
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS TWIN TIERS FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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February 2015

February Program

Dr. Mark Metzdorff

Oregon Fly Fishing Adventures

Please join us on February 2nd 2015 at the Big Flats Community Center from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. We will be hosting club member Dr. Mark Metzdorff. Mark is an avid fly fisherman and is relatively new to this area. Mark will be presenting on Oregon fly fishing opportunities. This is a great opportunity to gain some insight on waters you probably haven't fish but would like some more information on from a seasoned veteran. In addition to talking about fishing out west, Mark will be discussing some of his background related to fly fishing organizations he was involved with out west and the initiatives these organizations worked on.

Here is a little more detail from Mark.

"I came late to fly fishing, first picking up a fly rod at age 34, in July, on the Deschutes River in Oregon. The combination of witnessing an exuberant hatch of pale morning duns, after a rainstorm with big "redside" rainbows rising everywhere, and later that day seeing a chrome-bright freshly caught summer steelhead taken from the same waters after the sun had settled behind the canyon walls, immediately instilled an ongoing passion that continues to call me back to my home water, as well as inspiring me to seek out new opportunities in fly fishing.

I'm a thoracic surgeon who's practiced in two "meccas" of fly fishing, Oregon and Colorado, before moving to a new job in Elmira in 2013. Having participated in one of the premier fly clubs in America, the Flyfisher's Club of Oregon, of which I was President in 2001, and being the founding President of the Flyfisher's Club of Colorado in 2010, I naturally gravitated to the FFF Twin Tiers Chapter, where I was immediately impressed with the vitality and enthusiasm of the membership as well as the quality of the programs. I'm honored to be invited to speak to the group on February 2.

At the request of the Program Chair, I will present an overview of my experience with the many fly fishing opportunities in the state of Oregon, including trout and steelhead rivers, east and west of the Cascade Mountains. I will also briefly describe the history and current status of the Flyfisher's Club of Oregon, as an opportunity for discussion about the different activities that fly fishing clubs can offer in the service of their members and the greater fly fishing community. I look forward to seeing my fellow members at the February meeting!"

March Program

Annual Social Night and Dinner

Presentation by Cynthia and Kirk Klingensmith

March's meeting is our popular annual social evening to be held on **March 2nd, 2015**, at **DC2 Restaurant** in the Elmira Airport building. Spouses, family members and guests are especially welcome. The evening will feature a cash bar gathering, dinner, and program.

Cynthia and Kirk Klingensmith will be speaking on Photography and Fly Fishing from their 2014 vacation to Western Montana. Kirk will be sharing his experiences in fly fishing many of the rivers visited by Lewis & Clark in Missoula and Twin Bridges. Cynthia will be sharing spectacular photos from their visit to Glacier National Park, including their stay in two of the Grand Hotels built by the railroads in the early 1900's. Cynthia is an accomplished amateur photographer whom sells her work at a local art cooperative. The Klingensmith's have traveled together on many trips, which allow Cynthia to pursue her passion behind the lens and Kirk to fly fish. The presentation will provide great tips on photography, share their experiences traveling as a couple with different interests, highlight some spectacular fishing, and show some awesome photos.

Dinner will be served buffet style. Main course entrée options are Roast Beef Au Jus and Chicken Piccata. Available sides are wild rice and penne pasta with sauce. Breadsticks and a salad bar will be included, as well as cookies for dessert. The cost is \$22.00 per person. We begin the night with a cash bar cocktail hour at 6:00, after which we will be moved to the dining room for dinner. The Klingensmith's presentation will begin shortly thereafter.

Please note that DC2 will be validating airport parking tickets so your parking at the airport will be free. (Be sure to bring your parking vouchers into DC2 that evening, so Kurt Declemente or his staff can stamp them.)

Reservations and pre-payment is required. All checks (made out to **FFF Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter**) must be received by February 27, 2015 at the latest. Checks can be received by Gene Nowlan at the February meeting or mailed to his home address at **385 Watauga Ave. Ext Corning, NY 14830**. If you have questions, please contact Gene Nowlan. Gene's cell phone number is **607-936-3988**.

A Glimpse into the Programming Year Ahead

I am very excited about the programs we have lined up for the Club in the year ahead.
Here is a glimpse of what is in store for the 2015 year!

April - Don Bastian - nationally known wet fly tyer.

May - Rick Kustich, Owner of Oak Orchard Fly Shop and a regularly published author in fly fishing magazines, will be our Key Note Speaker.

June - Casting Clinic

Stay tuned for more details on the programs noted above in future newsletters!

President's Short Cast

Kirk Klingensmith ><(((°>

This time of the year is very busy for the leadership team. Planning is in high gear for the spring programs, the Fly Fishing Academy, rod raffle, Spencer Van Etten Sportsman Show, and several other events. A group of 9 from our Chapter attended the world's largest fly fishing show in Somerset, NJ this past weekend. And we are beginning to think about spring – and another year of fly fishing outings. I hope you are excited – and can help us with the events and join the fun.

Feb 7 Spencer Van Etten Sportsman Day

We need your help. Our chapter will be demonstrating and teaching fly casting on Feb 7 (event flyer attached). The Sportsman Day runs 9 am- 6 pm and is sponsored by a Youth Sportsman Club at the High School. They expect almost 100 vendors and nearly 1000 attendees. A carpool will leave the Big Flats Community Center at 7:15 am. Please contact Kirk if you can volunteer to help in this event.

TTFR Adopts Position on Lower Susquehanna Smallmouth Fishery Decline

Over the last several weeks, our Chapter has been engaged in a discussion with the International Federation of Fly Fishers Conservation Committee about the smallmouth bass fishery decline in the lower Susquehanna River (Harrisburg area). This fishery has been in decline for over 10 years, with numerous articles in Fly Fisherman, by the PA Fish Commission, calling for the EPA to list the river as impaired - triggering a deeper investigation into the cause and solution.

At this month's business meeting, your Chapter decided to add our official endorsement to the IFFF to encourage action on this issue. We have also invited our Binghamton friends in the BC Fly Fishers to do the same. The IFFF is developing the details of an official letter at the moment.

I wanted to share some background on the issue - so all are informed.

- a) the decline in the smallmouth fishery of the Susquehanna in the Selinsgrove to Harrisburg stretch (and maybe downstream) has been occurring at concerning rates for at least 10 years. There has been a loss of population, especially with smaller fish. There are many fish afflicted with tumors or sores. There are numerous reports of intersex fish (fish with both reproductive organs) - which cannot reproduce.

Some background on the issue from Fly Fisherman magazine:

<http://www.flyfisherman.com/news/susquehannas-lost-smallmouth-fishery/>

The PA Fish and Boat Commission has been tracking this closely and calling for the river to be listed as impaired to trigger the funds necessary to understand and mitigate the issue.

<http://fishandboat.com/susq-impairment.htm>

- b) It seems the decline is connected to overdoses of nitrogen and phosphorus - from agriculture, lawn fertilization, and aging sewage treatment. There also seems to be issues with residual hormones and medicines, like estrogens - which have been causing reproductive issues in many watersheds across the country. There may be additional future effects from fracking - but the river has been in decline before fracking started in PA.

- c) the issue with the bass fishery is well characterized by PA DEP, the FBC and EPA, but there are significant political pressures to keep the river from being listed as impaired and some who fear its solution will require slow-down of agricultural farming or fracking or expensive updates to sewage treatment facilities. It seems like recent elections have changed some of the players - but the political impasse appears to remain in PA - and further action is being withheld.
- d) Numerous conservation groups are calling for an end to the political barriers to understanding and resolving this issue. An important aspect is that the river is the drinking water source for many thousands of people and whatever is causing the fishery health to decline could have serious implications regarding their health. I am proud that our Chapter can serve as a voice to investigate a potential problem endangering the health of the communities in the watershed - believing that is the more important and motivating issue.



**S-VE Sportsman Club
Presents
Sportsman Day 2015
Sat. Feb. 7th. 9am till 6pm at the
Spencer-Van Etten High School,
Admission is free!**

**If you liked it last year you'll love it
this year! We have many new
exhibits as well as most of the
ones returning from last year.
From hunting with dogs to hunting
with guides. Artists, taxidermists,
wood carvers, archery shops,
fishing experts and guides.
Archery range and fly casting area
for kids. Free venison samples.
Youth 3D archery tournament.
National Guard, seminars, Zoo
Mobile 10am till 1pm, DEC, Cornell
Raptor show@1:30, The Luckey
Buck is back!**

**Food and drinks available for sale.
Special Seminar at 7pm by
Pro. photographer, writer,
deer researcher-Charles
Alsheimer: check out
CharlesAlsheimer.com
Seminar tickets will be
available soon, \$5 adults, \$2
Students**

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2015 Fly Fishing Academy Update

Location and date for this year's Academy have yet to be finalized. We are looking at a couple of very nice facilities, working to confirm the dates. April 11th is the preferred event date.

As soon as plans are set, an advertising poster will be sent out to all Members. As planning and publicity progresses, we'll provide updates by email and Newsletter.

As usual, we will be asking for help in recruiting and registering students, and contributing your talents as one of our FFA Staff. Thank you

Fly Tying Class Announcement

Saturday, February 21, 2015

12.00 Noon – 3:00 PM

**Josh Filter and Mike Lenetsky will teach
a class on tying Streamer Flies.**

There are 12 seats for this class.

Cost: \$10.00 per student, to offset the fee for Big Flats Community Center.

See Dave Collins to sign up.

Sign up and Class fee no later than February 20th.

Watch the Newsletter for more details.

Call for 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 “Jig Style Twister-Tail”

Submitted by Pat Cohen



Hook: 2/0 Partridge Predator, bent down 45° toward gap to mimic a jig hook.

Tie in large size lead eyes.

Weight hook shank with length of .030 non-lead wire on each side, then several wraps behind lead eyes to add weight.

Thread: 210 Denier flat waxed nylon.

Tail: Tie in *Cohen's Creature Attractor Tail*.

Body: Tie in glass rattle on bottom of fly (optional), then wrap a body of green chartreuse X-tal chenille from back to front.

Tie in fly enhancer legs at front of fly.

Note: *Cohen's Creature Attractor Tails* and other fly tying materials designed by Pat can be found on his website, rusuperfly.com

Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter IFFF
Business Meeting Minutes

1-19-2015

1. Call to Order

Kirk Klingensmith called to order the Business meeting of the TT5RC FFF at 1905 on 1-19-2015 at Big Flats Community Center. The following persons were present: Kirk Klingensmith, Steve Harris, George Roy, Gene Nowlan, Dick Naylor and Bob Carlson.

2. Approval of minutes

Motion made Dick Naylor to accept Business Meeting Minutes of 12-15-14 meeting. George Roy Seconded.

3. Treasurer's Report

Motion was made by Dick Naylor to accept Treasurer's Report which was discussed and amended at the meeting. Seconded by Bob Carlson. The amended November report showed an opening balance of \$2618.98, monthly expenses of \$210, closing balance of \$2408.98.

4. Programming – Matt Collins

Community Center booked for Feb 21 for 12-3PM for Josh and Mike talk on tying streamers. Feedback on Pat Cohen tying presentation was excellent – extremely creative presentations, entertaining speaker, interesting content. Future speakers lineup: Feb 2 - Mark Metzdorff will be talking about fishing in the Northwest; Mar 2 - Social Night, Klingensmiths speaking about Montana at DC2; April 6 - Don Bastian – Nationally known wet fly tying and fishing; May 4 Rick Kustich - Steelhead.

5. Academy – Best options right now looks like Campbell Savona HS on April 11 or possibly Spencer Van Etten HS Mar 28 (Kirk to check w/SVEHS), unless CCC gets back to us soon.

6. Fly Tying – Streamer fly master class with Josh Filter and Mike Lenetsky Feb 21 – all 12 spots are sold out.

7. Library – No business discussed.

8. Somerset – Looks like 9 people going, Chaz and Bob driving and coming back Saturday.

9. Spencer V.Etten Sportsman show – Feb 7 – Club will demonstrate fly casting – Chaz, Steve, Bob, Kirk plan to help. Meet at 7:15 at BFCC, show starts at 9AM. SVHS on Rt. 34.

10. Action on Lower Susquehanna Smallmouth – Kirk asked for approval from the leadership Committee to endorse a letter on behalf of Club to encourage the IFFF Conservation Committee for support and funding to investigate and find a solution to the decline of the smallmouth fishery in the lower Susquehanna River in Pa. Motion by D.Naylor to approve, seconded by B. Carlson.

11. Rod Raffle – Plan to give away incentive rod. If we don't have enough credits we will buy rod outright. Dick will start efforts for rod raffle early 2015, expect to award winner at Kustich talk. Plan to give winner the choice between cheaper and more expensive rods.

12. Annual Report - due next month, Kirk and Gene are working on it.

13. Meeting Adjourned at 2055

Submitted by: Bob Carlson, Club Secretary

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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 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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