rosalie.

Kirk then made the following announcements:

- Jake appointed John Lively to succeed Tom Rood as Secretary and Newsletter Editor. This is an interim appointment until the next elections in November. Kirk noted Tom's many years of dedicated service to the club.
- Fly fishing author Rob Streeter will join us for our October meeting. He will speak on '99 ways to improve your fly fishing'.
- Tom Mason will join us in December and will discuss 'Fly tying and baloney'. Tom is also very knowledgeable of old bamboo fishing rods, and will share what he knows of the history of old rods that members bring in.

Kirk then asked for suggestions from the membership for additional program topics to complete the schedule for the remainder of our 2008-2009 season. The following suggestions were made: Educational Videos, e.g. The Lifecycle of the Mayfly; Cayuga Lake concerns; impact of well drilling on fisheries; 'favorite fly' night; leaders – how tie, when to change, materials, etc.; tackle company representative; book reviews.

Members also expressed interest in fall fishing trips – especially a fall trout trip to Cohocton, Cayuta, or Genesee – or in taking up the invitation by the Buffalo FFF to go steelheading in their area.

We ended the meeting with around the room fishing reports. Members reported on recent trips to the Catskills, Cayuta Creek, Chemung River, Keuka Lake, and Dave Rothrock provided a stream report covering much of North Central PA.

Al Podell invited all members to meet him and other fly fishers from around the northeast US in Roscoe NY September 27-28 for a weekend of fly fishing, fly tying, and camaraderie. Call Al for details at 607-734-6257.

Members attending this meeting included Fred Kelly, Steve Harris, Tom Waytena, Tyler Knoll, Dylan Margate, Terry Margate, Dick Naylor, Dick Paul, Al Podell, Russ Hyde, Dave Rothrock, Dave Cowles, Kirk Klingensmith, and John Lively. Ken Aniolek was present for the casting. (Apologies for any misspelled names or missing members!).

## Upcoming fishing outings

Kirk Klingensmith is in discussions with the Buffalo area FFF about a joint outing most likely in November; more details to come. Meanwhile, October is the month for a trip to the Salmon River for salmon, steelhead, and brown trout. We will discuss at the October 6 meeting.



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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](http://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 will be on your right just beyond the town hall.

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