
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS TWIN TIERS FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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December 2016

December Program

Ethan Law, Team USA Competition Fly Fisher

European Nymphing Techniques

Please join us on **December 5th** when Ethan Law will be visiting to talk about competition fly fishing and the very productive fly fishing techniques used by competition fly fishers. Besides owning his own successful fly tying business (Law Competition Flies), Ethan is a member of Team USA that competes in International fly fishing competitions. Ethan will talk about European nymphing techniques, using sighters and other techniques that he finds valuable, as well as tips that make his trips more productive. Ethan will also be the featured fly tyer prior to starting his talk. The fly tying demo will start at 6:30 pm, with the presentation starting at 7:00, at the Big Flats Community Center, 476 Maple Street, Big Flats, NY 14814.

<p>2016 Fall Rod Raffle International Federation of Fly Fishers Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter</p>	
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This fall we will be raffling off a very lightly used **Temple Fork Outfitter, 9ft., 7 wt TiCrX Fly Rod**. This is a perfect smallmouth, steelhead or trout streamer rod, used only once. This rod was a gift from the John Rominger estate. Retail value = \$260.



The Raffle tickets will be 3 for \$20, 6 for \$35, or \$10 each. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Executive Leadership Meeting on **December 19, 2016, just in time for Christmas**. Tickets can be purchased at any of our Club meetings, or alternatively they can now be purchased using a credit card or Paypal on our Club website (<http://www.twintiersfff.org>). To use the online ticket purchasing feature, you'll need to select the ticket quantity desired and click "Add to Cart". This will take you to the Paypal website where secure payment can be made. **A Paypal account is not required.**

January Program

Gary Kell, IFFF Certified Casting Instructor

Mastering Intermediate Casting Skills

We also want to give a heads-up that the meeting in January of 2017 will be pushed back one week due to the New Year's holiday. On **January 9, 2017**, IFFF Master Certified Casting Instructor, Gary Kell will be talking about techniques and skills to improve your casting proficiency. Gary was a long-time instructor at the LL Bean Fly Fishing school, and has written for *Fly Fisherman* and other fly fishing periodicals. He lives and teaches fly fishing in the northwestern PA area, and consequently is an expert on fishing streams in central and other areas of PA. His talk will center on mastering what he calls the 5 intermediate skill variables that, when used in various combinations, create most presentation casts and solve many stream-side problems - slack line, curves, tucks, aerial mends, underbrush, limited backcast, wind etc.. More details to come about this talk, but if you want to improve your casting skills, you will not want to miss this one.

February Program – Social Night Dinner

Speaker: Linda Wales, from *A Hope 4 Lyme, Inc.*

Presentation: Lyme Disease Informational Seminar

The speaker for our **February 6** Social Night will be Linda Wales, from *A Hope 4 Lyme, Inc.* Linda, a Lyme disease warrior, will be talking about the basics of tick-borne illnesses and prevention. Lyme and other tick-borne illnesses often cause a variety of complications including pains in the muscles and joints, severe fatigue and cognitive issues. Serious health problems associated with the disease can manifest quickly, and can even be fatal. Many people don't know about the disease or that their family could be at risk. As Linda tells it, "I started spreading awareness and support because I didn't know about Lyme disease and I didn't understand or know about ticks, therefore, I got very sick. It is my hope for others to avoid going down the same path." A tick study conducted in 2016 at Mark Twain State Park and Newtown Battlefield showed almost 50% of the ticks positive for Lyme disease.

Dinner Plans for our February Social Night

This year we will be holding our Social Night at *1157 North*, an Italian restaurant in Elmira. We especially encourage you to invite spouses, family members or fishing buddies to enjoy the evening with you. The evening will start at 6:00 pm with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, then a 7:00 pm dinner, followed by our invited Speaker.

Dinner choices will be selected from a limited menu (yet to be finalized). Dinner will include salad, sides, dessert, coffee, tea and soft drinks. The cost will be approximately \$25 per person. Pre-registration and pre-payment will be required. When the details are finalized the information will be shared with everyone. We will begin taking reservations at the December meeting.

<p>Restaurant Location:</p> <p><i>1157 North</i> 1157 North Main St Elmira, NY 607-738-7571 www.1157North.com</p>	<p>Please send your and your guest names, along with a check for each person in your group, made payable to:</p> <p>Twin Tiers Five Rivers IFFF</p> <p>Send checks to: Bob Schaeffler 1554 Mt. Zoar Rd. Pine City, NY 14871</p>
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President's Short Cast

Kirk Klingensmith >((((°>

Hope everyone is doing well, enjoying fall fishing, and beginning to think about the start of the winter season – tying flies and preparing for 2017.

Chapter activities are in high gear. Programs this fall have been great, with some really excellent programs coming up. I would highly encourage you to make reservations to attend the social night in February. That is always a lot of fun. Andy Robinson and Dick Naylor are updating the Chapter library with nearly 100 new items from the John Rominger estate.

Last Chance for Our Christmas Rod Raffle

The Chapter is raffling a Temple Fork Outfitters TiCrX 7wt 9'0" rod. Tickets are \$10 or 3 for \$20 or 6 for 35\$. This rod is a perfect size for streamers and for trout or bass. The drawing will be at the Dec. 19 business meeting, just in time for Christmas. You can buy your tickets at the Dec. meeting or from our website using PayPal and/or a credit card.

Fly Fishing Academy – April 8, 2017

We have set the date for our Annual Fly Fishing School for **April 8 at the Campbell Savona High School**. Watch for announcements on this Saturday event – which targets beginning and advancing fly fishers. This is a great holiday gift for a spouse, fishing buddy or a youth.

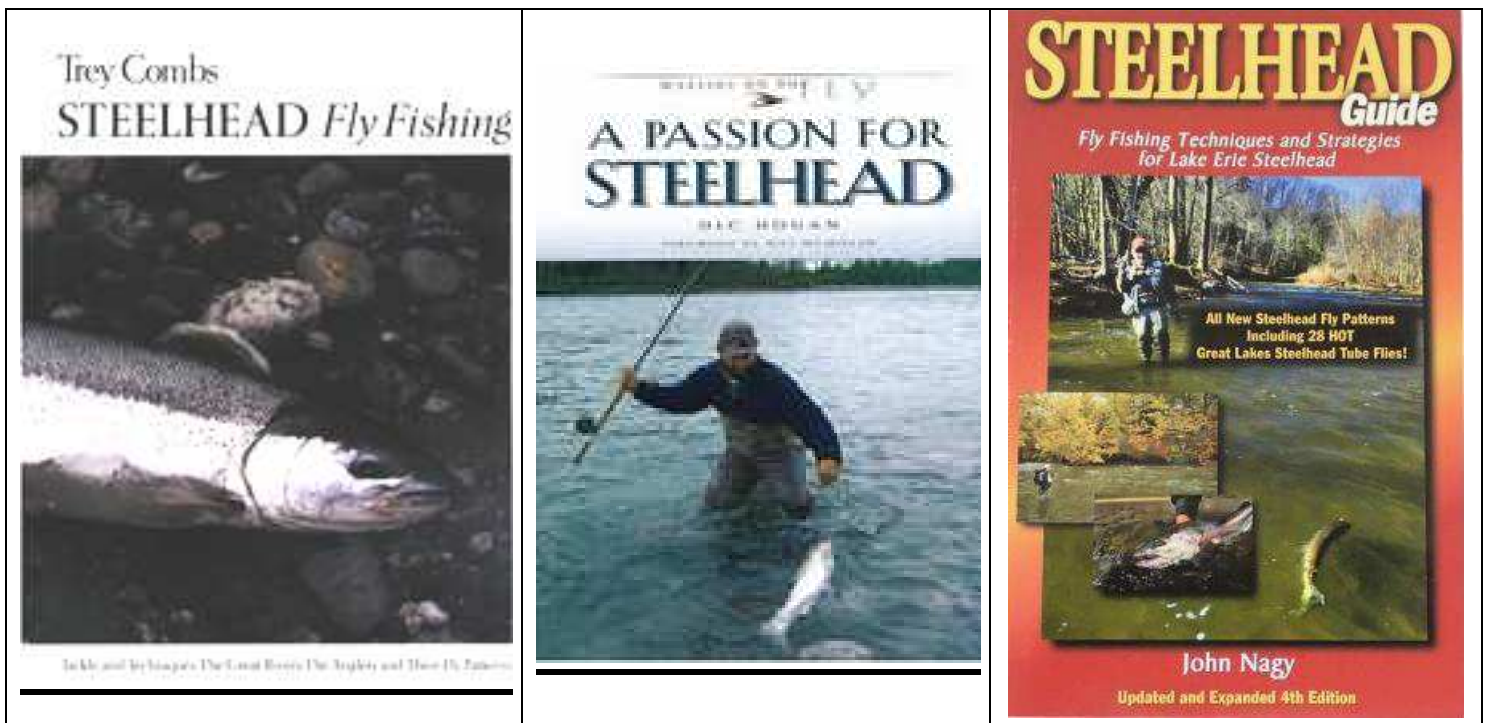
Plan Jan 27-29, 2017 to Go to the World's Largest Fly Fishing Show

Every year, the chapter organizes a group trip to the world's largest fly fishing show in Somerset NJ. <http://flyfishingshow.com/somerset-nj/> We leave Big Flats at 6 am Friday morning Jan 27 and return Sunday evening. We stay at a reasonable cost hotel, attend the show and have a great time. Be sure to hold your calendar open. Contact Kirk for more information or to reserve a spot: kklingensmi@stny.rr.com or 607-346-7189

Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter Library News

Headed north to the Salmon River to take on the Steelhead? Recent reports from Pulaski say they're scattered all along the river and the Douglaston fishing report (11/25/16) reported that the fishing was good. Want to get some pointers before you go? We have three great books from the John Rominger Collection that are sure to help. First, you might want to take a look at Trey Combs classic (B-C-6), *Steelhead Fly Fishing*. Your second option for pointers on Steelhead fishing is *A Passion for Steelhead* by Dec Hogan (B-H-11). If you're headed to Lake Erie streams for steelhead, option three is *Steelhead Guide: Fly Fishing and Strategies for Lake Erie Steelhead* by John Nagy (B-N-3).

To check out any of these books from the Thomas Krajci Memorial Library, just e-mail me (Andy Robinson) at Robby@Ithaca.edu and I'll bring your choice to the December 5th Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter IFFF meeting at the Big Flats Community Center. If you're looking for books, DVD's, or VHS tapes on other fly fishing topics, browse the Chapter library inventory spreadsheet at <http://www.twintiersfff.org/>.



Two Flies of the Month

The Schminnow

Tied by Kirk Klingensmith
(originally designed by Norm Zeigler)



This pattern is one of Kirk's favorites for fishing Florida. Norm Zeigler uses this fly about 90% of the time he fishes in Florida.

See video of Norm tying this fly: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-WwRpKsNgs8>

Materials List:

Hook: Daiichi 2456, size 2

Thread: 210 denier white

Tail: White marabou, tied in long clip off the body length.

Eyes: Large black Mono (molded plastic). Tie in and superglue to lock in place

Body: Medium *Estaz* pearl chenille, tied in at rear of hook and wrapped forward.

Head: Loon UV thin finish or Sally Hansen's *Hard as Nails*.

TF's Craft Fur Fathead Minnow

Tied by Dick Naylor
(credits to American Angler Magazine)



Materials List:

Hook: Mustad S71SNP-DT, size 4.

Thread: Danville ultrafine monofilament.

Underbody: Two layers of pearl Flashabou wrapped around shank.

Body: Medium olive craft fur over medium gray craft fur on top,
with off-white craft fur on the bottom.

Cheeks: Pink craft fur

Lateral Line: Several strands of black squirrel hair and two strips of
pearl Flashabou.

Head: Size 3 *Fish-Skull™ Fish-Mask*. Lock in with Zap-a Gap.

Eyes: *Fish-Skull™ Ice Living Eyes*. Self-adhesive.

Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter IFFF
Business Meeting Minutes

11-21-2016

1. Call to Order

Kirk Klingensmith called to order the Business meeting of the TT5R IFFF at 1908 on 11-21-2016 at the American Legion in Corning, NY. The following members were present: Kirk Klingensmith, Matt Towner, Bob Carlson, Dick Naylor, Gene Nowlan, Andy Robinson, Steve Harris.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report shows an opening balance of a \$3272.21 and a closing balance as of \$3292.21. The treasurer's report shows a discrepancy and will be reviewed again next business meeting. Dick motioned to accept business meeting minutes, Bob seconded.

3. Programming

October meeting with our own club president, Kirk Klingensmith, speaking on fishing Florida, was very well received. His tying presentation was noted as being very beneficial as well which gave insight on how to make more durable flies.

Upcoming programming includes:

- o December - Ethan Law, competition fly fisher, will be guest speaking on competition fishing
- o January – Gary Kell, master certified casting instructor for LL Bean, will speak on tips and tricks for casting
- o The February Spring Social Night – Linda Wales will be talking on Lyme disease. The dinner and talk will be held at the 1157 North Restaurant in Elmira.
- o March – Joe Goodspeed, from the rod company Thomas + Thomas, will be speaking on musky fishing along with demonstrating how to tie musky flies.

Program meetings have been scheduled and paid for with the Big Flats Community Center through 2017.

4. Fly Rod Raffle

Ticket sales have started for the 7wt TFO TiCRx with a total bought of 30 tickets for a sum of \$200 to date. Tickets are \$10/1 ticket, \$20/3 tickets and \$35/6 tickets. Paypal account should be added by November for the club to use for rod raffles and other events will be investigated to be used. The rod being raffled will be a 9' 7wt TFO TiCRx that was donated by the Rominger estate. The drawing will be held on 12/19 at the December leadership meeting and the winner will be announced after the meeting via email. 39 tickets have been sold to date. A spring rod raffle is being planned and final details will be determined at the January 2017 leadership meeting.

5. 2017 Academy Planning

Campbell High School has agreed to host the academy again. The proposed date is 3/25 with final confirmation occurring by the December leadership meeting. Advertising will begin in January. Matt and Steve to work out Paypal signup requirements and cost to use. The fee for adults is increasing by \$10 to \$85 and the youth fee is decreasing by \$10 to \$40. IFFF members will still receive a \$10 discount. Dick motioned to accept the Academy plans & pricing, Andy seconded.

6. Library Update

- o 10 DVD sets are at the AV specialist for transfer to new media by November club meeting.
- o The library is still limited on space after a thorough sorting following the Rominger estate additions. The DVDs will be kept in the library space and an offsite location will be used to keep the extra books that no longer fit. Excess books of value will be reviewed and possibly sold with proceeds going to the club.

7. Facebook Page Review

A discussion was held about the future of the club’s Facebook page. Additional time and feedback are needed before any changes are made.

8. Meeting adjourned at 2124

Submitted by: Matt Towner, Club Secretary



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, Conhocton, 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 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.

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