
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS TWIN TIERS FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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June 2015

June Program

Chas Elliott, Certified IFFF Casting Instructor

Casting Clinic

On *June* 1st at the Big Flats Community Center outdoors on the lawn at 6:30 pm we will be having our annual **Casting Clinic**. This program is a traditional follow up to our Academy and is a great way to work out any kinks you may have with your casting. Join Chas Elliot, our Certified FFF Casting Instructor, and the rest of our casting staff to help work on your casting techniques. We may even have some friendly competition with some accuracy contests. This is always a fun one, so mark it on your calendar!

President's Short Cast

Kirk Klingensmith ><(((°>

We are in peak conditions for fly fishing. The trout fishing and mayflies are in high gear. Bass fishing is underway. What a great time to have fun with the long rod.

Hope you were able to see nationally known steelhead expert and author, Rick Kustich, who spoke at our May meeting. Rick shared helpful insights on steelhead and pursuing them with a spey rod. Speaker costs were shared by our friends with the Leon Chandler Trout Unlimited – Thank you!

I hope to see you at one of the upcoming fishing trips or the June 1 casting seminar.

Rod Raffle – Youth Camp

On May 4 our rod raffle to raise funds for youth came to a close.

Club Member Dr John Rominger won a **Temple Fork Outfitters 7wt TiCrX**.

Club Member JC Smith (photo at right) won the **Cortland Line 100th Anniversary rod**. The rod is #8 of 100 rods built to celebrate Cortland Line's 100 years of contributions to our sport. The rod is valued at \$1200 and made by custom rod builder Mike McFarland.



JC bought the ticket at our social dinner meeting with money he found in the parking lot. He was going to give the cash to the club but I encouraged him to buy a raffle ticket with it. JC is a lucky guy.

The proceeds from the raffle will fund the tuition cost for Matthew Rebis, 15 year old Club Member, to attend the Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp (www.riverscamp.com) at Allenbury on the banks of the Yellow Breeches River this June.

Many thanks to all who bought rod raffle tickets. It is great to invest this all in building tomorrow's generation of fly fishing sportsmen.

Officer Election in June

The club elects officers at our June meeting. The present officers have been nominated to serve for another year. We appreciate members who volunteer their skills to serve the Club as a leadership team member. We can do as much as folks have skills and time to help our sport. See Kirk or any Club officer.

June 13 Delaware River Fishing Trip

Our Club has arranged a trip with the BC Fly Fishers, our sister IFFF Chapter in Binghamton, to fish the Delaware River together on Saturday, June 13. We will be car pooling from the Big Flats Community Center at 9am. We plan to fish during the day and stay for the best fishing just before dusk. We will be wade fishing, with our friends from the area choosing the spots to go for the best chance of success. There will be breaks for lunch and dinner, but bring whatever you want to eat. Contact Kirk, cell 607-346-7189, kklingensmi@stny.rr.com to join the group.

Gift of Two Person Pontoon

Jay Lechner, Club member from Buffalo, donated a used ODC 1220 Creek Company two man pontoon craft to our club. Thank you!

George Roy spent several days assembling the boat and getting it prepared for the water. I had a chance to see it and it looks like a great craft for our fishing float trips.

The next challenge is getting the large (but very lightweight) craft to the water. We are looking for a trailer or someone with a vehicle large enough to haul it.



Great Job George !!

BC Flyfishers Holding Beginner Fly Casting Clinic June 20

The Binghamton IFFF Chapter will hold a fly casting clinic on Saturday, June 20, from 10 am to 1 pm. The class is designed for beginner fly casters, although intermediate casters are welcome. Basic casts and rigging will be taught. Video recording and analysis will be done. Cost is \$30 for adults / \$20 for youth under 18.

Contact Eric Tomosky at 607-743-6784 or etomosky@gmail.com to register or for information.



Cortland Line Company donates 100th Anniversary Fly Rod to BC Flyfishers

Bob Bruns | Binghamton Fly Fishing Examiner

May 15, 2015



Nick DiNunzio, BCFF Chapter President (left) receives Cortland Line Company 100th Anniversary fly rod from Cortland's Brook Robinson.

Let's face it, 100 years is a long time to be around. Such is the case with the Cortland Line Company, which is celebrating a century in business with a very special fly rod. Cortland Line Company announced in late April that they commissioned world renowned rod designer Mike McFarland to design and build a very special, limited edition fly rod to celebrate Cortland's 100th anniversary. Only 100 of these presentation quality rods will be produced, with each one hand signed and numbered 1 through 100.

The design of this rod is world-class and in line with the brand image that Cortland Line, an innovator in fly line design, has represented to so many anglers over the years. For one, each of the 9 foot, 5 weight graphite rods were hand built in the USA right down to the rod blanks which are rolled using a unique composite of varying carbon fibers. Secondly, these 4 piece rods feature a special ferrule design that not only adds strength but also provides a seamless transition of power from butt to tip. According to McFarland, "the design of these rods combines a refined progressive taper with updated materials and resin system. The result is an extremely smooth casting rod with a classic action, great line feel, and perfect performance with just a few feet of line out as well as at longer distances."

The features and components of this rod match its world-class design. These rods feature top-shelf components, including engraved nickel silver reel seats with highly figured buckeye burl inserts and handles turned from the finest quality cork. The guides are hand-wrapped with classic antique gold thread and the rod is expertly finished, hand signed, and serialized by McFarland. Retail price for these rods is \$1,200.

While there is much to celebrate as a company, Cortland Line Company is celebrating its 100th anniversary at a major turning point in its history. The company has gone through some trials in the recent past, including downsizing and the announcement of the closure of the Cortland Line Factory Store. The business seemed to have lost its way long after the days when Leon Chandler was a leader and fly fishing visionary. Perhaps, as many companies have done, it tried to be all things to all customers. For many years, Cortland marketed its own line of rods, reels, fly fishing gear and accessories. Some of these products were certainly good, but were they competitive?

Cortland Line Company has been under new management since 2012. Rumors had been circulating in the fly fishing community for some time about the company closing and possibly moving its operations to China. But according to Cortland Line president Randy Brown, that is not happening. In fact, the company has a new business strategy in place to focus on its core business of fly

lines with a goal to once again become the top fly line manufacturer in the world. The company got a financial shot in the arm recently when it was told it will receive \$200,000 in state and local grants. And it has hired John Wilson, a former silver medalist at the World Fly Fishing Championships and coach of the U.S. Junior Fly Fishing Team, to run the plant's day-to-day operations.

Fly of the Month

Black & Purple Marabou Spey Tube Fly

Courtesy: Rick Kustich



Body: Black small diameter HMH junction tubing about 2.5 inches long

Tie purple schlappen in at tip at rear of tube and wrap forward wet fly style.

Tie purple schlappen in at tip in front of purple schlappen and wrap forward.

Tie black marabou in at tip in front of purple marabou and wrap forward.

Tie in 5 to 6 strands of holographic flashabou on each side.

Whip finish.

Cone head can be added for weight if desired.

Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter IFFF

Business Meeting Minutes

5-18-2015

1. **Call to Order**

Kirk Klingensmith called to order the Business meeting of the TT5RC FFF at 1906 on 5-18-2015 at BF Community Center. The following persons were present: Kirk Klingensmith, Steve Harris, George Roy, Gene Nowlan, and Bob Carlson.

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's report showed an opening balance of \$3868.50 and a closing balance of \$3427.20, with 821.30 in expenses (Matthew Rebis trip, Kustich fees, and Rainbow Paradise trip food) and \$380 in income. Gene made motion to accept 4/20/15 meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report, George seconded.

3. **Programming – Matt Collins**

On May 4, nationally known Steelhead expert Rick Kustich talked about steelhead in front of 30 meeting attendees. The talk was extremely well done. On June 1, we will have our casting clinic at Big Flats Community Center, Chas Elliott will be teaching.

4. **Fly Fishing Camp in Carlisle, Pa** - Matthew Rebis will be going to the Fly Fishing camp in Pa at the end of June. The club leadership committee agreed to pay the \$350 fee associated with Matthew's trip.

5. **Fly Tying** – No business discussed.

6. **Library** – No business discussed.

7. **Rod Raffle** – Total earnings for rod was \$500. The TFO Incentive rod (CRX) went to John Romager and the Cortland custom rod (built by Mike McFarland) was won by JC Smith.

8. **Friends of Chemung River** – Plan to hold a kid's fishing derby at Brick Pond Park on Aug 15 and would like our help with donating prizes and/or teaching to fly fish for bluegills. Kirk to check out the pond. We will discuss further.

9. **Fishing Trips** – Cohocton trip was a success and although the fishing was a tad slow most people caught fish and everyone had fun. 10 people attended including 2 academy students. Cayuta Creek trip was also a success, with 6 people attending and performing stream cleaning duties. The Delaware River trip with BC Flyfishers is set for June 13, Kirk will be hosting. Salmon River trip is out due to logistics. Matt still wants to host a fall trip, TBD.

10. **Club website and e-mail system** – We have been experiencing technical issues with both the website and e-mail system. Discussed looking at alternative e-mail service – discussed Meet-up (website also or just e-mail) as well as Mailchimp. Kirk and Bob and others will continue to research alternatives.

11. **Meeting Adjourned at 2031**

Submitted by: Bob Carlson, Club Secretary

Badger Creek Fly Tying Open House Announcement

Please join us for our 10th Annual Open House and Customer Appreciation, Saturday, June 6, 2015 from 9am to 3 pm. Special guests include Joe Cambridge, Jim Froio, Jamie Lovette and Carol Farkas Cambridge. Jim Murphy from Douglas Outdoors will be on hand to demo the new Douglas Upstream Spring Creek Rods. Free casting lessons, free fly tying demos, free snacks and cold drinks. For more event and location information, contact **Mike Hogue** at 607-347-4946 or at Mike@eflytyer.com.

Twin Tiers Five Rivers 2015 Conservation & Fishing Trips



Please inform coordinators at least 2 days before hand by phone or e-mail that you plan to attend, so we can arrange food and fishing.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Destination</u> | <u>Trip Coordinator</u> | <u>Meeting Time/Location</u> |
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| <u>June 6</u> Saturday | <u>Genesee River</u> Lunch Provided | <u>Chas Elliott</u> h 607-587-8763 chasman@frontiernet.net <u>Bob Carlson</u> c 607-765-1286 carlsonrl@corning.com | 7 am depart from Corning Wegman's |
| <u>June 13</u> Saturday | <u>Delaware River Trip</u> With BC Fly Fishers. Mid afternoon lunch. Will fish late. More details to follow. | <u>Kirk Klingensmith</u> c 607-346-7189 kklingensmi@stny.rr.com | 9 am depart from Big Flats Community Center |
| <u>August 8</u> Saturday | <u>Chemung River Float</u> Sign up reqd. Lunch provided. Bring a canoe, kayak, or boat. Canoe rental available. | <u>Kirk Klingensmith</u> c 607-346-7189 kklingensmi@stny.rr.com <u>Dave Collins</u> c (607) 398-4620 wdvdellns@gmail.com | 9 am departure Details TBD |
| <u>September</u> | <u>Catskills – The Birthplace of US Dry Fly Fishing</u> <u>Beaverkill and Willowemoc</u> Overnight Camping available | <u>Matt Collins</u> c (607) 329-8059 matthew.john.collins@hotmail.com | Details to follow. |

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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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