
FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL TWIN TIERS FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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December 2017

December Program

Fly Fishing for Smallmouth & Largemouth Bass

Kirk Klingensmith, Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter President

We welcome you to join us on December 4th at 6:30pm, when TTFR's club President, Kirk Klingensmith, will be speaking about Fly Fishing for Bass. Kirk has been fly fishing for 48 years, starting out with trout, later delving deeply into saltwater and bass. Kirk has become known around our region for his success in fly fishing for smallmouth – and has even guided Bob Clouser on his drift boat. Many have learned much from Kirk during the club's annual float trip on the Chemung River.

Kirk's presentation will focus on explaining bass behavior and how to adapt your fishing to more successful techniques, flies, and setups for both smallmouth and largemouth. If you are a trout specialist, but want to expand your game to these great fighting fish – this talk is for you. If you enjoy bass already, but want to amp up your game – you don't want to miss this talk.

This summer, Kirk caught and released his personal best largemouth that may have broken the PA state record. Kirk will have a photo of the beast and share a cool new fly design from the South that fooled it.

Prior to the talk, Kirk will be tying several of his favorite flies for smallmouth. If you want to catch more or bigger bass, or if you are a trout fisherman and want to branch out into other species, you won't want to miss this presentation. The fly tying segment will begin at 6:30 PM at the Big Flats Community Center, 476 Maple Street, Big Flats, NY 14814, with the main program starting directly after at approximately 7:00 PM.

Then, mark your calendar for Monday, January 8, when the Club's own resident expert on carp fishing, Jack Littleton, will be coming in to talk about carp fishing. Jack has become a very skilled fly fisher on this tremendously challenging species. Come hear the "Carp Whisperer" share his secrets in January.

Annual Social Night Dinner and Presentation

On Wednesday evening, February 28, 2018, the Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter of FFi will be hosting a very special dinner with an entertaining presentation by a world-renowned fly fishing couple. This event is co-sponsored by our friends at Leon Chandler Trout Unlimited and is open to anyone interested in attending, Club member or not. We especially encourage members and visitors to bring spouses, family members or fishing buddies to enjoy the evening. Details on dinner selections, pre-registration and payment are provided below. The event will be held at the Corning American Legion Hall, 8 River Rd, Corning, NY 14830.

The Speakers will be world-renowned authors, guides, photographers and travel hosts Barry and Cathy Beck. Barry and Cathy will be presenting on their fly fishing travels and award winning photography. Both Barry and Cathy are ambassadors for the Sage Rod Company and have over seven books to their credit, including *Fly Fishing the Flats* and *Cathy Beck's Fly Fishing Handbook*. They annually fly fish and present all over the world. Visit **Barry & Cathy Beck** on Facebook or at www.barryandcathybeck.com for more information.

The evening will start at 5:45 pm for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by Dinner at 6:30 pm. The presentation will start at 7:30 pm. The Buffet dinner will include your choice of Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu or Shrimp Scampi. The cost is \$30 per person. A cash bar will be available.

Reservations must be made with entrée choice for each guest, and payment received no later than Feb 21st. Please contact **Gene Nowlan** to make reservations at cell (607-936-3988) or by email enowlan@gmail.com. Checks shall be made out to **Twin Tiers Five Rivers FFi** and sent to Gene at 385 Watauga Ave. Ext., Corning, NY 14830.

This will be an extraordinary event with fly fishing's most renowned ambassador couple. We always look forward to our annual Social dinner and the great fun we have together. There is plenty of space at this venue, so we hope all interested fly fishers will feel welcomed to reserve [their](#) spot and attend.

President's Short Cast

Kirk Klingensmith . . . •'•, ><(((°>

Hope everyone is doing well and getting out for the fall tributary runs. I have landed a few steelhead. Hope you have too!

We have some great programs queuing up for the Chapter and I hope to see you at some of these. I will be giving the presentation Dec 4 on one of my passions – fly fishing for bass. I have been doing a lot of work on the presentation and the information adds to your fun. We have set a date for our Annual Fly Fishing School. And we also have some exciting news for the 2018 raffle.

Social Night

Program chair Bob Carlson and the TTFR Leadership team have been working very hard to arrange a super program night for 2018. This will be held Feb 28 and features fly fishing celebrity couple Barry and Cathy Beck. See details in this newsletter. Make your reservations to attend now. Note that this meeting will take the place of our scheduled March meeting.

Plan Jan 26-28, 2018 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. This year the show venue has been moved to Edison, NJ. (<http://flyfishingshow.com/edison-nj/>). We leave Big Flats at 6 am Friday morning Jan 26 and return Sunday evening. We stay at the Comfort Suites in Somerset, NJ, 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 with the group (kklingensmi@stny.rr.com) or 607-346-7189.

Opportunities to Help our Sport

By being a part of this organization, you are already investing in developing our sport of fly fishing. Thank you.

You stand with us to encourage a new generation to this fun sport, conservation through catch and release, and conservation of the fisheries we are blessed with. You help our sport every time you share your passion with others, take a kid fishing, or invite a friend to our Club. Again, thank you.

I would like to encourage you to consider sharing your talents and time further. The leadership team is our Chapter's Board of Directors. This group of folks volunteer their time to lead our Chapter's work. What we can accomplish is limited not by good ideas, but by volunteers who are willing to share their time to do it. Leadership team meetings are held the third Monday of the month, 7 pm at the Corning American Legion.

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The Chapter is looking for a Newsletter Editor, but with this we are also looking to improve the effectiveness of our communications. We would like to advance our use of social media.

Our upcoming spring Fly Fishing Academy is a major club function and we are looking for volunteers to help with logistics and coordination. We would also love to find a pond or lake owner which would allow or lease access for educational or fishing events.

If you would like to share your talents and our sport – contact Kirk or any leadership team member.

2018 Fly Fishing Academy

We have set **April 7th** as the date to hold our **Annual Fly Fishing School** at the **Campbell Savona High School**. We will again have the use of their expansive Gym, a large Lecture Auditorium and the Cafeteria. We are looking forward to another great day teaching all about Fly Fishing at this prime location. Watch for announcements for this event which targets beginning and advancing fly fishers. This is a great holiday gift for a spouse, a fishing buddy, or any interested youngster.

Our surveys show that most students are recruited from the Club or by Club members who invite family or friends. The second most effective avenue is from flyers which members post at their place of work. Please help us by inviting your friends and posting the flyers. Space is limited, so we encourage folks to sign up for this class early.

Students can bring and learn with their own equipment, but are welcome to use the Club's equipment. More than 15 members and fly fishing experts staff the school, bringing over 200 years of fly fishing experience to help you learn and have fun. Lunch and snacks are provided.

The class is open to adults and youth age 11 and older. Class fee is \$90 for Adults (ages 16 and over); and \$40 for Youth, ages 11-15 (accompanied by a registered adult).

Prepaid registration is required by Fri., March 30th. Class size is limited, so we encourage you to register early. Contact Matt Towner at **607-542-0285** or Kirk Klingensmith at **607-346-7189** for more information.

Fly of the Month

CDC Caddis Dry Fly

Tied by Brent Kelley at our November Program Meeting



Hook: #16 dry fly

Thread: 8/0 olive

Abdomen: tie in a dubbed body of natural olive dubbing and wrap to the front of the hook, leaving room for wing material.

Underwing: tie in an under wing of pearlescent tan DNA fibers forward of the abdomen and clip to length between the end of hook bend and end of abdomen.

CDC wing: tie in two CDC feathers in succession - the first feather tied slightly in front of the underwing material and the second CDC feather over and slightly in front of the first CDC feather. Cut both CDC feathers to the same length as the underwing material. Don't cut the stems of the CDC feathers yet.

Head and legs: wrap more dubbing onto the head area and figure eight around the two CDC stems. Then clip stems to form short "legs" on each side of the head of the fly. Whip finish to complete the fly.

This is one of Brent's favorites for fishing the Genesee River and other area streams. Caddis flies are present throughout the year.

Thanks to Bob Carlson for Fly Tying Notes & Photo

Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter of FFi

Business Meeting Minutes

11-20-2017

1. **Call to Order**
Kirk Klingensmith called to order the Business meeting of the TT5R FFi at 1905 on 11-20-2017 at the Corning American Legion in Corning, NY. The following members were present: Jim Walck, Bob Carlson, Matt Towner, Dick Naylor, Gene Nowlan, Kirk Klingensmith, Vince Leonard, Andy Robinson and Steve Harris.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report**
A closing balance of \$3749.36 is held by the club as of 11-20-17. Dick motioned to accept business meeting minutes and Treasurer's report, Gene seconded.
3. **Programming**
Feedback from the October program with Brent Kelley was really good. We had a very good turnout with 23 attendees and he spoke very well on a popular topic of trout fishing.
Upcoming programming includes:
 - o December – Kirk Klingensmith will be giving presentation on Bass Fishing
 - o January – Jack Littleton talking about carp fishing
 - o February Social Night – Feb 28 with Barry and Cathy Beck
4. **Social Night**
Barry and Cathy Beck are scheduled to present on Wednesday 2/28. It will be held at the Corning Legion in Barrett Hall. Gene will be helping with guest reservations and communications. Tickets will be \$30 with cocktails at 5:45, dinner at 6:30 and the presentation at 7:30. Deadline is 2/21 for reservations. Gene made a motion to authorize Bob to spend \$500 for Barry and Cathy Beck's speaker fee, authorize a \$100 spend for the Barrett Hall venue, and to include the Leon Chandler TU for sponsorship of the event. Steve seconded the motion and all approved.
5. **Fly Fishing Workshop – Feb 10**
The club decided to not participate this year, but will advertise the event in our newsletter
6. **Academy**
April 7th is finalized. Prices will increase by \$5 for adults and member to \$90 and \$80 respectively. Youth cost will remain the same at \$40 with paying adult. Bob C. motioned to accept this increase and Vince seconded. Publicity will begin in December with flyers and advertising. Matt will be the registrar with Kirk as secondary contact.
7. **Library**
We will be putting out a free table at upcoming meetings and social night with option to provide donation if so inclined.
8. **Membership**
Currently 60 active/paid members
9. **Materials Sales**
1 Book has sold so far, but no other interest in others. Will be putting all books back in library/free inventory.
10. **Newsletter**
Deadline is 11/26 for Newsletter articles. Academy information will be included in this Newsletter. Matt and Steve still determining how feasible it would be to build a newsletter directly in Mailchimp instead of linking to a pdf. We are hoping this will encourage more people to read the Newsletter, which currently is only 30% of the people that open the email.
11. **Spring Raffle**
Looking into the current club FFi incentive to determine what we will be raffling. Bob C., Jim W., and Matt T. will be working on the raffle list.
12. **Meeting adjourned at 2140**

Submitted by Matt Towner, Secretary

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, 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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