
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS TWIN TIERS FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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January Program

Please join Twin Tiers Five Rivers Monday, January 4th at 6:30 at the Big Flats Community Center for our monthly program meeting, where Kirk Klingensmith will be presenting GOOD CONNECTIONS. This talk will cover strategy, tips, and knots for fly fishing leaders, backing & fly lines. Everything which fly fishers need to know to rig from the reel arbor to the fly.

For beginners, Kirk will present the basics straightforwardly, so you can see it is tractable to get started catching fish. For the learners, Kirk will share options and situations to deviate to enhance your fish catching fun. Kirk fly fishes for trout, steelhead, salmon, bass, carp, and saltwater from bonefish to snook to stripped bass. Kirk will share how techniques from this range of experience can help your fishing.

There will be a handout with knot diagrams, website links, leader formulas and other reference materials.

At 6:30, rather than our typical fly tying demonstration, Kirk will be demonstrating technique to make a whipped loop, heat weld loops, and spliced fly line connections. The presentation begins at 7:00. Big Flats Community Center is at 476 Maple St, Big Flats, NY 14814



February Program

Dinner & Social Night - February 1st

This year we will be holding our Social Night at Tanino Ristorante Italiano in Horseheads, NY. The evening will start at 6:00 pm with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. At 7:00 pm we will have a buffet dinner with salad, pasta, chicken, vegetable, dessert and coffee, tea or soft drinks. The cost is \$25 per person.

The speaker will be a nationally known expert on the environmental issues of hydrofracking, Cornell Professor Dr. Tony Ingraffea. Tony's talk is entitled **Shale Gas/Oil; Evidence on Leaky Wells, Methane Emissions, and Energy Policy**. Dr. Ingraffea has spoken at our Chapter twice before and is a fellow fly fisher from Ithaca Trout Unlimited. The talk will share emerging science of the impact of natural gas harvesting and leakage, and methane's accelerating impact on climate change. Research at Cornell and elsewhere is showing the cost effectiveness of alternative energy technology, raising the importance of governmental policies which encourage it. You will find Dr. Ingraffea engaging and entertaining. You won't want to miss this event.

This event is open to members, visitors and guests. We especially encourage you to invite spouses, family members or fishing buddies to enjoy the evening with you.

Reservations should be made as soon as possible for this popular Dinner Social Night. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required.

If you have questions, contact Bob Schaeffler schaeffler56@hotmail.com (607)-734-2104, or Steve Harris sjh529@stny.rr.com (607)973-2509

Please send your and your guest names, along with a check to cover \$25 for each in your group, made payable to **Twin Tiers Five Rivers IFFF**.

Payment must be received no later than Tuesday, January 26.

Send checks to: Bob Schaeffler
1554 Mt. Zoar Rd.
Pine City, NY 14871

2016 Fly Fishing Academy Announcement

This year's Academy will be held **April 2nd**, at the **Campbell-Savona High School** in Campbell, NY. 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 wonderful facility. See the Academy event flyer further along in this Newsletter.

As in the past, we will be asking for your help in recruiting and registering students, and in contributing your talents as one of our FFA Staff. Chas Elliott will be organizing the Casting Instructor Crew come this spring.

Class fee is \$75 for Adults (ages 16 and over); \$50 for Youth (ages 11-15 accompanied by a paying Adult). Again this year, the first (6) six Youth students to register will receive a \$25 discount.

IFFF-TTFR members are eligible for a \$10 discount. Also bear in mind, that as a Club member, you can pass this \$10 discount along to someone in your family or to a friend.

President's Short Cast

Kirk Klingensmith . . . •`•, ><(((°>

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!

Hope Santa added to your fly fishing gear!

I hope you will attend the January 4th meeting, which I put together about strategies, tips and knots for connections, from reel arbor to fly. I had a lot of fun pulling together a wealth of information to share from 46 years of learning this sport. Hopefully this will take a decade or two off your learning curve! At 6:30 pm I will be demonstrating fly line connections including whipped and welded loops and a splice. Some of these are not that widely used – so hopefully you will find it helpful.

Eastern Waters Council

I am excited that the new IFFF regional re-organization is bringing new energy and a connection to the International Federation.

The IFFF is organized by geographic regions – called Councils – with each overseen by IFFF volunteer, elected leadership. These Leaders report to the international organization, providing a connection between our Chapter and the IFFF. Two years ago, our region was reorganized into the Eastern Waters Council – which includes NY, NJ, and Ontario, Canada.

The President of Eastern Waters, Sam Decker, and Secretary, Demetre Bove, visited our Chapter meeting in November. Those of you who attended saw that Sam and Demetre are hard-core fly fishing women and are looking to personally connect with the Eastern Water Council Clubs.

I am excited that several conference calls have been held with the Presidents in our Council. Improvements are being made to the Council newsletters and e-mails to help local Chapters, inter-Chapter sharing is increasing, and a fund raising drift boat raffle (partnered with the Friends of the Upper Delaware) is underway.

President's Short Cast, continued

You can check out Eastern Waters on the IFFF Council webpage

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Councils/EasternWaters/tabid/609/Default.aspx>.

For those of you on Facebook, 'like' their page at [Eastern Waters Council IFFF](#).

Somerset Fly Fishing Show

January 29-31 is the International Fly Fishing Show in Somerset, NJ.

<http://flyfishingshow.com/somerset-nj/>

This is the largest fly fishing show in the world. This is great fun. There are hundreds of presentations from the top names in our sport, hundreds of vendors, film festivals, fly tying demonstrations, etc. It is an unbelievable weekend of fly fishing knowledge sharing.

Once again, our Chapter will be taking a group trip. We have a group of rooms reserved at the Econolodge – and six folks signed up so far. The carpool departs Friday at 6:00 am from the Big Flats Community Center and returns Sunday evening.

Contact Kirk to reserve a spot kklingensmi@stny.rr.com or 607-346-7189

Website Good News/Bad News

You may have noticed that our website has been down from time to time through the year. It took us a while to realize that our traffic on the site has been increasing through our 15 years as a Chapter and we hit the traffic limit for our low cost website established long ago. Unfortunately, when this occurs, it shuts down the website.

Ultimately, this is good news. As our Chapter has grown and folks are finding the information helpful, the usage of our site is growing. This is great.

Webmaster, John Lively, has upgraded our service, which should hopefully resolve the website shutdowns. Many thanks John for bailing us out again.

Long-term we would like to upgrade our website and e-mail system to fit our current needs. If you have a talent in this area and could volunteer to lead this, please contact Kirk or Bob Carlson.

Fly of the Month



Spuddler

Developed by Dan Bailey and tied by Mike Hogue

Hook: #6 Mustad 9674

Thread: 6/0 thread

Tail: Antron tail - tie in at back of hook and wrap forward on shank

Body: Medium tan chenille, ribbed with Mylar oval tinsel size 14 gold. Strip off a little chenille, tie in at back of hook shank, then tie in ribbing.

Take four turns of chenille and tie off, then wrap ribbing forward and tie off. Make sure to leave room to spin antelope hair head.

Under wing: Red squirrel tail, tie in streamer-style over chenille.

Over wing: Hen pheasant feather is then tied in flat over squirrel tail (similar to a hopper wing)

Head and collar: Antelope hair is spun on the hook shank to form the head and collar of the fly. Antelope is perhaps the easiest hair to spin. Take a bunch, tie in on one side of hook and spin hair, then repeat on other side of hook. Pack hair and fill in head as needed, then trim with scissors.

This fly is a great imitation for sculpin minnows which are very common in many of our area streams, as well as streams all over the country. Mike uses this fly to catch small-mouth bass as well as big brown trout in Arkansas.

Badger Creek Fly Tying



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This article was published in the Eastern Waters Council Newsletter

Bush Whackin': Finding Undiscovered Streams, Mike Hogue

I've been fishing and chasing trout in small streams for about as long as I've been fly fishing. Over the years I've had some interesting adventures in lots of these obscure places. As time goes on the experiences and memories are still there but HOW exactly I found these places is often now a mystery

Follow this link to view Mike's excellent article.

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5ff4859ba0bcba6f43c0706be/files/3_Bush_Wackin.pdf

Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter IFFF
Business Meeting Minutes

12-21-2015

1. Call to Order

Kirk Klingensmith called to order the Business Meeting of the TT5RC IFFF at 1900 on 12-21-2015 at Big Flats Community Center. Kirk Klingensmith, Gene Nowlan, Steve Harris, Bob Carlson and Matt Collins were present.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report showed an opening balance of \$2323.22 and a closing balance of \$2323.22, with \$0.00 in expenses. Steve motioned to accept previous meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report, Gene seconded.

3. Programming

Programming - Dec 7 Meeting Feedback - Mike Hogue gave an outstanding talk about Fishing Arkansas lakes and tailwaters – Outstanding presentation and good attendance. In January, Kirk will be talking about Good Connections: Strategy, tips, & knots for fly fishing leaders, backing & fly line. Prior to the talk, Kirk will show us how to form welded and other loops.

Feb. 1 Social Night at Tanino Ristorante - Tony Ingrassia will be talking about Shale Gas/Oil; Evidence on Leaky Wells, Methane Emissions, and Energy Policy. Steve to be second contact for information on the Social Night.

March - working on program on local stream opportunities. In April - Joe Ackourey tentatively coming. Need to find Speakers for March and May.

4. Fly Tying – nothing discussed

5. Rod Raffle and fund raising – Kirk thinks we may be able to get guide prices for TFO rods (\$250 max). Could go with choice of TFO rods. \$5 per ticket, 5 for \$20. Also discussed clothing with TT5R- IFFF logo, as well as Ithaca Fish Days type raffle.

6. Eastern Waters FFF – President's Call. Kirk took part in conference call.

7. Library – No new business discussed.

8. Academy – Confirmed for April 2 at CSHS. Discussed lowering age limit, decided to lower the limit to age 11. Youth 11-15 year olds have to be accompanied by an adult. Steve to finalize flyer and send out for review. Add blurb in newsletter that members can offer \$10 discount to new members. Kirk proposed having the club pay for 2 counselors from the Boy Scouts club on Waneta Lake to help them with their merit badge program. Gene seconded, motion passed.

9. Fly Fishing Show - Somerset N.J – Jan. 29-31, 2016. A group will be traveling to Somerset for the show. If interested, let Kirk know.

10. Spencer Van Etten Sportsman Show – Feb. 6-7, 2016 – decided against going - too many things going on, no volunteers to lead.

11. Website had been shutting down due to increased traffic - Bob made motion to increase DOTeasy download limit to 2 Gb/month for \$54 annual fee, Kirk seconded. Also discussed cleaning website to dissuade people from downloading massive amounts of materials.

12. Meeting Adjourned at 2059

Submitted by: Bob Carlson, Club Secretary

Fly Fishing Academy

Twin Tier Five Rivers IFFF
Campbell-Savona High School
Saturday, April 2, 2015

8:00 am to 5:00 pm



Learn to Fly Fish in a Day

The TTFR Chapter of the International Federation of Fly Fishers is sponsoring its 9th Annual Fly Fishing Academy. This is a high-quality fly fishing course, open to Adults and to Youth 11 yrs old and over. The class will provide beginner fly fishers with the basic knowledge and skills to get started, and will help those familiar with the sport onto a fast track to improve.

Classroom topics include fly fishing equipment and its use, fly types and their usage, knot tying, reading water, basic entomology, fishing dry flies, streamers, and nymphs, catching and releasing fish. Students will most importantly develop fly casting skills through three sessions throughout the day.

Students can bring and learn on 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. Kirk Klingensmith is our Lead Instructor for the Academy. Chas Elliott leads our fly casting staff and is an Internationally Certified Casting Instructor.



Class fee is \$75 for Adults (ages 16 and over); \$50 for Youth (ages 11-15, accompanied by a paying Adult). Again this year, the first (6) six Youth students to register will receive a \$25 discount. IFFF-TTFR Members are also eligible for a \$10 discount. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Prepaid registration is required by Fri., March 25th. Class size is limited, so please register early.

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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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