
FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL TWIN TIERS FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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January Program

We welcome you to join us on January 8th at 6:30pm, when one of our own TTFR club members, Jack Littleton, will be speaking about Fly Fishing for Carp. Please note that this date is moved back from our normal first Monday of the month due to the New Year's holiday. Jack has been fly fishing for carp for many years, and is considered the club expert on targeting this wary and challenging species. He regularly targets carp on our local waters. Jack's presentation will focus on explaining carp behavior and how to adapt your fishing to more successful techniques, flies, and setups for carp. Our area has some outstanding carp fishing opportunities to take advantage of. 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 carp already, but want to improve your skills – you don't want to miss this talk. Prior to the talk, Jack will be tying one of his favorite carp flies, the Clouser Foxee Red Minnow. 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 PM.

Our next program meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5, again at Big Flats Community Center, when Bob Carlson will be talking about nymph fishing using strike indicators.

Annual Social Night
Dinner and Presentation

Featuring Barry and Cathy Beck

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.

2018 Rod Raffle
Fly Fishers International
Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter



Prize – Single-hand* fly rod of your choice among:

- **Orvis**
 - **Clearwater:** (3 thru 9wt, 4pc, mid-flex action)
 - **Recon:** (3 thru 10wt, 4pc, mid-flex action)
 - **Superfine:** (1 thru 6wt, 3 or 4pc, carbon or glass, full-flex action)

- **Temple Fork Outfitters (TFO)**
 - **Axiom II:** (5 thru 12wt, 4pc, medium fast action)
 - **Impact:** (4 thru 8wt, 4pc, medium fast action)
 - **BVK:** (3 thru 10wt, 4pc, fast action)
 - **Mangrove:** (5 thru 12wt, 4pc, fast action)
 - **Esox:** (10 or 12wt, 4pc, fast action)
 - **Clouser:** (5 thru 10wt, 4pc, fast action)
 - **NXT:** (4 thru 8wt, 4pc, medium fast action)
 - **Finesse:** (1 thru 5wt, 3 or 4pc, carbon or glass, slow action)

Tickets: 1 for \$10, 3 for \$20, 6 for \$35

Drawing: At May program meeting

***does not include Switch / Spey rods**

Orvis Clearwater Retail \$229 Clearwater, freshwater rods are perfect for anglers who primarily fish in freshwater. Clearwater rods have you covered whether you are fishing small freshwater creeks or wide western trout rivers. The Clearwater fly rods are designed with a perfect balance of strength and precision, allowing anglers to cast heavy streamer or tiny dry flies. Backed by a 25-year guarantee.

Orvis Recon Retail \$449 Recon is the rod designed for the anglers who chase blue lines on topo maps and spend their nights bent over maps, plotting the next day's adventures. For those who manage riverside meals of granola bars and jerky paired with the evening hatch instead of a sit-down meal at a sane hour. For anglers who would rather spend the day in the front of a skiff than behind a desk, we've created a rod ready to work as hard as you do in the pursuit of fish. Recon teams high-performance feel with lightness in hand. With close-in loading ability and the power for longer reach, the rods feature a modern shadow green blank and covert black nickel hardware.

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Orvis Superfine Carbon / Glass Retail \$429 Spring creek fishing means large fish and small water. If your target is DePuy's in the Paradise Valley, Crane Creek in Missouri, or the Fall River in northern California, stealth is key and there is no room for error. The first presentation is off? Kiss the trout goodbye and move along. For demanding conditions and picky trout, you need a rod that will settle flies gently yet offer enough backbone to get the job done once he decides to eat. The Superfine® Carbon is the rod for the job.

A new standard has arrived in fiberglass fly rods. The Superfine Glass fly rod was voted the best fiberglass rod by Fly Fisherman magazine. Fiberglass fly rods are about feel, accurate casting, and that classic bend, and the Superfine Glass delivers these all perfectly. Ideal for small creeks and rivers and close-range casting, Superfine Glass fiberglass fly rods allow you to deliver the fly line with great delicacy and fight fish with fine tippets. This Superfine Glass is the ultimate fiberglass fly rod for classic anglers.

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 Friday, 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.

President's Short Cast

Kirk Klingensmith . . . '•`•, ><(((°>

Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday, and Happy New Year. As I write this I am putting the final items in my suitcase for a fly fishing trip of a lifetime to Patagonia. I will be spending New Year's at the base of the Andres. I can't wait. Yesterday, I landed two nice steelhead while fishing with Chris Walker (former chapter member). He was in town and wanted to get out. It was below 20 degrees, ice was freezing on the guides and line, and we had to break ice to get in the stream. Argentina should be a contrast.

The chapter is queuing up a bunch of great programs and upcoming activities. Check out the newsletter and get your reservations in for the Fly Fishing Academy, Social Night, and many upcoming fly fishing events.

Social Night

Program chair Bob Carlson and the TFR 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 5th monthly 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.

Fly Fishing Academy – April 7, 2018

We have set the date for our annual fly fishing school for April 7 at the Campbell Savona High School. See details following in this newsletter. We are very encouraged that a growing number of students are repeating the school year after year. These students are finding this is a great investment to advance your fly fishing capability. Fly fishing is all about learning – and the school is a great opportunity for all fly fishers.

Fly Fishing Workshop Feb 10

	<p>Mark your calendars to attend the 5th Fly Fishers Workshop in Rochester on February 10th, 2018, at Brighton's Twelve Corners Middle School (9 am to 5:30 pm)</p>
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The Fly Fisher's Workshop is a fun fly fishing event that promotes knowledge and sharing of skills. It is held every other year. Fly Fisher's Workshop offers eight, 50-minute workshop sessions on various topics for both beginner and experienced fly fishers. In addition, there is a Fly Fishing Atrium, Fly Tying in the cafeteria, Casting Lessons, Casting Competition, Raffle Prizes, Local Food Trucks and Fly Fishing Vendors.

General admission is \$10 for adults (youth 16 and under free). Several hundred anglers attend this popular biennial event. Partner organizations are Seth Green Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Brighton Fishing Club. Gate proceeds benefit Seth Green TU and the Brighton Fishing Club. Proceeds from the past 4 FFW's have raised \$5,000 to support local conservation and outreach programs! In late January, a schedule of events, presenters and sponsors will be available at: <http://sethgreentu.org/>.

March 24, 2018 – Ithaca Fishing and Conservation Day

TTFR FFi will once again be participating on the annual Ithaca Fishing Day, sponsored by our friends in Leon Chandler Trout Unlimited. We can use volunteers to staff the booth and to help teach fly tying..

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.

The Chapter is looking for a Newsletter Editor, and with this we are also looking to improve the effectiveness of our communications. We would also 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.

Fly of the Month

Suspender

Originated by Bob Clouser, Modified by Kirk Klingensmith



Hook: std length & wire, Gamakatsu B10S size 4 or Mustad 3366 size 4 (sharpen Mustad hooks)

Thread: 3/0 Flat Wax Nylon

Tail: Fluffy Marabou Feather bottom, 10-20 strands of holographic flashabou, doubled over 3/4 to 1 inch longer than Marabou). Fluffy Marabou Feather top

Body: Large Estaz wrap, 2/3 down hook shank

Head: Craft fur tied forward over eye in bunches and pulled back bullet head style. Clouser's original calls for sheep's wool which is heavier to cast but works fine.

Notes:

- Great for smallmouth and largemouth bass
- Tie in chartreuse over yellow or white; all white; all black; or white with red head.
- Effective when fished along structure, like riprap boulders, with no movement or slight twitches, or with fast downstream retrieves to run along the structure.
- Will bring fish out of deep pools when fished on surface.
- Effective when stripped across ankle-to-knee deep riffles, especially on overcast days.
- It is important that the materials don't slip back when the fish hits the fly which can result in lost fish. This fly is very vulnerable to slipping for some reason.
- To prevent this, coat the tail tie-down area with super glue before wrapping chenille, and coat craft fur tie-down area with super glue before pulling bullet head back.

Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter of FFi

Business Meeting Minutes

12-18-2017

1. Call to Order

Kirk Klingensmith called to order the Business meeting of the TT5R FFi at 1907 on 12-18-2017 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, Bob Schaeffler and Steve Harris.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report

A closing balance of \$3780.36 is held by the club as of 12-18-17. Dick motioned to accept business meeting minutes and Treasurer's report, Steve seconded.

3. Programming

The November program with Kirk was well attended with 24 attendees. The consensus from the leaders was that it contained a lot of very useful and interesting information on bass fishing and that we always enjoy having our leader present.

Upcoming programming includes:

- January – Jack Littleton talking about carp fishing
- February – t.b.d.
- February Social Night (in place of March meeting) – Feb 28 with Barry and Cathy Beck at Corning American Legion
- April – Mike Hogue talking about fishing from a canoe, Kayak or bicycle
- May – Co-sponsored event with Leon Chandler TU club @ Ithaca TU meeting location – Mike Valla will be guest speaker
- June – Casting Class

4. Spring Rod Raffle

Jim Walck, Matt Towner and Bob Carlson are heading this up. Drawing will be at the May program meeting. Tickets are \$10 for 1, \$20 for 3 and \$35 for 6. Will have a list of Orvis (Clearwater, Recon and Superfine) and TFO (Axiom II, Impact, BVK, Mangrove, Esox, Clouser, NXT, and Finesse) rods that the winner can select from. Waiting on Matt to confirm final club cost for each rod. Matt to also work with John Lively to get Paypal available for raffle tickets again. Motion was made by Dick to authorize the use of the club's \$110 credit and the club will cover the additional cost, Vince seconded.

5. Academy

Steve working on publicity this month with big push starting in January.

6. Edison Fly Fishing Show Trip

Jan 26-28. 6 rooms booked at the Comfort Suites in Somerset, NJ

7. Ithaca Fishing Day

March 24, 2018 – Volunteer needed to coordinate

8. Library

Extra library books were sold at the last meeting and raised \$31. We will continue putting out a free/for donation table at upcoming meetings and social night with option to provide donation if so inclined. Matt and Andy will send out an email to the club with Library information. Andy will be out of town from mid-January until the end of May.

9. Newsletter

Deadline is 12/31 for newsletter articles.

10. January Leadership Meeting

Matt will be out of town – Bob will take meeting minutes in his place.

11. Meeting adjourned at 2114

Submitted 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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