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Next Meeting Thursday February 21, 2008

Aye Aye Captn'

The next meeting for the Mainline Line Fly-Tyers will be on Thursday February 21st from 7pm to 10pm at the Greater Plymouth Meeting Community Center. Mark your calendars and make sure you join us. This month's speaker will be Capt. Gene Quigley who will be sharing his presentation entitled "Stripers on the Fly".

Capt. Gene Quigley is considered one of the top fly and light tackle captains in the Northeast. A native of the New Jersey shore, Gene has been fishing the inshore and offshore waters for over 30 years. In addition to guiding, Gene is also a noted outdoor writer, photographer, and seminar speaker. He is on the editorial staff for Fly Fishing in Saltwater, and contributes regularly to Saltwater Sportsman, Fly Fisherman, The Fisherman, Sport Fishing, Boaters Digest, and is a featured speaker on the Sport Fishing's "Learn From the Experts" Seminar series.

Gene is a co-author of [Saltwater Fishing, A Tactical Approach](#). Gene also contributes a weekly fishing column in the "Hook, Line and Sinkers" section of the [Asbury Park Press](#).



Gene sits on the national prostaff's for St Croix Rod Company, Raymarine, AVET Reels, Parker Boats, Yamaha, Navionics, Aquaskinz, Tibor Reels, Rio Fly Lines, Spotters Sunglasses, Gamakatsu, Spro, PowerPro, Patagonia, and Korkers.

Currently, Gene is the Chairman of the New Jersey Professional Fly & Light Tackle Guides Association and sits on the association's national board of directors. He has been seen on the Outdoor Life Networks (OLN) "Family Fishing Outdoors Show" and PBS's "Vacations On The Fly" television shows.



Upcoming Events



- January 24th: Winter 2008 Fly Tying Classes (runs for 6 Thursday nights)
Upper Moreland High School
<http://www.uppermoreland.org/parks/>
or call 215-659-3100 x1039 to sign up
- January 29th: Winter 2008 Fly Fishing Tactics Classes (runs for 5 Tuesday nights)
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<http://www.uppermoreland.org/parks/>
or call 215-659-3100 x1039 to sign up
- February 21st: Main Line Fly-Tyers Monthly Meeting
Guest Speaker-Capt Gene Quigley (Stripers on the Fly)
- March 1st: Club Tying Event at the Sporting Gentleman Fly Shop in Media PA
From 10am-4pm
- March 15th: Club Tying Event at French Creek Outfitters in Phoenixville PA
Time: TBD
- March 20th: Main Line Fly-Tyers Monthly Meeting
Guest Speaker- Joe Humphrey (Presentation TBA)
- March 29th: Opening Day of Trout Season in PA (southern regions)
- April 5th: Fly Fishing Day at Resica Falls Scout Reservation
- April 6th-13th: Fly Fishing Trip to Florida Keys
- April 12th: Opening Day of Trout Season in PA (northern regions)
Club Trip to the Broadhead Creek
- April 17th: Main Line Fly-Tyers Monthly Meeting
Guest Speakers- Barry & Cathy Beck (Presentation TBA)
- May 16th-18th: Club Trip to Penns Creek
- June 6th-8th: Club Trip to Upper Delaware River
- July 11th-15th: **Proposed** Club Trip to Penobscot River in Maine (date tentative)
- Sept. 19th-21st : **Proposed** Trip to Delaware River Club (date tentative)
- October 4th: Lake Fishing Day (date tentative)
- November 6th: Cast and Blast Outing (date tentative)

News !

Tyers Needed !

The Main Line Fly-Tyers have rekindled an old club tradition of tying flies at local fly shops. We have two events already set up. On March 1st MLFT will be at the Sporting Gentleman Fly Shop in Media PA. Tyers have already been lined up for that event. An event at French Creek Outfitters in Phoenixville has been scheduled for March 15th. We still need volunteers for that outing. Please sign up at the February meeting or contact Gil Learn if you are able to help out on that day.

If you aren't up to tying, please be sure to stop by to show your support for our fellow club members. Also, these shops would most certainly appreciate our patronage. Both businesses have been very supportive of our club giving us substantial discounts on raffle prize items.

\$\$\$ Guest Fees To Be Collected \$\$\$

We will be having big name speakers in March and April. All visitors are welcome. Please make note that a 10.00 guest fee will be collected from all non-members at both of these meetings. These funds will help defray some of the expenses that we'll be incurring for these events.

Big Early Season Kickoff Event !

Be sure to come out and join us at Resica Falls on April 5th for our annual Learn to Fly Fish Day. It's a day packed with instruction on everything from assembling your gear, tying knots, and casting. Nymph, wet, and dry fly fishing are also covered. Its open to all levels from beginner to expert. Whether you've never casted a fly line before, or you just need to work out that tailing loop, there is something for everyone.

We encourage all of our members to come out and join us for a fun day on the stream. A hot lunch is also provided. This is a free event for all club members. Guests are welcome to join us for a \$40.00 fee (once paid, this fee makes you a member of the Main Line Fly-Tyers thru June 2008). For more information you can contact Ed at 610-630-9738 or Mike at 610-489-8319. Or send your name, address, telephone #, and email address along with a check payable to:

Main Line Fly-Tyers
c/o Frank Howard
7033 Ridge Ave Unit 2B
Philadelphia, PA 19128

May Fishing Trip To Penns Creek

There are still openings available for the Coburn trip scheduled for May 16th-18th. Over a dozen members from MLFT did this trip last year and reported having a good time. We have booked a half dozen rooms at the Feathered Hook B&B. This location is literally within walking distance to famed Penns, Pine, and Elk creeks. Its only a short drive from Spring Creek as well as other famous PA fly fishing streams. A sign up sheet will be available at the monthly meeting, or you can reserve a spot by contacting Steve Larson.

Fly of the Month



Little Black Stonefly Nymph

I found this nice pattern on a really cool website I came across:

www.flyfishpa.net

Check it out if you get a chance.
This looks like a really good early season imitation.



Hook: #14 or #16 nymph hook

Thread: Black 6/0

Weight: 1/8 oz bead and 8 turns of 0.15 lead

Tail: Divided turkey/goose biot

Abdomen: Black brassie (BR) ultra wire

Wing Case: Black swiss straw

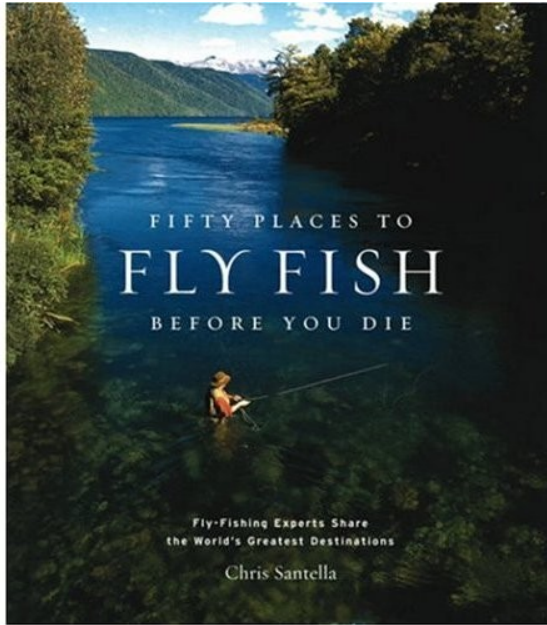
Thorax: Black dubbing

Legs: Black deer hair or dyed black pheasant tail

Antenna: Divided turkey/goose biot

Book Review

Submitted by Steve Larson



Last month we added a new section to the newsletter, and the newsletter staff hopes you enjoyed Ed Emery's review of Art Flicks Streamside Guide. We hope that this section will continue for issues to come. Now here is the catch, for it to happen we will need your support. Look in your library and find your favorite fishing or reference book. If you find it of interest, then most likely so will others. Write a review and tell us what draws your interest.

This month I am going to tell you about a book that I found while wandering L.L. Bean as my wife shopped. This book caught my eye, yet I passed it up knowing my wife would have something to say about my getting yet another fly fishing book. I had it in my hand just to put it back. Later, while standing in line with our purchases, my wife once again demonstrated that I know nothing about what goes on inside a woman's head. She told me about this great book she saw and said I had to get it. With a recommendation like that I just had to. This book is everything its title promises.

50 Places to Fly Fish before You Die is a compilation of famous and semi famous fly fishing authors writing about their favorite fly fishing destinations. The destinations are worldwide and we can be proud that Pennsylvania made the list. I wonder what New Jersey got as a parting gift? Ed Shenk, author of Summertime Terrestrial Tactics along with other books, felt that The Letort River deserved to be in the top 50. I guess I should be embarrassed that I haven't even been there. The embarrassment will be gone this year after I make the now obligatory trip. Another location that caught my eye was in Maine on the West Branch of the Penobscot River; Landlocked Salmon in a minimally populated area. The basic directions are to drive 8 hours to Maine on 95 north and when you cross the boarder drive 6 more. Guess I'll have to plan a long weekend for that trip. There are two shorter trips to take if 14 hours isn't appealing. Virginia's Shenandoah River has some unmatched smallmouth fishing. Or you can go to New York, to fish some river called The Delaware, for big Rainbow Trout.

As we all know out west there are some great locations to fish and some of them were captured in the list. Montana is represented by the Bighorn and Armstrong's Spring Creek. Wyoming has The Madison and Firehole Rivers. Oregon has the Umpqua and Deschutes Rivers. Utah is covered by The Green. How can I forget The Colorado and The Gunnison River? Don't worry Doctor Nack, The State where the Mosquito and Black Fly are king made, Alaska, made the grade. Bristol and Nakalilok Bays are in there.

But this isn't just a US destinations list so dust off your passport to go visit Brazil and The Reo Negro River for Peacock Bass. Try British Columbia to fish steelhead on the Dean or Skeena Rivers. If we jump over the pond we can visit the home of fly fishing. Examine fishing the River Test in Stockbridge England. My suggestion after reading would be to visit the home of my ancestors. Norway and The Alta River defines Atlantic salmon fishing.

So pull out your bucket list and get ready, because I guarantee that when you do read it, there will be an overflow of entries to the pail.

General Information

Website: mainlineflytyers.net

Meeting Location:

Greater Plymouth Community Center
2910 Jolly Rd
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

Driving Directions:

From Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-276)

Take Exit 333 (Norristown - old exit 25). At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Plymouth Road. At the light, turn right onto Germantown Pike West. Continue approximately one (1) mile, through four (4) traffic lights (not counting the left hand turn light at Sandy Hill Road). At the fifth light, turn right onto Jolly Road. The Community Center is on the right at 2910 Jolly Road.

From Blue Route (I-476)

Take exit for Germantown Pike West (Exit 20). Continue on Germantown Pike west for approximately one (1) mile, through five (5) traffic lights (not counting the left hand turn light at Sandy Hill Road). At the fifth light, turn right onto Jolly Road. The Community Center is on the right at 2910 Jolly Road.

From Route 202

Follow Route 202 to Germantown Pike. Travel EAST on Germantown Pike, through five (5) traffic lights. At the next traffic light, approximately half a mile, turn left onto Jolly Road. The Community Center is on the right at 2910 Jolly Road.

Club Officers:

President: Steve Birkenmaier
Vice Pres.: Gil Learn
Treasurer: Frank Howard
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