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# *INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS*

## *TWIN TIERS FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER*

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

**September 2016**

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### **September Program**

#### **Andy Cappotelli, Delaware River Guide Fishing in Montana**

If you want to know more about fishing Montana, you don't want to miss our September speaker. On Monday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm we will host local guide Andy Cappotelli who will be talking about Montana trips and tips. Andy lives in the Rochester NY area and runs a successful fly fishing guide service called Trout Snobs, which you can check out on [www.troutsnobs.com](http://www.troutsnobs.com). Andy has fished Montana many times, knows the waters of Montana very well, and will speak about his favorites, what he likes about each stream, how to do it yourself vs. taking a guided drift boat, when to go, as well as a lot more useful information. Andy operates Trout Snobs guide service, which offers guided fly fishing trips on all Western New York trout streams as well as trophy trout hunting on Lake Ontario and Lake Erie tributaries. They also specialize in guided fly fishing in the Catskills, including the West branch, East branch and mainstream of the upper Delaware as well as the Beaverkill, Esopus, Willowemoc and Neversink. Andy takes great care in tailoring his trips to meet the needs, wants, and experience levels of his customers.

Fly tying demo starts at 6:30 pm, with the presentation starting at 7:00, at the Big Flats Community Center, 476 Maple Street, Big Flats, NY 14814

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On October 3rd, former Cornell professor Dr. Tony Ingraffea will be visiting us to talk about fishing Alaska. While some of us know Dr. Ingraffea from his talks about fracking and the Marcellus Shale, he also has had the pleasure of having fished Alaska many times, and on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> he plans to discuss those many trips, along with tips for making your own trip of a lifetime to the last frontier the best it can be.

You won't want to miss these two events. We hope to 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. Earlier in August, my wife and I travelled to Oregon to spend a week fishing with former club member Dr Mark Metzdorff. We fished legendary waters such as the Metolius River, Deschutes River and the MacKenzie River. I hope you had a great summer!

## **Officers & Leadership Team for 2016-17:**

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

President – Kirk Klingensmith

Vice-President – Bob Carlson

Secretary – Matt Towner

Treasurer – Gene Nowlan

In June we shared a special gift with Steve Harris, who served the club for 8 years as an officer (Treasurer & VP), and Matt Collins, who served as our Program Chair for 4 years.

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.

Program Chair – Bob Carlson (new to role)

Membership Chairman – Vince Leonard (new position)

Academy Coordinator – Steve Harris

Library – Andrew Robinson, with assistance from Dick Naylor & George Roy

Newsletter Editor – Steve Harris

Webmaster – John Lively

Fly Tying Chair – open,

Conservation Chair – open

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.

## **Business Meeting Location**

The chapter holds its business meeting every third Monday of the month at 7pm the Corning American Legion, 8 River Rd, Corning, NY 14830. All chapter members (IFFF dues paid) are welcome to attend. Various items of business and new efforts are discussed. Please see Kirk or any leadership team member to attend.

The club is meeting at the American Legion to avoid rental costs to meet at the Big Flats Community Center. A pleasant side benefit is one can purchase a beer there as well, which has resulted in some great socializing and fish story telling after the meetings!

## **Gift from Rominger Estate**

I am thrilled to share that in June Twin Tiers Five Rivers received a major collection of fly fishing books and videos from the Dr. John Rominger estate. John was a long time member of the chapter, a surgeon, and a passionate fly fisher who passed away last year. His wife,

Maryhelen Rominger, donated most of his collection of books and programs to our chapter. Jim Palmer, is a longtime friend of the Romingers and also a member of our chapter, facilitated the gift to us.



The photo below is the collection of over 70 books, 10 DVD's and 10 VCR tapes. The collection ranges from some legendary historically significant books like Gary Borger's Nymphing, to Art Flick's Streamside Guide to great current books like George Daniel's Strip Strike, Pat Dorsey's Fly Fishing Tailwaters, and

Rick Kustrich's Fly Fishing Great Lakes Steelhead. There is a wonderful range of books on trout tactics, steelheading, rod building, insects, fly tying, and many other topics. This is an incredible collection which will greatly expand our library resource.

It is fortunate that Andrew Robinson recently volunteered to take over the library duties from Ken Aniolek. Andrew has been working hard to have the new materials ready for circulation in early fall.

We are indebted to Maryhelen's generous gift to share Dr Rominger's passion for this sport with others.

## **Mailchimp**

I hope you noticed our chapter's new and updated e-mail system. Matt Towner, our new secretary, connected us with Mailchimp – which allows us to send e-mails to the nearly 300 folks on the distribution list in a much more organized and efficient manner. The format looks professional. And there is no cost to the club! Thank you Matt!

## **Chapter has Official Mailing Address**

The Chapter now has an official mailing address:

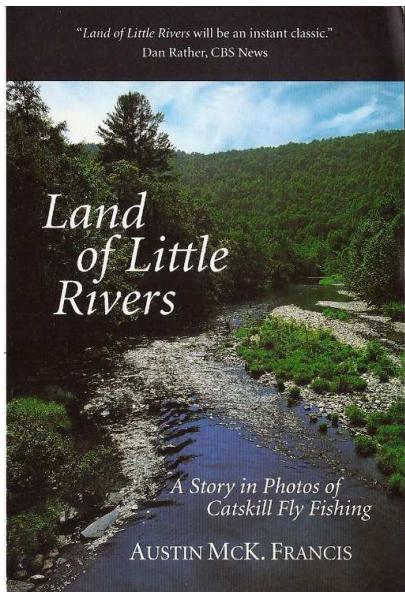
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Big Flats, NY 14814

## **Membership Chair**

Vince Leonard has begun serving as the chapter's membership chair. Vince will be working to welcome visitors to join the IFFF, follow up on those with lapsed IFFF dues, help members connect to ways to help the chapter, and maybe help us tidy up our e-mail listing. Vince has already connected with the International FFF. He has arranged for the Big Flats Community Center to share the meeting attendance and signup register. Welcome, Vince!

## Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter Library News

With the generous donation of the estate of Dr. John Rominger, the library holdings of the Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter of IFFF have expanded dramatically. The more than



75 donated books cover topics that range from fly tying, fishing techniques, and fishing locations to fiction and historical reviews. As I worked with the collection, one book in particular caught my attention. The Land of Little Rivers by Austin McK. Francis tells the story of Catskill fly fishing in phenomenal pictures and historical and descriptive profiles of the rivers, the tackle, and the people who helped establish this region as a destination for pilgrimage of the true fly fisher. The pictures, drawings and maps are many and the written accounts are brief. Leafing through this coffee table gem will make you long for the time when you can make a trek to the Beaverkill River or the Willowemoc Creek and enjoy the beauty and bounty that the Catskill rivers provide.

I also took the opportunity to read a work of fiction in the donated collection, a fly-fishing mystery titled Riverwatcher by Ronald Weber. The novel is set in northern Michigan on the Borchard River. It is described as a classic whodunit filled with eccentric characters. Since it is about fly-fishers there is not surprise in the description of the characters. At only a little over 200 pages, it's a fast read. It may never reach the NY Times best seller list but I enjoyed it and can give it two thumbs up. Give it a try...you'll be glad you did.

We will be posting the updated inventory of the Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter library to the club website. Books may be obtained by contacting Andy Robinson at [Robby@Ithaca.Edu](mailto:Robby@Ithaca.Edu) or give me a written request at a club meeting. Just let me know what you would like to borrow and you can pick up your request at the next regularly scheduled club meeting. Requests to borrow from the collection of books, CD's and videotapes are on a first come, first serve basis. You may borrow for as long as you wish but we suggest that you take out the library materials for no longer than two months.

Keep the hooks sharp and your lines wet!

Andy Robinson, Club Librarian

# Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter IFFF

## Business Meeting Minutes

8-15-2016

### **1. Call to Order**

Kirk Klingensmith called to order the Business meeting of the TT5R-IFFF at 1913 on 8-15-2016 at the home of Kirk Klingensmith in Big Flats, NY. The following members were present: Kirk Klingensmith, Matt Towner, Bob Carlson, Steve Harris, Dick Naylor, Gene Nowlan, Andy Robinson, George Roy and Vince Leonard.

2016-17 Officers elected at June 6 meeting, to serve until June 2017:

Kirk Klingensmith, President  
Bob Carlson, Vice President  
Matt Towner, Secretary  
Gene Nowlan, Treasurer

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

The Treasurer's Report will be held until the September meeting. Dick motioned to accept previous meeting minutes, Vince seconded.

### **3. Programming**

Upcoming programming includes:

- September - Andy Capotelli, Delaware River guide, will be the guest speaker talking about fishing in Montana.
- October - Tony Ingraffia will be guest speaking about Alaska fishing
- November - Kirk Klingensmith will be speaking on fishing the warm waters of Florida
- December - Ethan Law, competition fly fisher, will be guest speaking
- The February Spring Social night – Speaker will be talking on Lyme disease

Big Flats Community Center updates

- Bob Carlson, Program Chair, will be main point of contact for correspondence with BFCC.
- Need to update certificate of liability insurance & confirm schedule

Leadership team meetings scheduled at American Legion through next May per Dick Naylor (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month Sept thru May)

### **4. Upcoming Fishing Trips**

- Fishing trip for August 23 scheduled on the Chemung (8 people scheduled) – Matt to lead if Kirk needs to head out of town

### **5. Membership Update**

- Vince Leonard, Membership chair, has updated IFFF membership listing. IFFF membership becomes inactive after 6 months of not paying dues. Vince to follow-up with inactive members to invite them to reinstate. (Lapsed members continue to receive Club e-mails).

### **6. Email Service Provider Update**

- New account added with MailChimp to improve communications with mailing list
- New PO Box added at Big Flats post office for Club use.

### **7. Library Update**

- Andy Robinson is the new librarian with Dick and George as assistants. Many thanks to Ken Aniolek for serving as librarian for many years. New materials from John Rominger estate are being processed for circulation this fall.

### **8. Planning for 2016-2017**

- Decided to continue the FF Academy at Campbell-Savona HS & start to schedule date.

### **9. Meeting adjourned at 2137**

**Submitted by:** Matt Towner, Club 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](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.

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