

---

# INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS TWIN TIERS FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

[www.twintiersfff.org](http://www.twintiersfff.org)

May 2015

---

## May Program

### Rick Kustich, Keynote Speaker

### Fly Fishing for Great Lakes Steelhead

Please join the Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter of the International Federation of Fly Fishermen on Monday, May 4 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm where we will be hosting none other than Rick Kustich as our Annual Keynote Speaker at the Big Flats Community Center.

Rick Kustich is a fly fishing author and photographer. In January 2013 he released *Advanced Fly Fishing for Great Lakes Steelhead* which is his fifth fly fishing title. Rick's work has appeared in numerous national and regional publications. He is also a fly tyer, seminar speaker, and travel host and has produced a fly tying DVD. Rick has also spent time as a fly shop owner, outfitter, and fly fishing book publisher.

Rick began fly fishing almost forty years ago on the lakes and streams of upstate New York. He has since traveled extensively to experience the finest fly fishing throughout North America and beyond but continues to find that some of the best fishing often exists in your own backyard. Rick spends a significant amount of time each year on the water and has developed a special passion for steelhead fishing in the Great Lakes and British Columbia.

Rick's presentation is titled **Fly Fishing for Great Lakes Steelhead** and focuses on the background of the fishery, steelhead behavior, equipment, strategy, techniques, flies and some of the region's top rivers. The presentation has a special focus on swinging the fly and the use of switch and two-handed rods. It features high quality photography and is an extension of Rick's latest book *Advanced Fly Fishing for Great Lakes Steelhead*.

This is going to be a fantastic presentation and if you are into steelheading or want to get into steelheading then I would highly recommend that you be present for Rick's program.



**May Speaker  
Rick Kustich**

## **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 . . . ••• , . . . . . ><(((°>*

Spring is here. My daughter and I fished the Hendrickson hatch on the Cohocton yesterday. The bugs were on the water, but it was cold! Would someone tell the weather man it's time to change!

You do not want to miss the May 4 meeting – with author and steelhead expert Rick Kustich. The speaker fees are being co-sponsored with our friends in the Leon Chandler Trout Unlimited. Invite your friends to join us for this informative evening.

#### **Rod Raffle – Youth Camp**

Our club is holding a rod raffle to raise funds for the club and especially our effort toward youth. The drawing will be at the May 4 meeting for two rods – including a choice of various TFO rods and a Cortland rod celebrating their centennial year.

Club member, Matthew Rebis, is the first alternate to attend the Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp in Boiling Springs, PA. Our club will be sponsoring his tuition, should the spot open for Matt to attend.

#### **April 11 Fly Fishing Academy**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual fly fishing school was the best ever. 22 students learned fly fishing skills at the beautiful Campbell Savona High School. Students included youth, couples, women, beginners and advancing fly fishers.

The staff was our largest ever. It was a load of fun. Many thanks to all who volunteered their time to share our sport. Thanks to Steve Harris for coordinating. Thanks to Kirk, Steve, Matt Collins, Bob Carlson, John Lively and Mark Metzdorff for teaching. Chas Elliott, our Certified Casting Instructor, and his Staff of casting coaches had students advancing quickly. Dr Mark Metzdorff did a great presentation sharing some awesome photos of his fly fishing experiences.

Each of the students was presented with a dozen hand tied flies – donated by our members and coordinated by Dave Collins, our Fly Tying Chair, to welcome them into our sport. Many thanks to all who donated flies.



## 2015 Fly Fishing Academy Students and Staff

### Rainbow Paradise – First Fishing Trip of the Season

The April 26 Rainbow Paradise fishing trip was a great success. 11 members and visitors joined host George Roy for a cool, sunny day to kick off the spring season. Member and 3 time Academy Student, **Matt Rebis** had the hot rod of the day – showing he has those nymphing skills down pat. And Academy Student and Member, **Peter Gordon** had no trouble landing a few large ones of his own as well !!



Don't miss this Saturday's May 2 trip to the Cohocton – and bring along your Hendrickson collection.

Please see the updated season trip schedule in this newsletter. Members and visitors are welcome to come on fishing trips. We ask that let the host know you plan to come at least 2 days beforehand.

### Officer Election in June

The Club elects officers at our June meeting, so they can use the summer to prepare for the program cycle. We appreciate members who volunteer their skills to serve the Club as an officer or leadership team member. We can do as much as folks have skills and time to donate. See Kirk or any Club officer to help our sport.

## Field & Stream Fishing Kick-off Event – Sunday March 29

Our Chapter demonstrated fly tying and talked fly fishing at the Field and Stream Fishing Kick-off Day. Many thanks to Kirk, Dave Collins, and George Roy for tying. Field and Stream donated \$100 to the club for participating!



## Annual Rod Raffle Fundraiser

Our Chapter is holding its Annual Rod Raffle to raise funds for youth scholarships to the Fly Fishing Academy. We are offering two rods this year and two chances to win. One of the winners will be able to choose a new rod from several **selected Temple Fork** rod sizes and models. The other winner will receive a brand new **Cortland 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rod**.

**Tickets are five (5) for \$20, or \$5 each.**  
**See Matt Collins at Club meetings.**

**The Raffle Drawing will be at the May 4<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting.**

## Fly of the Month

### **“Leadwing Coachman” Wet Fly**

**Courtesy: Don Bastian**



**Hook:** Standard 1X nymph hook, size 10-14

**Thread:** Black

**Tie in** gold or silver tinsel tag at back bend of hook

**Body:** 4 strands of peacock herl twisted together and wound to hook eye

**Hackle:** Brown hen

**Wing:** Matched mallard wing feather segments

**To tie in wing segments, pinch segments together and make one thread wrap around segments before wrapping onto hook shank.**

## Tech Tip

\*\*\*\*\*

### Fly Line Maintenance

By Matt Collins

Fly line is often the most overlooked portion of our fly fishing equipment yet it is one of the most important pieces of our equipment and you won't like replacing your line due to the cost. Routine maintenance on your fly line extends its life. It is recommended by most manufacturers to clean your fly line after 3 to 5 uses. But how do you tell if your fly line needs to be cleaned or not? Some indicators of a dirty fly line are feeling grit as you are stripping line in, or if the line is a floating line and it doesn't float so well anymore. If the line is constantly retaining coil memory, it is dirty. If the line has cracks and feels brittle, it got that way from not being cleaned. If you notice cracks or this brittleness, it is bad news and you will need to replace the line.

If you clean your line regularly however, you will not experience premature line failure and there are a number of ways to clean your line. There are a number of fly line dressings on the market to clean fly lines. Some companies sell fly line dressings in a small bottle. You would apply the fly line dressing to a soft cloth and run your fly line through it. Other companies sell fly line dressings in a form of a towelette with their fly line dressing already applied to the towelette where again you would run your fly line through the towelette to clean the line. Regardless of which option you choose it is inexpensive. A fly line dressing costs under \$10.00 and will last for multiple cleanings, a pre-applied dressing towelette costs under \$1.00.

After your cleaning is complete you can really tell the difference as the friction is reduced between the fly line and the rod guides, it is so smooth. The performance of the fly line is now better.

It really does pay to maintain your fly line, it will increase the life of your fly line, making you happy because you won't have to spend money out of your fishing allowance, so you can buy other equipment!



**...a clean fly line is a happy fly line...**

**A fly fisher using a clean line performs better!**

## Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter IFFF

### Business Meeting Minutes

4-20-2015

1. **Call to Order**

Kirk Klingensmith called to order the Business meeting of the TT5RC FFF at 1906 on 4-20-2015 at BF Community Center. The following persons were present: Kirk Klingensmith, Matt Collins, George Roy, Gene Nowlan, and Bob Carlson.

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

Treasurer's report showed an opening balance of \$3133.98 and a closing balance of \$3868.50, largely due to income from FF Academy, although we still have to pay CSHS for use of facilities. Gene made motion to accept 3/16/15 meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report, George seconded.

3. **Programming – Matt Collins**

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, Don Bastian, a nationally known wet fly tyer, talked about tying and fishing wet flies. The event was very well attended with 24 attendees, and his talk was well received by all. On May 4, nationally known Steelhead expert Rick Kustich will be talking about steelhead. On June 1, we will have our casting clinic at Big Flats Community Center, Chas Elliott will be teaching.

4. **Academy** – Academy was a great success, with 22 students attending. The entire day went very smooth, and we believe the club made approximately \$600 profit. Having Mark Metzdorff was a great benefit. Received a number of complimentary e-mails after the event.

5. **Fly Tying** – On May 4, Rick Kustich will be tying steelhead patterns prior to his talk.

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

7. **Rod Raffle** – First place wins a FFF incentive rod which will be a TFO rod. Second place wins the Cortland anniversary rod. We hope to have a Cortland rod by the meeting, but there is a chance it could be late because it is being custom made. If we do not have the rod we will give Cortland until December to supply the rod, and if they do not we will replace with a TFO rod. Winner to be announced at Kustich talk.

8. **Leon Chandler Ithaca Fishing Day** – was Mar 28 in Ithaca - Chas, Kirk, Ed and Nancy, Gene, Dave, and Bob attended and helped out with casting and fly tying.

9. **Youth Camp in Carlisle, Pa** – Matt Rebis is currently on waiting list to attend, approximately \$420 to attend. Discussed being willing to sponsor some portion and how much. Motion was made by Gene to have the club pay the entire amount, seconded by George. Motion carried.

10. **Friends of Chemung River** – Plan to hold a kids 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.

11. **Fishing Trips** – Note to go out regarding May 2 by this Friday or Saturday, and to send email to Gene Nowlan whether you are attending. Delaware River trip with BC Flyfishers is set for June 13, Kirk hosting. Salmon River trip is out due to logistics, Matt still wants to host a fall trip, TBD.

12. **Meeting Adjourned at 2035**

Submitted by: Bob Carlson, Club Secretary

# 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>
<u>May 2</u> Saturday	<u>Cohocton River</u> Lunch Provided	<u>Gene Nowlan</u> c 607-936-3988 enowlan@gmail.com <u>Bob Carlson</u> c 607-765-1286 carlsonrl@corning.com	9:00 am depart from Corning Wegman's
<u>May 16</u> Saturday	<u>Cayuta Creek Cleanup &amp; Fishing</u> Litter pickup in morning, fish after lunch with Spencer Van-Etten Youth Group Food Provided	<u>Matt Collins</u> c (607) 329-8059 matthew.john.collins@hotmail.com <u>Steve Harris</u> c 607-377-4956 sjh529@stny.rr.com	9 am North Side of Swartwood (Rt 223) Bridge on Cayuta Creek
<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 wvdcllns@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.

# 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, 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](http://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.

President	Kirk Klingensmith	607-562-3344	kklingensmi@stny.rr.com
Vice President	Steve Harris	607-973-2509	sjh529@stny.rr.com
Treasurer	Gene Nowlan	607-936-3988	enowlan@gmail.com
Secretary	Bob Carlson	607-562-7395	carlsonrl@corning.com
Program Chair	Matt Collins	607-857-0479	matthew.john.collins@hotmail.com
Club Librarian	Ken Aniolek	607-857-3328	kaniolek@stny.rr.com
Library Champion	Dick Naylor	607-962-5592	rnaylor5@stny.rr.com
Newsletter Editor	Steve Harris	607-973-2509	sjh529@stny.rr.com
Webmaster	John Lively	607-739-2916	jlively@stny.rr.com
Conservation Chair	Open		
Club Web Site	<a href="http://www.TwinTiersFFF.org">www.TwinTiersFFF.org</a> (calendar of events, library listing, newsletter archives)		
Club Mailing Address:	TT5R IFFF, c/o Kirk Klingensmith, 2461 Morrcrest Drive, Corning, NY 14830		