
FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

TWIN TIERS FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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November 2017

November Program

We welcome you to join us on November 6th at 6:30pm, when Brent Kelley, from the Genesee River Chapter of Trout Unlimited, will be coming to talk about his home water and one of our favorite local streams to fly fish, the Genesee River.

Brent is the past President of the Genesee River Chapter of Trout Unlimited. His talk will concentrate on fly fishing for trout in the upper sections of the Genesee River, primarily in the vicinity of Wellsville and waters throughout the watershed, and will cover some of the places to fish as well as techniques and types of bugs that he encounters on the stream. If - like me- the Genesee is one of your favorite local trout streams, you won't want to miss this presentation. Brent's presentation will start at 7 PM. Prior to the main presentation, at 6:30 PM, he will present a fly tying demonstration of one of his favorite CDC patterns that he uses to imitate the caddis flies that often are hatching on the Genesee.

The presentation will be held at the Big Flats Community Center, 476 Maple Street, Big Flats, NY 14814.

Then, mark your calendars for December 4, when our club chapter President, Kirk Klingensmith, will be speaking about largemouth and smallmouth bass fishing in streams, ponds, and lakes.

President's Short Cast

Kirk Klingensmith . . . •'•', ><(((('o>

The fall fly fishing season is in full swing. The Ontario salmon run has come back. The steelhead run on Erie tribs looks to be one of the best years in a while. The Chemung smallmouth fall season has been tough with low and clear water. October and November hold great fishing opportunities. I hope you enjoy getting out this fall.

DEC Future Plans for Trout Management



October 19, Bob Carlson and I attended a DEC information session at the Hammondsport High School to gather input on future directions for trout management. The speaker was Fred Hanson, director of DEC's Coldwater Fisheries. (You may have seen the clip on WENY news on the meeting, which included us). Attendance was light, though Catherine Creek and Cohocton TU were also represented.

For the last 3 decades or so, DEC trout stocking program is based on achieving a catch rate goal (an average of 1 trout/2 angling hours). The rates are assessed by angler stream surveys, which require extra staff and done only every few years. The DEC believes angler interests have changed over time – and its primary objective to provide easy fishing for take-home meal is less appealing, and now a majority of anglers seem to prefer a different future direction.

The DEC provided data showing that:

- a) Angling pressure is shrinking (in most streams). License sales and angling hours are trending down.
- b) Anglers are harvesting much less fish (Keep rates are down by 2-3 fold, thank God! Catch and Release is becoming the new normal)
- c) Most stocked fish do not survive in the streams because of non-angler losses. (Today – about 70% of stocked fish are lost due to predation from waterfowl – mergansers especially, and other predator birds, such as osprey, eagles, herons, cormorants, etc. – and unfavorable water conditions for year-round habitat. DEC has no authority to reduce the waterfowl population. Interestingly, two decades ago, 70% of the stocked fish were harvested by anglers – now it's birds).

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This meeting was part of a series of meetings being held across our state to gather input on future directions to manage our trout fisheries. The dialogue was very open and also very supportive of directions Fly Fishers International and Trout Unlimited organizations stand for. There has been a call for managing the fisheries to maximize sustainability throughout the season, improve wild trout populations, improving quality of the fish – size and distribution, and to improve habitat to minimize predation and maximize year-round-sustainability.

The importance of public fishing access was emphasized as an important goal for the DEC and the meeting participants. The DEC has funding and has been reenergizing efforts to buy fishing access leases – and reiterated its welcome to sporting clubs’ help in soliciting landowners.

Overall, I was encouraged by the changes in policy being discussed by the NY DEC, by their willingness to partner with FFi, TU, and other organizations in the future. Of course, there are limits imposed by politics and state budgets, but I felt the evening was a very helpful and productive conversation.

An Update on Ray Grandner

Ray Grandner, and 10 others founded our chapter in 2001. The first meeting was in Ray’s shop – Pinewood Flies – in Pine Valley, NY. Ray was an expert fly tyer and fly fisher – and loved to share our sport in his shop and by creating this chapter. Many have asked me about him and mourn the loss of his excellent shop well over a decade ago.

I spoke to Ray recently. He sold his home in Pine Valley this year and, sadly, is no longer making high-end reproduction mounts. He and his wife Ellen have downsized to a smaller home outside of Horseheads. They own a winter home on Marco Island – where he fishes the saltwater on kayaks. Their Marco home saw some damage from the recent hurricane, but was minor compared to others on the island.

Ray is doing very well in retirement and enjoying fishing and helping his three grown kids.

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.

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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 – 7pm – Corning American Legion.

The chapter is looking for a newsletter editor, but with this we are also looking to improve the effectiveness of our communications. We would like to advance our use of social media.

Our spring Fly Fishing Academy is a major club function. We are looking for volunteers to help with logistics and coordination.

We would really 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

Rich's Soft Hackle

Named after Rich Andrews from the Cortland Fly Shop

Tied by Josh Filter at our October Program Meeting



Hook: Size 14 2x nymph hook, e.g. Tiemco 5262

Thread: 70 denier red

At rear of hook, tie in 3 strands of regular blue Krystal flash, 2 strands royal blue Krystal flash, and 1 strand of pink Sulky thread (can buy at Joanne's fabric).

Thorax: black ice dub. Wrap a ball forward of Krystal flash, leaving room for hackle.

Hackle: 2 wraps of partridge hackle

Thanks to Bob Carlson for this Fly Tying Recipe & Photo

Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter of FFi

Business Meeting Minutes

10-16-2017

1. **Call to Order**

Bob Carlson called to order the Business meeting of the TT5R FFi at 1912 on 10-16-2017 at the Corning American Legion in Corning, NY. The following members were present: Bob Carlson, Matt Towner, Dick Naylor, Gene Nowlan, George Roy, Vince Leonard, Bob Schaeffler and Steve Harris.

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

A closing balance of \$4300.48 is held by the club as of 10-11-17. Dick motioned to accept business meeting minutes and Treasurer's report, Gene seconded.

3. **Programming**

Feedback from the October program with Mike Lenetsky and Josh Filter was appreciated by all. They are always fun to listen to, no matter the topic and they had great information on anyone that wants to take that type of trip to Montana.

Upcoming programming includes:

- o November – Brent Kelley will be talking about fishing for trout on the Genesee River
- o December – Kirk Klingensmith will be giving presentation on Bass Fishing

4. **Social Night**

Barry and Cathy Beck are scheduled to present on Wednesday 2/28. Bob S. is still looking into venues with current potentials of 1157 North and the Corning Legion. Gene will be helping with guest reservations and communications.

5. **Academy**

The application with the Campbell-Savona High School has been submitted for April 7th.

6. **Newsletter**

Matt and Steve will work on determining how feasible it would be to build a newsletter directly in Mailchimp instead of linking to a pdf. We are hoping this will encourage more people to read the newsletter, which currently is only 30% of the people that open the email.

7. **Meeting adjourned at 2024**

Submitted by 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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