

Main Line Fly-Tyers 2005-2006

NOTE: This months meeting Thursday, January 19th

Since our meeting was cut short last month, the Auction will be this month. See information below.

"1st Annual Auction"

Rules: Members will be encouraged to donate the full price of at least one of the items that they bring to the auction. If the full price is not donated, then a 10% Commission will be charged by the club. A reserve or minimum price can be set by a member for an item. All members will be assigned a bidders number and members will place bids using this number. Sales will be tracked by the bidder# and lot#. The Treasurer will settle up with the buyers and sellers at the conclusion of the auction. Please bring a check along to pay for any items.

Annual "BIG" Club Raffle

Ticket sales begin in December for the annual "BIG" club raffle. There will be 1 Grand Prize of \$250 to **Cabelas**. Please see Ed Emery for more information. P.S. Lets try to better than last year!!

Cabela's



Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to help with various club functions. Please see any club officer to get more information.

Tight Lines!



2006 OPENING DAYS

TROUT
April 15

WALLEYE/PIKE
May 6

BASS
June 17

FISH FOR FREE DAYS
May 27
June 4

We will be needing volunteers to assist with upcoming shows and functions. Please contact any club officer if you are interested in helping out.

Philadelphia Sports Show - January 19-22, 2006

<http://www.phillysportshow.com/index.htm> (See schedule next page)

The Fly Fishing Show - January 27-29, 2006

<http://www.flyfishingshow.com/index.html>

Meetings

January : Jack Mickievicz - Rod Building

February : To Be Determined

March : To Be Determined



Local News

Stony Creek anglers continued a Norristown Farm Park winter tradition stocking over 1000 brook trout in Stony and Kepner creeks in mid December. Another 250 brook trout were stocked in the Perkiomen Creek at Central Perkiomen Valley Park. Anglers on the Stony report good to excellent catches using power bait, spinners, worms and stick baits. Fly anglers are using nymphs and small black flies.



Anglers Note: A late season controlled deer hunt is scheduled for Norristown Farm Park on January 11, 2006 and no fishing will be permitted on Stony or Kepner creeks on that date for safety reasons.

Early Season Fish Stocking January & February 2006

Go to:

http://sites.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/Fish_Boat/stockearly.htm

Listing of early stockings courtesy of: Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

Sports Show Schedule

January 18th to January 22nd

Please e-mail Steve Larson at: steve.t.larson@lmco.com if you would like to help out.

Wednesday Setup

Steve Larson 215-822-1511 Ed Emery 610-630-9738

Thursday 12:00noon to 9:30pm

Ralph Wetzel 215-290-3611 12:00 am to 2:00 pm

Brent Myers 610-405-4473 12:00 am to 4:00 pm

Need additional coverage 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Note: We will not man the booth from 6:00pm to 8:00pm (Club Meeting)

Friday 12:00noon to 9:30pm

Ralph Wetzel 215-290-3611 12:00am to 2:00pm

Need additional coverage 2:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Saturday 10:00am to 8:00pm

Bill Pierce 215-482-6821 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Mike Ebner 610-489-8319 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Need additional coverage 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Sunday 10:00am to 6:00pm

Bill Pierce 215-482-6821 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Steve Nack 215-542-7594 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Ed Emery 610-630-9738 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Breakdown)

January speaker: Jack Mickievicz

Jack started commercial tying at the age of 12, and later opened a fly shop in 1968. He developed the spring wire bobbin in 1969, Wing Burners in 1970, co-designed the Renzetti presentation vice, and introduced prepared dubbing to the fly tying market somewhere in the early 70s. Jack has promoted many common sense improvements to tying tools such as hex handles so they wouldn't roll off the table. He says, "Tying tools weren't very good in those days." He has always been an advocate for substitution of endangered and threatened species. He says, "I don't appreciate the logic in being a member of conservation organizations like TU and FFF while touting 'Limit your kill, don't kill your limit.' and at the same time insisting on Indian crow, polar bear, and baby seal for your flies." Jack founded the "Dame Juliana League" Fly Fishing Federation chapter in 1971. He wrote for Dick Surette and The Fly Tyer magazine in its early days. Jack is an accomplished rod maker for both Bamboo and graphite rods. He teaches fly tying and conducts rod-building workshops regularly. He is currently working on a website to help beginners with tying tips, techniques, good old common sense and some not so common sense. The sight will feature an emergence chart in the form of a database containing 40 years of notes on insects, their colors, pattern matching and pictures. Be sure to check out his presentation on rod building in January!



Fishing and Boating Report - January 4, 2006

Berks County

- Ice fishing for trout at Scott's Run Lake in [French Creek State Park](#) should really be great this year. An additional 1300 rainbow trout were stocked prior to the New Year, above and beyond normal stockings.
- With the warm temperatures and rain, ice conditions have totally deteriorated. There is no ice that can be fished on in the county at this time. Until the thaw, anglers had been doing well on Blue Marsh Lake catching channel catfish in the spring creek arm on tip-ups. Sizeable crappies, as well as muskellunge in the 30-35 inch range were also reported.
- Ontelaunee Lake had also provided good ice angling for local anglers, producing some large bass and panfish. Antietam Lake recently produced nice trout through the ice, as well as small yellow perch, bluegills and largemouth bass.

Bucks County

- There is currently no safe ice on Lake Nockamixon or on other local bodies of water. Anglers are still targeting chain pickerel with some success on Lake Nockamixon, although not many people have been out fishing. Try fishing live shiner minnows suspended below a bobber. Remember to use a thick monofilament or wire leader to avoid getting "bit off" and having the chain pickerel swim off with both your bait and your hook.

Lancaster County

- Ice fishing is currently non-existent in the county. The Susquehanna River is muddy and unfishable at this time. Some trout fishing action can be had on Donegal Creek near Marietta, where the trout in the [Delayed Harvest area](#) have been actively taking nymphs and streamers recently.

Lehigh County

- While ice may not be fishable on area lakes, trout fishing is still an option in the Allentown park system. Try the Little Lehigh Creek throughout the park system for a good shot at winter trout. If the water gets high and muddy, drive a couple miles over to Cedar Creek, where wild trout are easier to catch when the water rises a bit and is off color.

Montgomery County

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Schuylkill County

- Rainbow trout have been stocked recently in Tuscarora Lake, as well as brook and brown trout in Locust Lake. Anglers are doing well on minnows and small jigs. A few perch have been caught in both lakes along with the trout. Rain and warm daytime temperatures have made ice fishing on Tuscarora Lake unsafe. Locust Lake is still hosting some ice anglers, though caution is advised, and the ice is not expected to last. Locust lake shore fishing is currently good at the inlet for trout, using both fly fishing and spinning tackle.

Report Courtesy of Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

Winter Classes:

Jan. 26, 2006: **Fly Tying** : 6 weeks (no class on Feb. 16th) \$44.00

Multiple instructors available and ready to teach and coach for beginners, novice, intermediate and advanced tyers.

Jan. 31, 2006: **Fly Fishing Tactics and Strategies** by [Sam Vigorita](#) . 5 weeks \$36.00

Includes: How to read water on the Upper Delaware and a lot of other exciting information.

Don't Forget to sign up at the meeting!