

# FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

## TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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September 2011

### Upcoming events

7pm @ Big Flats Community Center

- Sept 12 – Program Meeting, Jack Littleton  
Approaching the Challenging Carp with a Fly in our Local Waters
- Sept 19 Business Mtg.
- October 2 – Dinner meeting Dave and Cheryl  
Larsen: Fishing Adventures on Cape Cod and SW Florida

### Sept 12 Approaching the Challenging Carp with a Fly in our Local Waters

Jack Littleton



Jack Littleton is native of Corning, a retired Corning Inc engineer, and an outstanding and life-long fly fisherman and accomplished hunter. Jack has fished all over the world - including Quebec Atlantic Salmon, Bahamas Bonefish, Florida Saltwater flats, and Erie smallmouth. He especially seeks out sight fishing opportunities, like bone fishing, which brings together the most demanding challenges of hunting and fishing.

Over the last five years, Jack has concentrated on developing approaches to consistently catch carp on a fly in our local rivers. Jack considers carp the most challenging quarry on the fly - bringing all the challenges of fish sighting, stealth techniques and accurate long casting to catch these skittish fish. Once hooked, these powerful and large fish tax tackle and skill to successfully bring them to hand.

Jack has become one of the most successful carp fly fishers on our rivers. This year, he has landed over 33 carp - a truly phenomenal accomplishment. He has landed fish well over 20 lbs.

While carp fishing it is very common to catch smallmouth among the carp. Jack has caught smallmouth up to 4 lbs. during his river expeditions. At the meeting, Jack will be sharing the methods and techniques he uses to catch carp consistently on the Chemung and Tioga rivers. He will have his equipment there to demonstrate how to approach various carp feeding scenarios. And he will be sharing his favorite fly pattern.

Jack splits his carp fishing between wade and kayak fishing. Jack had developed a kayak approach that is especially effective. He will be bringing his Freedom Hawk kayak to demonstrate at the meeting. He will show a number of ways he has modified it with his creative engineering skills to be especially suitable for this type of fishing.

In a message from Jack he wrote... "Think of it . . . where in the world do you need to go (and how much money do you need to spend) to catch fish on a fly rod that weigh 10 to 30 pounds . . . without competition from other fishermen? Patagonia, remote regions of Alaska, . . . Having fish like that in great numbers right outside of your door is a real treat, to say the least. If you have not yet caught a carp on a fly, you have not lived. It is awesome. They are extremely challenging to hook and then bulldogs after the hookup. It takes me about 15 minutes to land an average sized one (and a lot of casts to hook one first). I have caught a lot of freshwater and a lot of saltwater species on flies and I can tell you that carp are among the elite if you measure by the difficulty of hooking and landing the fish."

This promises to be a very interesting presentation from a very accomplished outdoorsman. If you aren't interested in carp you will find the methods and techniques that Jack describes to be helpful in a variety of challenging fly fishing situations. However, you will find Jack's enthusiasm for this big brute fish to be contagious and may find yourself pursuing this challenging fish in the future.

## October 3, 2011 FFF Dinner Meeting Dave and Cheryl Larsen present: Fishing Adventures on Cape Cod and SW Florida



The October FFF meeting will be a dinner meeting and will be held at Tags Restaurant in Big Flats on Monday, Oct. 3rd. This meeting is open to members, spouses and friends. There will be a social hour starting at 6:00 so we can meet and talk with friends, spouses and the speaker before dinner. Dinner will start at about 7:00 and after dinner we will hear a very interesting and entertaining presentation by David and Cheryl Larsen.

Many of you know Dave and Cheryl since they are long time members of the club. We are fortunate they were available and willing to present at this dinner meeting in October since they winter in Florida. Dave and Cheryl have many great stories, photos and valuable information to share about their fishing experiences in Cape Cod and Florida. I am sure all of you will enjoy this presentation.

**Abstract:** Fishing adventures are discussed involving (1) spring and fall trips to Cape Cod, MA, to fish for striped bass and bluefish, and (2) winter fishing inshore of SW Florida's Sanibel-Captiva barrier islands for assorted species including redfish and snook. Surf fishing, kayak fishing, and fishing from a flats skiff are discussed. The talk is part fishing technique and results, part travelogue, and part discussion of interesting events that occurred on such trips, some of which are humorous anecdotes, and some of which illustrate the challenges facing the angler in certain situations.

**About the Larsens:** David Larsen is a retired research scientist from Corning, and Cheryl is a retired Director at Ithaca College. They live in a 200 year-old farmhouse in the

hills outside of Montour Falls with their golden retriever, Evie, and enjoy travel, fly and spin fishing, kayaking, golf, and gardening.

**Dinner:** The dinner will be buffet style and the cost is \$20.00/person. You can contact me (Bob Schaeffler) at [schaeffler56@hotmail.com](mailto:schaeffler56@hotmail.com) or call 607-734-2104 if you have any questions. I will need to know if you plan on being there by no later than Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> but sooner would be greatly appreciated.

Directions to Tags:

Tag's is located on Rt. 352 not far from the Big Flats Community Center. The address is 2679 State Route 352, Big Flats, NY 14814 and is just east of Willow Creek Golf Course between Corning and Elmira. Directions and a map can be found on their web site <http://tagstickets.com> (click on Directions tab).

## President's Short Cast

*Kirk Klingensmith . . . • • • . . . ><(((°>*

## The Upcoming Program Year

Every year, the club leadership meets in August to plan the upcoming year. We look at what we want to maintain and do differently. We use input from club members, academy students, and our observations.

We are excited that last year, our leadership team grew and we are able initiate an educational grant and fly tying program and expand our conservation efforts.

For the upcoming year, our new program director, Bob Schaeffler is arranging an interesting set of speakers. September's speaker is truly a top shelf local fly fisherman with a wealth of experience – who will share his successful carp fishing methods. October will be a dinner meeting will feature Dave and Cheryl Larsen – chapter members – who will talk about fly fishing destinations which are also couple friendly. You will want to make your reservations early and bring your spouse and/or friends for this one!

For the upcoming year, the leadership team will focus on member involvement. We would like to see continued growth of program attendance, fishing trips, and community outreach. We would like to continue the education grants and expand our fly tying and conservation efforts.

We will need to keep an eye on finances in the coming year. Last year, expanded programs along with less income from the Academy – left us spending our savings. We still have \$2700 in the bank, but we will need to ensure that fundraising is more consistent with our spending this year. We sure could use your help in leading and contributing to fundraising activities.

### Officer Election

During the June club meeting, the chapter elected officers to serve for the 2011-12 program year.

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Those elected:

Pres- Kirk Klingensmith

Vice Pres – Matt Collins

Secr – George Roy

Treas – Steve Harris

Club members also affirmed the very important non-elected leadership roles. Your year leadership team includes:

Program Chair – Bob Schaeffler

Webmaster – John Lively

Newsletter – Chas Elliott

Fly Tying - Dave Collins

Conservation – Matt Collins

Librarian – Ken Aniolek

Representative to Chemung Co Sportsman's – Ed Ryan

### **August 13 - Chemung River Float Trip**

On Saturday August 13, 12 of us floated the Chemung River from Corning to Big Flats. We had a great day – and had a good time catching smallmouth and enjoying a grilled shoreline lunch. Many were new to river smallmouth – and picked up some helpful tips. A few found that canoeing can be tricky and the Chemung bottom slippery – and ended the trip wetter than they started.

The Chemung trip was the last of our 6 fishing outings this year. They were all great fun.

We are beginning to consider plans for next year. If you have a trip you would like to suggest and/or would be willing to help host a trip – please see a club officer.



## **Something interesting**



Mackerel on a fly

## **Membership**

**The following memberships have expired or are expiring soon, according to our records:**

David Collins, David Kermit Rothrock  
William G Borthwick, Fred Frank & Family  
Fred Kelly, Joe Cambridge, Carol M Farkas  
Joseph W Hurley, Duke Carroll, Charles (Chas) Elliott  
W J (Jack) Littleton, Richard G Naylo, David Pierri  
Tom Prislue, Richard Rhode, Edward A Ryan III  
Raymond E Sherwood

### **Renewing your membership**

You can renew your membership three ways: 1) online at [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org), 2) download a form to print and mail in, 3) get a form from Steve Harris or George Roy. Be sure to mention Twin Tiers-Five Rivers as your chapter affiliation, so you will be recognized as part of the TT5R Chapter.

Please email Secretary George Roy when you renew ([groy001@stny.rr.com](mailto:groy001@stny.rr.com)), so he can update the roster.

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## Meet a member



**Bill Kessler**

I will fly fish for practically anything that swims, from farm pond bluegills and 6" native brookies, to 100lb+ tarpon. I have traveled to Montana, Idaho and Oregon practically every summer for over 40 years. Special interests are selective spring creek trout, tropical salt-water species (bonefish/tarpon) and anadromous salmonids.

With a Passion for fishing exotic places. I have fished from 250 miles north of the Arctic circle on Russia's Kola peninsula and the Russian far-East (Kamchatka), to the out-islands in the Bahamas, spring creeks in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho, plus civilized sectors of Scottish and Irish salmon rivers and the historic waters of the Test, Avon and Itchen in England. My "home" steelhead river is the North Umpqua in Oregon. I have fished for 40 years.

I also fish New Brunswick and the Gaspé in Quebec every year with both single and double-handed (Spey) rods for my special favorite, Atlantic salmon.

My fishing is an endless supply of beautiful problems, classrooms are some of the most beautiful places on Earth and my classmates are some of the nicest people you'd ever want to meet — from the unemployed to captains of industry. We all share this strange, wonderful passion.

## Library Spotlight

This month's spotlight is "*Fly-fishing for Smallmouth Bass*" by Harry Murray. As the title states this book is about fly-fishing for Smallmouth bass. The book is organized into the following sections:

- [Introduction](#)
- [Smallmouth fly-fishing tackle](#)
- [Casting](#)
- [The Smallmouth diet](#)

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- [Reading a smallmouth river](#)
- [Top water fishing tactics](#)
- [Smallmouth streamers](#)
- [Smallmouth nymphing](#)
- [Strymps: The crossbreed](#)
- [The leech and crawfish](#)
- [River fishing from a canoe](#)
- [Smallmouth in lakes](#)
- [Tying smallmouth flies and bugs](#)
- [The final act](#)

Review: This book is a great place to start if you are a trout fly-fisher who wants to branch out to species other than trout. Especially interesting are the chapters on Leaders, and Reading a smallmouth river.

Overall I rate this video 3.75/5.

If you would like to contribute to the Library Spotlight, see Ken Aniolek for a library Item and write a brief review. Then send it to Chas Elliott.

## Fly of the Month Foxee Redd Minnow



This fly is tied by Sept 12 speaker Jack Littleton. It is the only fly he has used to catch 46 carp this summer. (Bob Clouser's pattern)

Hook: Size #8 Mustad R74

Thread: 6/0 light Cahill Uni-Thread

Eyes: 4/32 inch diameter (1/80) oz lead or brass

Belly: Cream-colored guard-hair fibers from a red fox tail

Flash: Gold Krystal Flash with bronze Flashabou

Back: Black-tipped red fox tail guard-hair fibers

Anyone wanting to contribute to the fly of the month please contact Chas Elliott.

# Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter FFF

## Business Meeting Minutes

8-15-2011

### 1. Call to order

Kirk Klingensmith called to order the regular meeting of the TT5RC FFF at 7 PM on 8-15-2011 at his home.

### 2. Roll call

The following persons were present: Kirk Klingensmith, George Roy, Dave Collins, and Jake Trimmer Steve Harris, Matt Collins, Bob Schaffler and Ed Ryan.

### 3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion made by Jake Trimmer to accept 5-16-2011 minutes and treasures rpt. Seconded by Dave Collins. .

### 4. Treasurer's Report

- a) 5-16-2011 balance = \$2800.42, expenses \$85.00, income \$39.00, 8-15-2011. balance = \$2754.42

### 5. Open issues

- a) 2010-11 year general discussion – What went well / what didn't / what are the remaining opportunities: bigger trips, fly tying, casting, library accessibility, participation in Sportsman booth @ Chemung County Fair, and 2012 Academy.
- b) 2011 – 12 year general discussion – What do we want to keep / stop / stop / start /? - Matt Collins to develop proposal on fly rod raffle. Steve Harris to put together all suggestions on spreadsheet.
- c) Budget priorities for the year were discussed to think about income or spending for the upcoming year.

### 6. New business.

- a) Programming

- 1) September 12, 2011 Jack Littleton / carp tactics
- 2) October 3, 2011 Dave & Cherie Larson / social dinner @ Tags
- 3) November 7, 2011 Joe Cambridge & Carol Farkas "Reading Rivers"
- 4) December 5, 2011 Katy Dunlap / TU Penn Marseilles shale
- 5) January 2, or 9, 2012 open
- 6) February 6, 2012 open – March 5, 2012 open
- 7) April 2, 2012 Dave Passmore, from Ithaca, Nymphing / has website
- 8) May 7, 2012 George Daniels / TC Flyshop
- 9) June 4, 2012 Casting / tune up.
  - b) Fall fishing trips / any thoughts?
  - c) Specific ideas for 2011-12 season – Conservation, fly tying, casting, Academy, etc. will be in upcoming meetings.

### 7. Adjournment

Kirk Klingensmith adjourned the meeting at 9:16 PM  
Minutes submitted by George Roy, Sec.

## Found !!

Fly Box containing " Many " flies .....

Cayuta Creek .....

In the last couple of days .....

Must identify !

E-mail ..... Allan Podell at : Allan Podell

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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 a 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., then follow Maple St. for approximately 0.2 miles. The Community Center is on the right just beyond the town hall.

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