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Tom Krajci Memorial Issue

"GOD, GRANT ME THAT I MAY LIVE TO FISH UNTIL MY DYING DAY AND WHEN IT COMES TO MY LAST TASK, I MOST HUMBLY PRAY, THAT IN THE LORD'S SAFE LANDING NET I'M PEACEFULLY ASLEEP. IN HIS MERCY THAT I BE JUDGED BIG ENOUGH TO KEEP."



October 21, 1934 - August 13, 2008

Club President Tom Krajci passed away quietly in his sleep sometime during the early morning hours of August 13. He was planning on going fishing that day with Jake Trimmer and Ed Ryan to scout the Susquehanna in preparation for that Saturday's club fishing outing. [Above photo (by Kirk Klingensmith) was taken at the June 14 club outing with the Lake Erie (Buffalo) chapter of the FFF. We were fishing at Rainbow Paradise. The smile on Tom's face was despite a 24" brown trout which had slipped out of his hands and avoided being included.]

Condensed from the Elmira Star Gazette: Tom was born in Bethlehem and raised in Philadelphia. He served in the US Navy aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Rendova during the Korean War era. He earned his

bachelor's degree in psychology from Penn State and a post graduate degree in archaeology. Tom worked in labor relations and human resources. In the early 80's he and his wife Rosalie founded their own management consulting company "Resources for Management." Tom and Rosalie raised seven children. Tom was an active person with several interests besides fly tying and fly fishing. Some of these activities include travel, reading, politics, competitive games, and naval history.

From Jake Trimmer:

Memories of Tom Krajci:

I first met Tom at Ray Grandners Fly Shop when a group of flyfishers agreed to form a club and become charter members of FFF. During that meeting Ray asked each of us to give a brief background on our interests and backgrounds in flyfishing.

As I recall, Tom expressed his interest in a very passionate manner. However spending time with Tom over the years was not all about fishing. I soon learned that his many interests were preformed diligently. Tom was a fine fly tier, an avid reader, and a political and naval historian. He loved the arts and classical music. Tom was truly a man for all humanity who loved life and all its aspects.

Often when we were on the stream and encountered another fly fisherman Tom would frequently engage in discussing the finer points of his passion.

Our last fishing excursion was for bass and crappies at a friend's pond. It wasn't a very productive outing but his love of fishing was always present.

Unfortunately, Tom will not be with Ed, Steve and I for our forthcoming trip to Montana in September.

I'm sure HE will be watching our back casts and having an occasional chuckle.

From Kirk Klingensmith:

Tom Krajci was the founding President of the Twin Tier's-Five River's chapter from the club's start as a charter FFF chapter in Jan 2000 until Nov of 2004. He again was elected as president in Nov 2008, and held the position until his death.

Under Tom's presidency, the TTFR club grew significantly - hosting an annual Fly Fishing seminar that has been attended by over 200. Tom was the champion of our fishing outings - resulting in many fun evenings fishing for smallmouth on the Chemung River, or trout fishing on the Genessee, Conhocton Rivers, or on Cayuta Creek.

Tom's family has request that monetary memorials should be sent to:

Chemung County Conservancy
c/o Stephen C. Roe, Esq.
215 W. Water St.
Elmira, NY 14901

Cards may be sent to:

Rosalie Krajci
953 W. Church St
Elmira, NY 14905

NEXT MEETING

Monday, Sept 8, 7 PM at the Big Flats Community Center CASTING NIGHT

For our first fall program, we are planning to take advantage of the availability of daylight and have a casting clinic. FFF Certified Casting Instructor, Dave Rothrock (and Carol Farkas) along with other club members will be demonstrating and teaching casting skills. This will be a great evening to learn – whether you are new to the sport or if you want to work on advanced casting techniques.

Bring your rod, reel, leader, and practice fuzz fly – and we'll have some fun on the lawn of the Community Center.

See you there!

Jake Trimmer sent the following article which may be of interest to sportsman. It is not intended to be a political statement in support of either presidential candidate but rather a simple report of a telephone survey of over 1000 sportsmen's feelings about the two main presidential candidates. This might be considered as a good representative sample of all sportsmen's positions on the questions asked. The survey was conducted July 10-24 by Braun Research on behalf of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation and Ketchum Global Research. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percent.

The Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan group headquartered in Washington, D.C. A leader in promoting sportsmen's issues with elected officials, CSF works with the bi-partisan Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus in the U.S. Congress, as well as sportsmen's caucuses in state legislators around the country. The CSF does not endorse political candidates.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, based in Newtown, Conn., works to increase participation in and understanding of hunting and the shooting sports; to reaffirm and strengthen their members' commitment to the safe and responsible use of their products, and to promote a political climate supportive of America's traditional firearms rights.

The survey was also supported by National Association of Sporting Goods Wholesalers, Outdoor Channel, American Sportfishing Association and the National Marine Manufacturers Association.

For more information on the survey results go to www.sportsmenslink.org.

76% of Sportsmen Say They Prefer to Elect a President Who Hunts or Fishes

John McCain is the preferred Presidential candidate among sportsmen, as well as the preferred sporting partner

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Sportsmen have a solid history of voting, with 9 in 10 currently registered to vote and of those 83 percent say they will vote in the November election, according to a new survey by the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation. Overall, there are an estimated 40 million sportsmen of voting age in the United States.

"Sportsmen are active voters and prefer candidates who align with them on hunting and fishing issues," said Jeff Crane, president of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation. "The attention presidential candidates give to sportsmen's issues is well-aimed."

Among sportsmen, Republican John McCain holds a significant lead over White House opponent Barack Obama, with a 14-point margin according to the survey.

Asked who they planned to vote for in November, 45 percent said McCain and 31 percent said Obama.

Support for McCain among sportsmen extends from the voting booth to the field, the survey found.

Asked who they'd like to go hunting with, 49 percent said McCain and 27 percent said Obama. As a fishing buddy, 44 percent said they'd prefer McCain and 31 percent chose Obama.

"Sportsmen view John McCain as good company in the great outdoors," said Steve Sanetti, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, which helped underwrite the survey. "They're just not sure how much fun Barack Obama would be in a duck blind."

By a 2 to 1 margin sportsman said McCain would be a better president on sportsmen's issues than Obama.

"Politically engaged sportsmen see John McCain as a supporter of their concerns," Sanetti said. "To sportsmen, I would say, don't be fooled. Make it a point to know where the candidates you're considering for office truly stand on hunting and firearms issues."

A majority of sportsmen polled said that it is important for a candidate to share their views on hunting and fishing issues, although the survey indicated the economy, homeland security and the war in Iraq are the top concerns for all Americans this election season.

When it comes to sportsmen-related issues, sportsmen are most likely to say that it's essential that a candidate support ensuring gun rights, clean water initiatives, and sustainable energy development.

"With an estimated \$76 billion economic impact on the economy annually and direct support of 1.6 million jobs, the next president will need to pay attention to issues that impact hunting and fishing," said Crane. "Sportsmen need to ask candidates where they stand on our outdoor issues and take this into account when they vote on November 4th."

Other key findings of the survey include:

- A significant portion of sportsmen say this November's election is more important than past elections regarding their ability to hunt and fish.
- On the specific topic of gun rights, sportsmen say firearm issues are more important now than in past elections.
- Three-quarters (74%) say they would prefer to elect a president who personally owns firearms.



NEWS FLASH!

The TT-5R chapter of the FFF has a new editor beginning with the October issue. John Lively has graciously stepped up to the plate to take over as your new secretary and newsletter editor finishing out my term of office. It has been a long run and I will miss communicating with all of you through these monthly pages. I wish to thank all of you for your patience and assistance down though the years.

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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The Federation of Fly Fishers is a 42-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 or by phone at 406.222.9369*

Club Web Site www.TwinTiersFFF.org

NEXT CLUB MEETING: Monday Sept 7 CASTING NIGHT

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