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# FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

## TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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### \*\*\* FIRST FALL MEETING \*\*\*

**September 11- 6 pm**

**Casting Clinic** The September meeting will be held on **Sept 11** starting at **6 pm** at the Big Flats Community Center. The date is shifted from our normal schedule due to the Labor Day holiday. We will be starting early to take advantage of maximum daylight. (If you can't be there for the 6:00 start, arrive when you can). The program will be a casting clinic on the lawn. Please bring your rod (or rods) to cast and practice.

Four casting coaches who will give short demonstrations, but mainly be available for casting advice and coaching. Dave Rothrock, Joe Cambridge, Carol Farkas and Ray Grandner will be coaches. Dave Rothrock is an FFF Certified Casting Instructor. Joe Cambridge teaches fly fishing at SUNY Cortland. Carol Farkas has taught casting and flyfishing all over. And, of course, Pinewood Flies owner, Ray Grandner has coached many through his shop.

This program will be a lot of fun and a great opportunity to learn from some very competent casters.

### The Year Ahead

Scott Fredrick and Kirk Klingensmith are working out the fall schedule. Programs will be interesting. 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 (other than Sept, meetings will begin promptly at 7 pm and, unless otherwise specified, be held at the Big Flats Community center.:*

Sept 11- Casting Clinic 6 pm start

Oct 2- Suggestions?

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. Let Kirk know your ideas.

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

<http://www.twintiersfff.org/FFFschedule.htm>

### CHEMUNG CLEAN RIVER BANKS

The *Clean Riverbanks* group would like to invite our chapter members to participate in upcoming Chemung River clean ups and planning meetings! The clean-up program began in August and continues through October.

#### Clean-up Meeting Dates

Clean Riverbank meeting dates are

Wednesdays, September 13 and October 11 from 7-8 at the Star Gazette.

#### River Clean-up Work Dates

**September 9** (Saturday) from 10-1

**October 7** (Saturday) from 10-1

To sign up for a clean-up contact Linda Couchon, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chemung County at [LWC4@cornell.edu](mailto:LWC4@cornell.edu) or Ph. (607) 734-4453 giving Linda the following info:

- a) Date of Clean up
- b) Name
- c) Phone Number
- d) Email address you would like Linda to use.

### TUESDAY FLY TYING EVENINGS

TT-5R Chapter has the Community Center booked on Tuesday nights from Nov through March. Our structured fly tying classes that began after the first of the year were a great success.

**Natural Chinook in the Millions in Salmon River** (Condensed due to space limitations)

Fisheries managers are excited but cautious about the finding that five to ten million Chinook salmon were naturally reproduced in the Salmon River in 2005. A five million- fish finding comes from a New York Sea Grant-funded project carried out by State University of New York College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry. SUNY ESF Dean of Research Dr. Neil H. Ringler says, "The calculations are actually quite conservative, and the number of juvenile Chinook for 2005 could easily have been close to ten million fish."

“The good news now is that the Salmon River obviously has good habitat for natural spawning, but this number of naturally-produced salmon may create additional pressure on prey fish populations. More research is needed to better understand how many of the wild fish are surviving to ‘fishable’ size,” MacNeill says.

The NYSDEC and USGS began conducting an annual seining (netting) fish index count on the Salmon River in 1999. NYSDEC Regional Fisheries Manager Daniel Bishop says “We have seen naturally-spawned Chinook in the Salmon River since the late 1990s, when a stable year-round water flow on the River was instituted by the power companies. Before that the flow would be shut off at night and leave the River ‘high and dry’,”

Ringler says, “Because of the stabilized flows in the Salmon River, the magnitude of reproduction is far higher today than during our initial studies (30 years ago). The recognition that wild fish matter will greatly enhance future management decisions in Great Lakes fisheries.”

Bishop notes that all five million of the naturally-spawned fish will not make it out of the River that is the largest cold water tributary to Lake Ontario. Still, he says, “These natural Chinook have the potential to have an extremely significant impact on the numbers of adult stock in Lake Ontario and on the long-term sustainability of the lake and river fishery. Their survival could depend upon an historical low level of the prey

fish, alewife.”

Salmon River Program Coordinator Fran Verdoliva says Chinook salmon are unique in that they do not require two years of residence in the River before they grow large enough to enter the Lake.

“The Chinook spawn in October and the fry are ready to go to the lake in June or July. With the regulated water flow, the River is now more functional for spawning and for juvenile fish survival. The question is how many of the wild fish will survive in the lake and return here to spawn their own young,” Verdoliva says.

#### **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.

#### **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.*

Your club also purchased a number of fly reel microdots. 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 607-734-1156.

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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.

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. You can join the FFF 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)**

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**NEXT CLUB MEETING: Monday Sept 11**

**Big Flats Community Center**

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