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# INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS TWIN TIERS FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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## April Program

### Don Bastian, Nationally Known Wet Fly Tyer

Please join the Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter of the International Federation of Fly Fishermen on Monday, April 6 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm where we will be hosting none other than Don Bastian at the Big Flats Community Center. Don will be our featured tyer starting at 6:30 tying a classic wet fly pattern and at 7:00 Don will be transitioning into his program where he will speak about soft hackle wet flies with some inclusion on winged wet flies as well. Don will discuss fishing techniques, patterns, tackle and tactics. Don will also have a rod rigged up to demo.

For those of you who do not know, Don Bastian is one of the foremost authorities on soft hackle and wet flies. Don has been tying flies for 50 years, starting at the age of 12 in 1964. Don's experience shows as his flies are simply exquisite and are works of art. In addition to being a talented tyer, Don was a Pennsylvania fly fishing guide for 16 consecutive seasons and a commercial tyer for 12 years. Don is also the author of three fly tying DVD's, "Tying Classic Wet Flies"(2004), "Traditional Streamers & Bucktails" (2007) and "Advanced Classic Wet Flies" (2007). Don was also a featured author of Ray Bergman biography in the book "forgotten flies" where Don has a combined total of approximately 765 flies published in that book. Don's wet flies, dry and streamers were regularly published in the Art of Angling journal between 2001 and 2003 by the Complete Sportsman. Don's work has also been published magazines such as Fly Tyer, Fly Fisherman, Mid Atlantic Fly Fishing Guide, Hatches magazine, Fly Tyers of the World(VOL IV) and Fly Fusion. Don has been a fly tying instructor since 1984 and is a regularly featured instructor and demonstrator at various shows, forums and fly tying clinics around the U.S.

We are extremely fortunate to be hosting Don and you really do not want to miss this opportunity to see Don tie and present. Mark your calendars and we hope to see you there!



**April speaker Don Bastian and a perfect example of a wet fly he tied.**

## May Program

### Rick Kustich, Keynote Speaker

### Fly Fishing for Great Lakes Steelhead

Please join the Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter of the International Federation of Fly Fishermen on Monday, May 4 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm where we will be hosting none other than Rick Kustich as our Annual Keynote Speaker at the Big Flats Community Center.

Rick Kustich is a fly fishing author and photographer. In January 2013 he released *Advanced Fly Fishing for Great Lakes Steelhead* which is his fifth fly fishing title. Rick's work has appeared in numerous national and regional publications. He is also a fly tyer, seminar speaker, and travel host and has produced a fly tying DVD. Rick has also spent time as a fly shop owner, outfitter, and fly fishing book publisher.

Rick began fly fishing almost forty years ago on the lakes and streams of upstate New York. He has since traveled extensively to experience the finest fly fishing throughout North America and beyond but continues to find that some of the best fishing often exists in your own backyard. Rick spends a significant amount of time each year on the water and has developed a special passion for steelhead fishing in the Great Lakes and British Columbia.

Rick's presentation is titled **Fly Fishing for Great Lakes Steelhead** and focuses on the background of the fishery, steelhead behavior, equipment, strategy, techniques, flies and some of the region's top rivers. The presentation has a special focus on swinging the fly and the use of switch and two-handed rods. It features high quality photography and is an extension of Rick's latest book *Advanced Fly Fishing for Great Lakes Steelhead*.

This is going to be a fantastic presentation and if you are into steelheading or want to get into steelheading then I would highly recommend that you be present for Rick's program.



**May Speaker Rick Kustich**

## President's Short Cast

*Kirk Klingensmith . . . . . ><(((°>*

Are you ready?!!! Spring season is right around the corner.

Our club is in high gear. The Academy is less than four weeks away. Fishing trips plans are being made. Don Bastian will be here in April and Rick Kustich in May. Wow! I hope you are excited to have some fun!

### **Ithaca Fishing Day – March 28**

Our Chapter will be partnering with our friends at the Leon Chandler Trout Unlimited for the Ithaca Fishing Day on Saturday March 28 at the Boynton Middle School. The event runs from 9-4:00. We will have an informational booth and be teaching casting. Please e-mail Kirk or call (607) 346-7189 if you can help us. Otherwise, you should attend this event. The raffles leave lots of winners. And the fund raising is for a good cause.

### **Field & Stream Fishing Kick-off Event – Sunday March 29**

Our Chapter has been invited to have a booth at the Field and Stream Fishing Kick-off day on Sunday March 29. The Kick-off event is a big sale with giveaways to the first 100 people who show up and discounts through the day. Four local organizations including IFFF, TU, and Soil & Water will have tables. F&S will donate \$100 to each organization and \$500 to the one which get the most “votes”. If you come to the sale, stop by the table and get a wooden nickel to vote with. If you can volunteer, we need people from 9:00-5:15 pm. Contact Kirk.

### **2015 Fly Fishing Academy Update**

Plans are taking shape for our Annual Fly Fishing School on April 11. Registrations are coming in quickly – and I believe we are about 2/3 filled with students. We have several youth scholarships still open. Please encourage your friends to register quickly. We are filling fast!

Let me add a note of clarification about the “Invite-a-Friend” discount. We announced this earlier, but there were questions. Each TTFR IFFF member is entitled to one \$10 discount off the Academy fee. If you are not planning to be a Student, you can extend your discount to a spouse, friend, or family member. We want to encourage members to use your discount to reach out to that friend who wants to learn more about fly fishing.

We could use a few more Staff members. We need folks who will be casting and knot tying coaches. Staff setup and training is Friday April 10 from 6-8:00 pm. Staff report at 7:00 am on Saturday and get done about 5:30 pm. It is great fun. Contact Chas Elliott or Steve Harris.

The school will be held at Campbell-Savona High School. The facility is awesome (Way to go Steve!). The classroom is like the United Nations. We are a little disappointed that Steve did not book the pool and stock it with brown trout...

### **Fishing Trips**

The Club is once again planning to host a variety of fishing trips. **Please see the attached preliminary schedule.** We would love your help, either with helping with one of the scheduled trips, or perhaps hosting an additional trip. See Kirk or any Club Officer.

## Annual Rod Raffle Fundraiser

Our Chapter is holding its Annual Rod Raffle to raise funds for youth scholarships to the Fly Fishing Academy. We are offering two rods this year and two chances to win. One of the winners will be able to choose a new rod from several **selected Temple Fork** rod sizes and models. The other winner will receive a brand new **Cortland 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rod**.

**Tickets are five (5) for \$20, or \$5 each.  
See Matt Collins at Club meetings.**

**The Raffle Drawing will be at  
the May 4<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting.**

## 2015 Fly Fishing Academy Flies

In previous years we have given each of our Fly Fishing Academy students a small box of flies tied by our Members.

I am looking for 300 flies for this year's Academy. If you are a fly-tyer, please tie a few for our new, fellow fly fishers.

Thanks,  
Dave Collins

## Fly of the Month

### **“Double Bunny Streamer”**

Courtesy Mike Lenetsky and Josh Filter



**Hook:** Size 2-4 Mustad 3366 or equivalent

**Thread:** Red

**Eyes:** Medium Red or Chartreuse Barbell

**Belly:** White Zonker strip

**Back:** Dark or Natural Zonker strip

**Wing/Lateral Flash:** Pearl Crystal Flash

Tie Clouser-style, that is, with the barbell eyes on top of hook so hook point rides up when fished.

Josh and Mike's favorite color combination is white belly with gray back. They do not glue the rabbit strips together, as recommended by the originator Scott Sanchez. They believe this produces better action in the water.

# Tech Tip

## Wading Cleats

By Matt Collins

It is that time of year to make sure all of our fly fishing equipment is in tip-top shape for the fishing season ahead. Before the season starts I make it a habit of inspecting and conducting maintenance of all my fly fishing equipment. One of the first items I inspect are my wading cleats that are on the bottom of my felt sole wading boots. I feel that these cleats are one of the most important components of my equipment because it keeps me safe from falling in the water and we all know that safety should be put first when we go out fishing. I have had to replace cleats often, especially when wading through river bottoms with a gravel, shale or rock base. These types of underwater terrain are really aggressive on wearing down the metal studs. The fly fishing industry does offer replaceable studs but you will pay top dollar for these studs and eventually you will have to buy more of these studs once these get worn down from use.

After much research on studs I found an affordable and effective solution on wading studs. There is a hardened metal screw that is available and that is specifically designed for the motorcycle ice racing industry. The product is called Kold-Kutters and they are designed to screw into dirt-bike or ATV tires to give traction on ice. They are designed to be hard, and formed to have an aggressive head to bite into the surface you are on.



### Kold Kutter Ice Screws

You can buy the screws off **Amazon.com** at this link:

[http://www.amazon.com/dp/B008N6AQXO/ref=sr\\_ph?ie=UTF8&qid=1427212787&sr=1&keywords=Kold+Kutter+pro+series](http://www.amazon.com/dp/B008N6AQXO/ref=sr_ph?ie=UTF8&qid=1427212787&sr=1&keywords=Kold+Kutter+pro+series)

I purchased the 3/8" screws and have had excellent success with them so far. I have rigorously tested them on the Salmon River and I have always had great traction compared to my old studs. Here is the best part they come in packs of 250 screws for around 25 bucks with shipping! If my math is right that is roughly ten cents a screw. If it were a fly fishing manufacturer stud you would pay anywhere from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per stud.



Installing the studs into your boot is easy. You simply install the screw with a ¼” socket or a standard flat head screw driver.



### **Installation of Kold Kutter studs.**

I will have stud replacements for the foreseeable future and I will be confident that when I am out on that flat rock covered with algae that I did everything to prepare for that situation by installing these studs. At the price of .10 cents a screw you really can't go wrong. I hope this tip was helpful. Tight lines!

**Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter IFFF**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**

3-16-2015

**1. Call to Order**

Kirk Klingensmith called to order the Business meeting of the TT5RC IFFF at 1908 on 3-16-2015 at the Big Flats Community Center. The following persons were present: Kirk Klingensmith, Steve Harris, George Roy, Gene Nowlan, Dave Collins, Matt Collins and Bob Carlson.

**2. Approval of minutes**

Previous meeting minutes had an error, the report should have shown an opening balance of \$2408.98, monthly expenses of \$0, closing balance of \$2408.98. George made motion to accept corrected meeting minutes, Steve seconded.

**3. Treasurer's and Annual Report**

Motion was made by George Roy made motion to accept Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Steve Harris. The report showed an opening balance of \$2408.98, closing balance of \$3133.98, largely due to income from rod raffle and Academy tickets.

**4. Programming – Matt Collins**

Mar 2 - Social Night - Klingensmiths spoke about Montana at DC2 yearly social night. The event was a big success, the Klingensmith's presentations were very well received. Upcoming events: April 6 - Don Bastian, Nationally known wet fly tying and fishing; May 4 - Rick Kustich – Steelhead Fishing.

**5. Academy** – Academy will be at Campbell Savona HS on April 11. We will set up from 6-8 PM on April 10. Doing well on students signing up. 32 is likely the max class size depending on gym size.

**6. Fly Tying** – No business discussed.

**7. Library** – No business discussed.

**8. Rod Raffle** – We had planned to give away an incentive and a Cortland rod, but the Cortland rod may fall through because of financial difficulties at Cortland. Sales of rod raffle tickets are doing well – tickets are \$5/ticket, \$20 for five, expect to award the winner at Kustich talk.

**9. Leon Chandler Ithaca Fishing Day** - set for Mar 28 in Ithaca, club will attend. Chas, Kirk, Ed and Nancy, Gene, Dave, and possibly Bob. Plan to leave 7:15AM from BFCC

**10. Fishing Trips** – Discussed proposed fishing trips for the Club for 2015

**11. Meeting Adjourned at 2035**

Submitted by: Bob Carlson, Club Secretary

# Twin Tiers Five Rivers 2015 Conservation & Fishing Trips



Please inform coordinators at least 2 days before hand by phone or e-mail that you plan to attend,  
so we can arrange food and fishing.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Trip Coordinator</u>	<u>Meeting Time/Location</u>
<u>April 25</u> Saturday	<u>Rainbow Paradise</u> Lunch Provided	<u>George Roy</u> h 607-962-5446 geodoroy@stny.rr.com <u>Kirk Klingensmith</u> c 607-346-7189 kklingensmi@stny.rr.com	9 am depart from Corning Wegman's
<u>May 2</u> Saturday	<u>Cohocton River</u> Lunch Provided	<u>Gene Nowlan</u> c 607-936-3988 enowlan@gmail.com <u>Bob Carlson</u> c 607-765-1286 carlsonrl@corning.com	9:00 am depart from Corning Wegman's
<u>May 16</u> Saturday	<u>Cayuta Creek Cleanup &amp; Fishing</u> Litter pickup in morning, fish after lunch ?with Spencer Van-Etten Youth Food Provided	<u>Matt Collins</u> c (607) 329-8059 matthew.john.collins@hotmail.com <u>Steve Harris</u> c 607-377-4956 sjh529@stny.rr.com	9 am North Side of Swartwood (Rt 223) Bridge on Cayuta Creek
<u>May 30 or</u> <u>June 6</u> Saturday	<i>In Planning</i> <u>Genesee River</u> Lunch Provided	<u>Chas Elliott</u> h 607-587-8763 chasman@frontiernet.net <u>Bob Carlson</u> c 607-765-1286 carlsonrl@corning.com	7 am depart from Corning Wegman's
<u>June</u>	<i>In Planning</i> <u>Delaware River Trip</u>	With BC Fly Fishers	Details to come.
<u>August 8</u> Saturday	<u>Chemung River Float</u> Sign up reqd. Lunch provided. Bring a canoe, kayak, or boat. Canoe rental available.	<u>Kirk Klingensmith</u> c 607-346-7189 kklingensmi@stny.rr.com <u>Dave Collins</u> c (607) 398-4620 wdvdellns@gmail.com	9 am departure details TBD
<u>Nov 11-12</u>	<u>Salmon River Overnight</u> Fox Hollow Lodge.	<u>Matt Collins</u> c (607) 329-8059 matthew.john.collins@hotmail.com	Details to come.



# I Fly Fishing

## Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter of the IFFF

The International Federation of Fly Fishers is a non-profit organization working to conserve, restore and educate through fly-fishing. The IFFF 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 IFFF is required of all members, but there are no additional dues or fees.

Join the International 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 TT5R 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 the "T", turn left onto Maple St., then follow Maple St. for approximately a quarter of a mile. The Community Center is on the right just beyond the shopping plaza and town hall.

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