



September Newsletter

MAIN LINE FLY-TYERS

-Meetings on third Thursday of the Month-

Bob Clouser Returns to MLFT for the September Kick-off



Bob shows off a beautiful smallmouth; having fallen victim to one of Bob's fly patterns

It's with great pleasure that we welcome back an old friend to our September monthly meeting. Bob Clouser has been a guest of MLFT in previous years and has not only impressed us with his extensive knowledge of fly fishing and fly tying but with his "easy" presentation manner and his approachable demeanor. In spite of his world class achievements, he has the persona that sits well with the average fly fisher. Holder of many prestigious awards, Bob's reputation is well earned in saltwater and freshwater circles throughout the world. As a fly fishing expert he has conducted schools, given tying demonstrations,

published books, produced videos, and participated in charity events. Perhaps he is best known for his innovative and proven fly patterns (e.g. The Clouser Minnow, etc.) and has received recognition in many magazines, including Field and Stream and the like. In spite of his commercial endeavors he still finds time to support the conservation causes with TU chapters, the Susquehanna Smallmouth Alliance, and with the Federation of Fly Fishers. Bob and his wife, Joan, operate Clouser's Fly Shop in Middletown, PA and operate a mail order business that can be accessed at clousersflyfishing.com, where products can be ordered and information on schools and trips is available. Be sure to set aside the night of September 17th for an evening of information and camaraderie with one of the biggest names in fly fishing; Bob Clouser.

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Special points of interest:

- Consider replacing all of your leaders and tippets at the end of the season
- Use a pencil eraser to remove herl from a peacock quill—soak in H₂O to reduce brittleness
- Use your dubbing needle to comb underfur out of deer hair before spinning on hook
- Next meeting September 17th; annual club due are due

Stream Report—the “Dog”-days of summer have passed (con’t)

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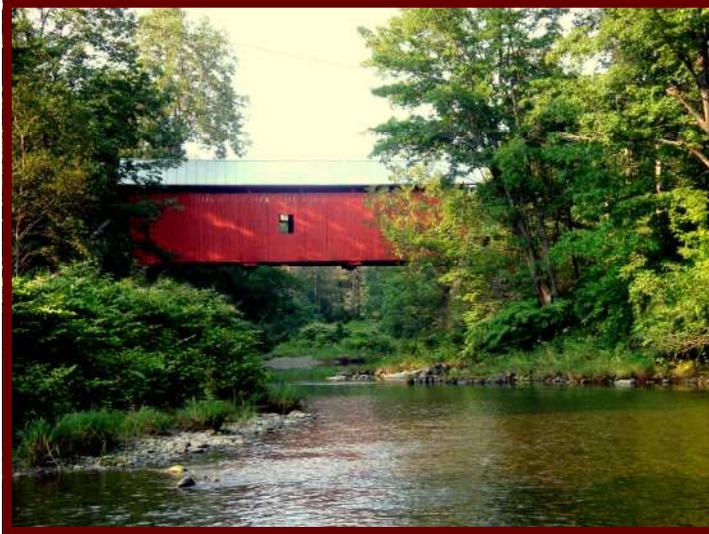
phone, fancy car keys, and wallet that you’re just asking for trouble (mistake #2). I also forgot just how slippery the rocks below the falls can be (mistake #3). Needless to say, it wasn’t long before I managed to fall in and scare any near-by rain-bows half to death.

Between be splashing around in the creek and the local teens that were jumping from the covered bridge, this section of the creek needed to settle down a bit. Once things quieted down and the sun started to set we spotted three trout rising in the section shown in the picture to the right. Because the water was gin-clear it was hard not to put these native fish down.

The closest that we got to success was below the falls where I was able to entice three strikes from the same trout on a green colored wollybugger and one good strike on an epoxy-cased nymph. None of these resulted

in hookups.

Because we only had a couple of hours available to us we didn’t get



*A covered bridge spans the Dog River
in Northfield Falls, VT*

much chance to “experiment”. I did some research, after my return home, and found that there is a significant hatch on the Dog that should be worthy of note; it’s called the “Tiny Blue Winged Olive” (*Centroptilum asperatum*, I think). It’s a size 22 or smaller and probably is often mistaken for Trico’s. It’s hatch time is listed as August 1 through September 30,

making it a good late summer pattern.

Another major plus during my return visit was the water level was very good but unusually high. By looking up the USGS flow-rate graph, it showed that the river flow rate is about three times the normal flow rate for this time of year. Normally, a picture taken from the above vantage point would have shown nearly all dry ground in the foreground.

It’s always a treat to visit some water that has produced some good trout over the years; this was no exception. It looks like this spot would be easy to fish– not true! It’s hard to tell by the picture but you’re looking down-stream, in the above picture, and the trout are fac-

ing directly upstream; making for a tough situation to avoid spooking them. That’s one of the reasons that this is mostly an evening-fishing situation.

It occurred to me that I’ve fished this water for over 40 years, haven’t fished it much better than when I started, and I’m still fascinated by it’s mystique!

Former Pres. “Burkie” receives “prestigious” wading award...

Out-going club President, Steve Birkenmaier, was “recognized” for his undying concern for water flow and resulting stream levels by being the first (and only) recipient of the club’s Combination Wading Staff & Water Gauge Award. Obviously, no expense was spared in acquiring this lovely wood and alabaster wading tool but club officers felt that this was the only proper way to acknowledge his dedication to carefully monitoring Pennsylvania’s natural resources.

Seriously, we would like to thank “Sarge” for his great sense of humor and leadership over the last couple of years. If you get a chance, a personal word of “thanks” from each of our members would be far more appropriate and appreciated.





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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.

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www.mainlineflytyers.net

*Meetings held on third
Thursday of the month
starting at 7PM*

Back Casts—the “Dog”-days of summer have passed...

It was hard for me to write off this once-fine trout stream so I had to give it another try. My return to the *Dog River* in central Vermont was apprehensive and, while still disappointing, I came away somewhat encouraged. The last time I fished the Dog, I was extremely discouraged by the lack of any visible trout activity. This once trout-packed stream was virtually devoid of any trout. In my newsletter article “*Can the Water be too clean?*” in Sept. 2008 I made the point that the unbuffered water of the northeast trout streams are very vulnerable to acid-rain (or

acid-snow, in this case). These



The Dog River in Northfield falls, VT

freestone streams are gems but their

trout-holding capacity is , by their very nature, quite limited. However, if you work hard enough and pay careful attention to your casting and wading skills, you’ll do OK.

It was a very hot day that marked my return to the Dog so my grandson, Josh, and I decided to wet-wade the creek. I remember that my previous day fishing the Dog was in mid-day and the Dog is primarily an evening-hatch stream (mistake #1). I also forgot that when you wet-wade with your cell

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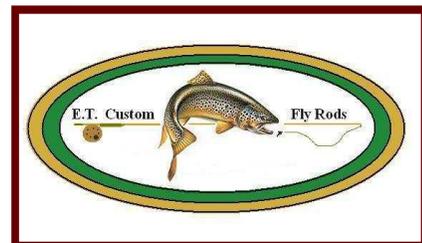
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2009-2010 - Fly Tying & Tactics and Strategies Classes

The Fall 2009 classes begin in October and the Winter (2010) classes in January. The MLFT club offers two classes for beginning through advanced fly tyers.. Classes are held twice a year. There is a fall session starting in October and the winter session starts in January. The tying class has multiple instructors available and ready to teach and coach beginners, novice, intermediate and advanced tyers. The Tactics and Strategy class includes particular tips for fishing the Upper Delaware River.

FLY-TYING

If you're interested in fly-fishing and fly-tying, this is the course you've been waiting for. Don't wait; be ready for opening day. Learn how to create wet flies, dry flies, nymphs, streamers, and bass bugs. Suggestions for tools and materials will be given at the first class. Advanced instruction will also be available for experienced tyers wishing to advance their fly-tying skills.

The class meets on Thursdays and includes 6 class sessions at the Upper Moreland High School, Room 411.

Fall Class (2009): Oct. 1, Oct. 8, Oct 14 (Wed), Oct. 22, Oct. 29, and Nov. 5 - at HS Rm. 411 7:00-9:00



Winter Class (2010): Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb 11, Feb 17 (Wed), Feb. 25 and Mar. 4 - at HS Rm. 411 7:00-9:00

Instructors: Sam Vigorita & Dave Shillington, Main Line Fly Tyers Club

FLY-FISHING TACTICS/STRATEGIES

Improve your skills and catch more fish! Learn how to "read" the waters of a trout stream. Find out where fish live, how to approach them, and how to catch them. Know what they feed on and learn the types of flies to use at different times of the year. Become a better fisherman and reduce your chances of coming up empty. The instructor is one of the area's most successful trout anglers and has logged literally thousands of hours fishing and instructing on East Coast trout and salmon waters.

The class meets on Tuesdays and includes 5 class sessions at the Upper Moreland High School, Room 806



Fall Class (2009): Oct. 6, Oct. 13, Oct. 20, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3 - in Rm. 806 from 7:00-9:00pm

Winter Class (2010): Feb. 2, Feb. 9, Feb 16, Feb 23, and Mar. - 2 in Rm. 806 from 7:00-9:00pm

Instructor: Sam Vigorita, Main Line Fly Tyers Club

Registration

The cost for each class is \$47. To register call the Upper Moreland Parks and Recreation Dept. at 215-659-3100 x1039 or 267-607-1038



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Thanks,

Ed Temme (the rod smith)

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Bob Henley's Tie-A-Fly comes in 11 different patterns. Each kit contains all the materials (individually packaged) you need for the particular fly you're tying. Comes with complete instructions and clear illustrations. Also, a pre-tied fly of the pattern is enclosed to use as a model.

Tie-A-Fly patterns include: Elk Hair Caddis, Royal Wulff, Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear, Humpy, Adams, Woolly Bugger, Black Winged Ant, Parachute Adams, Light Cahill, A.P. Nymph and Pheasant Tail Nymph.

Most retailers (on-line included) sell this product for \$19.95 plus shipping. Not at Frank's...Personally, I think that's too much for friends. That's why you can now purchase the Tie-A-Fly for only \$16.50. If you're too lazy to pick it up, shipping is extra.



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