
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS TWIN TIERS FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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September 2015

September Program

Fly Fishing the Ausable River

Presenters: Mike Lenetsky and Josh Filter

Please join us on September 14th at the Big Flats Community Center from 6:30 to 9:00 where Leon Chandler TU Members Mike Lenetsky and Josh Filter will be speaking on Fly Fishing the Ausable River. The Ausable River is a fantastic trout river located in the Adirondacks Region of New York. Mike and Josh have vacationed and fished this river often. Mike is also the champion of the "Two Fly Competition" which is held annually on the West Branch of the Ausable, so the techniques that will be presented have been proven to be effective on this river. If you want to learn what this region and body of water has to offer for your fly fishing exploits you don't want to miss this talk. If you want to learn effective strategies for catching fish on this body of water you do not want to miss this talk. You really just don't want to miss this talk! Fly tying with Mike and Josh starts at 6:15 pm. See you there!

President's Short Cast

Kirk Klingensmith ><(((°>

It has been a great summer for me and I hope you. I have been blessed good fishing and good times fishing with friends. I just came back from four days fishing the Susquehanna for smallmouth with my driftboat and my daughter who is her fourth year of dental school. Heading to Colorado this fall for a vacation that promises some good fishing. I hope you had a great summer!

Officers & Leadership Team for 2015-16:

In June, the club elected officers to serve until June 2016. Your officers are:

President – Kirk Klingensmith
Vice-President – Steve Harris
Secretary – Bob Carlson
Treasurer – Gene Nowlan

A vital part of the club is the Leadership team. These are folks who volunteer their time to help the club in various leadership functions.

Here is the remaining Leadership Team. We have some open needs.

Program Chair – Matt Collins

Fly Tying Chair – open, help needed

Conservation Chair – open

Academy Coordinator – Steve Harris

Library – Ken Aniolek + help needed since Dick Naylor cannot sever

Webmaster – John Lively

Newsletter Editor – Steve Harris

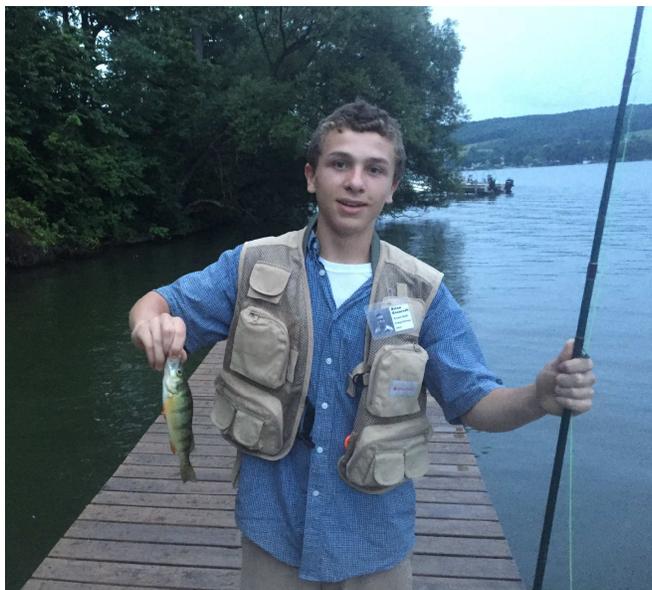
We sure would value your volunteering. We have plenty spots for more – and would be able to do more as a club as volunteers come forward to lead activities. Besides, it's a lot of fun. Contact Kirk or any officer to volunteer.

Boy Scouts – Camp Gorton

Chapter member Kurt Groeger is a very active leader in Boy Scouting, and asked us if we could assist the staff at Camp Gorton in teaching the Fly Fishing Merit Badge. This is the second year the camp has offered fly fishing.

We helped train the merit badge instructor, Brian Kazmark, and Nature director Trenton Cersoli. Club members visited a week before camp opened to teach casting, fly tying, and fishing skills. Then, during the four weeks of camp, two members visited every week to teach the scouts and staff. We typically taught casting and fly tying. Kirk Klingensmith, Bob Schaeffler, Chas Elliott, Kurt Groeger, and Steve Harris volunteered to help. Also the club donated a bunch of fly tying materials, vices, leader materials, hooks, etc to Camp Gorton. I would also like to thank Jim Palmer (TTFR member and president Catherine Creek TU) for donating vices, hooks and materials to the Camp.

It was exciting to help introduce young folks to our sport.



Camp Gorton Fly Fishing Merit Badge counselor Brian Kazmark, holding one of 6 fish he landed with his newly acquired skills in fly casting and fly tying. Brian was a competent bass fisher, who quickly picked up fly fishing.

Chemung River Float Fishing Trip

The Chemung River FFF float on Aug 8 was a great time again this year. 13 members from our chapter along with BC Fly Fishers of Binghamton enjoyed a great cook-out meal and some fun fishing. We did not catch big numbers or big fish, but we had a great time. The Chemung is fishing good this summer. Catch and release!

Chemung River Float Trip Aug 8, 2015 Twin Tiers Five Rivers & BC Fly Fishers International Federation of Fly Fishers



BC-TTFR Left to Right: Kurt Nelson, Mike Hogue, John Trainor, Nate Welch, Nick DiNunzio (rear), John Lively, Kirk Klingensmith, Rod Howe, Ed Fetherbay, Tom Yetzer, Eric Tomasky, John Olin, Tim Barrett



Upcoming Year Program Focus

On August 17, the leadership team held our annual kickoff and strategy planning session on my front deck. It has been our practice to review what went well last year, and what didn't. Then we spend some time thinking about focus areas to keep, stop and start in the coming year. This has been a helpful planning exercise and we are all excited about the future. Our club is growing, our attendance is increasing, and we are seen as one of the better chapters in our region.

We would like to build on our great programming success – and extend into new areas of education and conservation, as we have leaders to help. We would like to upgrade our e-mail and website and expand our Facebook following. We would like to improve our AV systems for the programs and widen the volunteers who can use the equipment. We would value your help the club expand these programs. See more details in the meeting minutes at the end of the newsletter.

Twin Tiers FFF Catskills Overnight Fishing Trip Matt Collins

This fall the club is offering something that has never been offered before, our first overnight trip to renowned area of the Catskills. The trip is scheduled for the weekend of **September 18th through the 20th**. Matt Collins has organized lodging at a very unique and special place in Livingston Manor at none other the Catskills Fly Fishing Museum. Not many people know this but the museum offers cabins that can sleep up to 11 people. Matt Collins has booked one of those cabins. In addition to having the cabins, attendees will also have access to the museum's bathrooms, showers and kitchen.

There is also another added bonus to staying at the museum other than it being really cool. On that weekend at the museum, the museum will be hosting "Partridge Days".

Partridge Days is a fun, casual format for a fly tying show with the objective to promote fly tying through education. The day is filled with demonstrations, presentations and workshops from some of finest fly tiers in multiple specialties, in the intimate surroundings of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum.

The demonstrations, which are free and open to the public, consist of over 20 tiers across multiple specialties. The presentations, also free and open to the public, cover a range of topics from fly tying to fishing. They are meant to be thought provoking and informative.

So we get to stay at the museum which is the center of history for all fly fishing in one of the best places and famed places on the east coast to fish and then we get this added bonus of a fishing show....oh and wait I haven't discussed the fishing yet.

The fishing, to put it plain and simple is fantastic. The most notable streams we will have close access to are the Willowemoc and Beaverkill rivers. The Willowemoc sits on the doorstep of the Museum. I have fished the Willow and this particular section and have done very well catching browns. The water is great with a collection of riffles runs and long pools. The hatch activity has always been great and the fishing improves when the season changes to fall with cooler nights and mornings.

The Willow primarily consists of browns but I have caught wild brookies further up river into the headwaters. The Willow feeds into the Beaverkill down at Roscoe, also known as “Trout Town”, just a short car ride away from the Museum. This is also great water, and if you want to tangle with some Rainbows in addition to browns, then go to the Beaverkill. We will be fishing both rivers!

The trip is limited to 11 people, the amount that the cabin can sleep. The fee for the above is \$40.00. If you want to go, contact Matt Collins at 607-684-4179 or matthew.john.collins@hotmail.com. A spot will not be guaranteed reserved until Matt has your check, spots need to fill to ensure we can make this trip happen. Once everyone is booked Matt will be sending out attendees more details.



Fly Angler fishing the Willowemoc.



The Catskill Fly Fishing Center (foreground) and Museum (background).

Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter IFFF
Business Meeting Minutes

8-17-2015

1. Call to Order

Kirk Klingensmith called to order the Business meeting of the TT5RC IFFF at 1906 on 8-17-2015 at 2461 Morrcrest Drive, Corning, NY. The following persons were present: Kirk Klingensmith, George Roy, Gene Nowlan, Paul Dipietro, Andrew Robinson, Bob Carlson.

2. Insurance, Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Kirk and Gene will take care of paying insurance for the club. Treasurer's report showed an opening balance of \$3427.20 and a closing balance of \$3172.72, with 409.48 in expenses (Cohocton trip, Genesee trip, Catskill FF Museum, Chemung trip food) and \$155 in income. George made motion to accept 5/18/15 meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report, Andrew seconded.

3. Programming – Matt Collins

On Sept 14, Josh Filter and Mike Lenetsky will talk about fishing in the Adirondacks. No other programming set yet, although we discussed a number of possibilities.

4. Fly Tying – No business discussed.

5. Library – No business discussed.

6. Fishing Trips – Matt is hosting a trip to the Catskills September 18th through 20th at the Catskills Fly Fishing Museum. We plan to fish the Beaverkill and Willowemoc rivers.

7. '2016 strategic planning notes:

Some things that went well

- The club has a great relationship with the Leon Chandler and BC fly fishers.
- Somerset Fly Fishing Show trips in January are great fun
- River trips went well - great opportunity for beginner to get 1:1 with a more experienced FF'er
- Matt Collins programming lineup was outstanding
- Fly Fishing Academy went well – reminder to formally review student feedback at some point from Academy
- Campbell facility was awesome, could potentially use Corning CC as well.
- Social night was well received. Very popular to continue.
- Events which get our club in front of others are important. Fishing Kick-off at Field & Stream and Spencer Van Etten Sportsman show were two new venues which helped this year.

Some ideas for improvement

- Cohocton trip could have been a little later in the year – water was a bit high and cold
- New folks really value mentoring from experienced fly fishers. Suggested to consider a formal program for coaching pairing for an introductory fishing trip. Would be great to have on the stream training/fishing - e.g. Spencer Van Etten sportsman club has a pond by the high school or could go to Rainbow paradise
- Can we improve AV equipment?

Some ideas for improvement (cont'd)

- Would be great to have several people able to work on and fix and troubleshoot equipment if a trouble arises – Andrew Robinson will check with AV guide Ithaca College for ideas. Also would be good to have things set up 30 minutes before Fly Tying start.
- How do we encourage use of TTFR FFF Facebook community - currently about 20 people - Put in one of the newsletters? Mention at meetings? Should we limit to members only?
- New member starting out in fly fishing would like to see more presentations on how to, what to use, where to go etc.
- How do we attract younger members to the sport?
- How do we attract experienced fly fishers from the area to join?
- Need someone to take on fly tying chair, Dave Collins cannot continue to serve due to personal issues. We can split up his role amongst leadership team if cannot find volunteer.
- Look at potentially upgrading email system and webspace - Bob to contact Andrew who has contacts in Ithaca College he can bounce things off of. Kurt Nelson from BC Fly Fishers has also volunteered help.
- Need someone to take Dick's place for library materials
- Look for opportunities to get publicity for club. Mentioned Chemung River Friends gets publicity for cleanups. Maybe we should do more for publicity.
- Look for ways to further build relationships with local sportsman clubs, scouting groups, and other groups. Catherine Creek TU has inquired about working closer on projects or sponsoring speakers.
- Need to keep focus on welcoming new members and engaging their strengths for the leadership team.
- Kirk concerned about his long term as President – need to grow others to lead with fresh ideas.

8. **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.

9. **Meeting Adjourned at 2131**

Submitted by: Bob Carlson, Club Secretary

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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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