



Think Spring—Opening Day is Coming

# Main Line Fly-Tyers 2006-2007

**Happy New Years !**

## **Upcoming Events**

- This month's speaker will be Jim Teeny . Jim is the originator of the Teeny Nymphs and the series of Teeny Fly Lines
- Fly Tying and Strategies Calls are beginning this month. The schedule and sign-up information is in this newsletter
- Greater Philadelphia Sportsman's Show in Reading.
- Trout Season Opens March 31st and/or April 14th.

## **Last Month**

The 2nd Annual Auction and Christmas Party was a huge success. Many members contributed to the success by selling and/or donating items for the auction. The event benefited members getting a lot of good deals on equipment and the club profited handsomely from the proceeds. So well, that this year the club will not be holding its annual raffle for fundraising.

## **January Meeting, Speaker Jim Teeny**



Jim Teeny started the Teeny Nymph Company on July 1, 1971 in hopes of entering into the fly fishing tackle world. Thirty years later he is still there and growing. With all the products that Jim offers, none has had a greater impact on the fly-fishing industry than his sinking fly lines. He also offers a wide range of floating and specialty fly lines and Temple Forks has introduced the Jim Teeny line of fly rods.

### **Afternoon Tying with Jim Teeny:**



Jim will be the host for an afternoon of tying the day of the meeting, Thursday, Jan. 18th. The session will be held at the Plymouth Community Center from 1pm to about 4pm. If you are interested please email me at [mike@mainlineflytyers.net](mailto:mike@mainlineflytyers.net) or call 610-955-9885.

The size of the class will be limited to keep the afternoon informal and give the opportunity to talk one-on-one in a relaxed atmosphere with Jim. . (There will be a nominal fee \$10 per person to cover the rent on the room).

### **February Meeting:**

The speaker will be Bob Bonney, a Fish Commission WCO. He will talk about new regulations in PA and the area WCO's initiative to bring new people (particularly youth) into the sport.

This will be your chance to ask questions about the 2 Trout Season Opening Days. In case you're not aware the PA Fish Commission changed the rules for 2007. In the southeastern part of the state the opener is March 31st and the rest of the state opens on April 14. Read more about it at the fish commission website: <http://www.fish.state.pa.us/opendays.htm>

### **Winter Classes - Starting January 25, 2007**

**Fly Tying**, 6 classes (Jan 25, Feb 1, Feb 8, Feb 22, Mar 1, Mar 8)

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

**Fly Fishing Tactics and Strategies**, 5 classes starting Feb. 6, 2007:

- Taught by Sam Vigorita-
- Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 and Mar 6
- Including Special Feature - How to read the water on the Upper Delaware

To register contact: [Upper Moreland Parks and Recreation Dept.](http://www.uppermoreland.org/parks/recreation.asp) (<http://www.uppermoreland.org/parks/recreation.asp>) or call 215-659-3100 ext. 1039 .

## Fly of the Month Raffle - Black Stonefly



### **Kaufman's Black Stonefly**

**Hook:** Mustad 9672, Nos. 4-12

**Thread:** Black 6/0 Unithread

**Weight:** Wraps of lead wire

**Tails:** Black biots

**Rib:** Black vinyl rib

**Underbody:** Black yarn

**Abdomen:** Black Iridescent dubbing

**Wingcase:** Fleximent treated turkey tail tied in three sections

**Thorax:** Black Iridescent dubbing

**Antennae:** Black biots

Tying Tips: (1) The dubbing is best tied with a dubbing loop, as it is pretty coarse and is a synthetic dubbing. (2) I tie the Kaufmanns with plenty of lead wire to weight it, and use appropriately colored yarn as an underbody and then go over it with the Iridescent in a dubbing loop, as this makes the tying go more quickly

There are several tying steps needed to tie one of these nymphs, and it is not a quick tie. It takes practice to get down the spacing and shape of the wingcases. However, the trout don't really care how neat the nymph is. They don't count very well either, so if you run out of room when tying in the wingcases just tie in two wingcases.

When tying the nymph, wrap the thread wraps fairly tightly to keep the body of the nymph firm. The Iridescent dubbing is tough stuff, and a strong tying thread is needed to hold things together when you are digging away at the dubbing to form the buggy appearance.

Finally, the black nymph is normally only tied from # 4 to #8; however, it can also be used to represent the early black stone, and so also tie the smaller sizes. Or for a quick tie for the early black stones – use a black fly nymph (what else?).

### **Philadelphia Sportsman's Show (this is the old Fort Washington Show):**

The club will have a booth at the Phila. (Reading) Sportsman's Show, Jan. 18th through Jan. 21st. Vice President Steve Larson, is organizing the volunteers to man the booth and do some fly-tying while you're there. Please get back to Steve as soon as possible if you are interested in helping the club at the show. Steve's contacts are:

email, [steve.t.larson@lmco.com](mailto:steve.t.larson@lmco.com) or phone: 610-662-9041

More information is available at: <http://www.phillysportshow.com/>

### **Resica Falls Fly Fishing Seminar Day**

For those that plan ahead (and you should for this event), the Club's annual Fly Fishing clinic will be held on April 7th, 2007. This is the Saturday between the two PA Trout Season Opening Days. The cost is free for Club Members, \$40 for non-members.

### **Club Elections:**

The term of office for the current Club Officers ends this year. Nominations for new officers will be taken at both the February and March meetings. Elections will be held at the April meeting. The elected offices are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Newsletter Secretary. The term of office for an elected officer is 2 years.

If you are interested in running for office and contributing to the growth of the club talk with any of the current officers or members of the Executive Committee.

We are also seeking volunteers for the following positions; Refreshments, Photographer, Public Relations, Vendor Relations (obtaining discounts from manufacturers and area shops) and Librarian.

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#### **Club Officers**

**President:** Mike Ebner

**Vice President:** Steve Larsen

**Treasurer:** Frank Howard

**Newsletter Secretary:** Randy Mears

**Recording Secretary:** Shaun Dougherty

**Coffee and Refreshments:** Kurt Griffin / Bob Peters

**Librarian:** Jim Costello

#### **Executive Planning Committee**

-The Club Officers

-Sam Vigorita

-Ed Emery

-Dave Shillington

-Gil Learn

If you would like to become a member of the committee, please contact any of the above members.