

# October Newsletter



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*-Meetings on third Thursday of the Month*

## Bob Clouser Kicks-off our 2009-2010 Season

The season was given a rousing start as **Bob Clouser** was our guest speaker for the September kick-off meeting. Bob is an old friend of MLFT and members were eager to hear him give his usual top-shelf presentation, conduct a real-time tying demonstration, and conclude with a lively question and answer segment. Bob is renowned for his Clouser Minnow and the Clouser Crayfish; which he constructed for our members. He was able to capture the attention of some died-in-the-wool trout fishers with a well organized presentation on fly fishing for bass.



*Bob is shown giving his usual informative and entertaining presentation at the September*

## Club loses long-time Member and Friend



*The late Ed Temme (left) shown discussing rod design with former club president, Don Douple*

We were all saddened by the sudden loss of our friend and custom rod builder, **Ed Temme**. Ed was a resident of Lansdale and the father of two children, and husband of Diane Temme. Originally a resident of Olney, Ed has been associated with MLFT since 1995 and recently custom-built a fly rod which was graciously donated to the club as a potential raffle gift. Those who knew Ed feel he would prefer that we celebrate his life by recalling the times that he enjoyed the club meetings, shared his knowledge of rod design, and the times

spent on the streams with some of the club members. We extend to his family our deepest condolences and regret their loss.

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### Special points of interest:

- Cast & Blast November 7th
- Annual Fall Lake Fishing Day October 11th
- Next meeting October 15th; annual club dues are due
- Don Douple to present tying demo at October meeting

## Back Casts—has the *snelled hook* of the past returned?... (cont.)

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and sold as a **dropper rig fly box** and this century-old concept works like a charm! The reason I like it so well is because I can fish a dry fly attractor pattern, with a fairly heavy leader (say 5X or so) and drop down to smaller fly with a tiny, thin leader (say #22 and 7X) without replacing my whole leader setup. With the “dropper” attached at the bend of the lead fly you can do it almost in the dark without tying a single knot! With this combo your attractor fly becomes a strike indicator and the dropper is more likely to drift drag-free to where you want it to.

The **dropper rig fly box** has removable holders with foam inserts that allow you to secure the hook tip into the de-

vice after having wrapped the leader

work just fine.



**Dropper rig fly box**

**allows you to pre-tie flies to leaders**

around the body a number of times. I like to make the dropper/leaders about 12-18 in. long. It's not necessary to actually “snell” the leaders to the hook; your favorite leader-to-fly knot will

I can't praise these things enough. They don't kink or mar the leaders. They close and lock quite securely and are made of a rugged plastic that secures the holders apart from each other. The only downside is that they are on the large side for most vests. I like to attach mine outside my vest to a D-ring using a carabiner.

Apart from being a little bulky these are some of the neatest items to have come along. They're a little pricey at \$19.95 but I think that it's a good design and a “must have” item for your vest.

-Editor

## Fly Tying Desks Fundamentals for Dummies (and ex-golfers)...

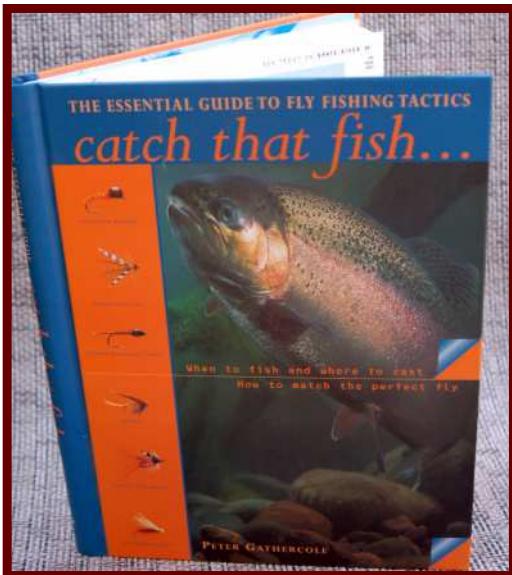


If you have the luxury of having a space that you can leave your tying stuff permanently setup, then you are way ahead of the game. That means that you won't have to “hide” your materials and tools from the rest of the world. If you're not so lucky, then you're going to have to do the best you can by having something that is portable and easy to shove in the closet. In my bygone days as an apartment-dweller, I used to use anything I could find (including tackle boxes and old plastic sewing boxes) for my tools and materials. For the most part they served the purpose just fine but the hard cases are awkward to travel with, so a soft case “gym bag” replaced my rigid ones. Usually the kitchen table had to serve as my “work station”.

Over the years, the spectrum of tying materials has increased dramatically. Between the beads, dubbings, stackers, threads, and various tools- the mere volume of materials has skyrocketed. It's something of a compulsion that most tyers like to travel with nearly all of their stuff in tow. Resist, if you can, and take only the materials you need for your favorite flies. **Ed note:** a roll-up toiletry travel kit can be used for your tying materials in a pinch.

For the beginners, there are some points worth noting; first, lighting and a good background are crucial—especially if you expect to tie the smaller patterns. After many years (and hundreds of flies) you'll tie almost by feel but until you reach that level, use a good light source. Also, use a chair that's *not* for leisure—currently I use a straight-back chair with a small pillow, to support my lower back. Still feel like splurging? Treat yourself to a good vise.

# Book Review—“The Essential Guide to Fly Fishing Tactics *Catch that Fish...*” by Peter Gathercole



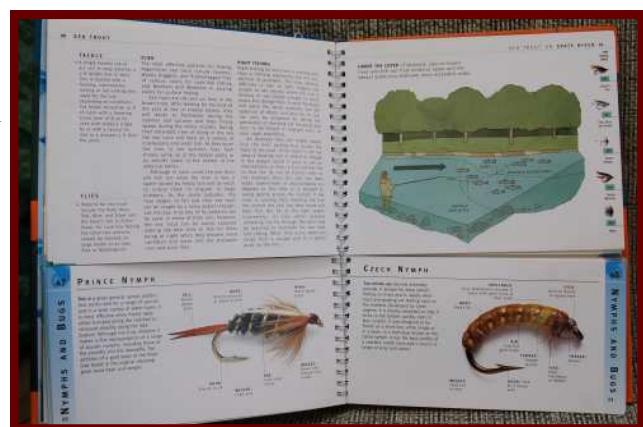
This won't be a literary classic, by any stretch, but it is a book that is worthy of note for a number of reasons (as noted below). It's not a new book and I bought mine in a book store in Freeport, ME for around \$15. new. The copyright is given as 1999 but it has some very contemporary patterns. The book consists of four major sections: **equipment, trout species, where to fish and what flies to use, and tying the flies**. Each section contains enough detail to be of value to the average fly fisher. What seems to be missing, in my estimation, is just a little fundamental entomology.

In spite of what I would call a “cookbook-approach”, where he promotes the scenario of “here's the situation—use these flies”, he implements one of the cleverest things that I've seen in a fishing book. In Section 3 “**Where to fish and what fly to choose...**” he splits the page on the bottom 1/3, which allows the reader to flip through the patterns and match them to the index that shows in the right page margin. Yeah, it's a little gimmicky, but it does serve the purpose quite well. The fact that the book is spiral bound makes this whole approach work just fine. Any

good tying book should have the spiral-bound feature; allowing the reader/tyer to keep the page open during the whole tying process.

The biggest plus to this publication is the size and quality of the color (colour, if your British) that is present in the fly plates. The actual size of these plates looks to be about 5X the actual size. This feature alone makes this book worth some attention. I can't remember seeing fly pattern plates of this size in any other publication. There are nearly 100 plates and with the exaggerated size, the reader benefits from seeing the flies at a large enough scale that the proportion of the fly is more obvious. Ask any of the really good tyers they will tell you that proportion is one of the most elusive qualities for the beginner to achieve.

The book isn't likely to be on shelf of the local fly shop but you can find it on line for a list price of \$19.99 or used for about \$5. I'm not sure that I'd spring for the list price plus shipping, but \$5 sounds good. —editor



## Refreshments Served at Each Meeting

Refreshments are being provided at each meeting by Kathleen McKenzie and Jerry Usatch who have volunteered to continue this most-appreciated service to member and their guests. A special word of “thanks” to Kurt Griffin for providing this service over the past few years.

It's a pleasant break to have a cup of java, a donut and share the-one-that-got-away stories with our guest speakers and old friends.

Thanks, again for these refreshments and we'll try our best to keep the area *reasonably* clean!





## MAIN LINE FLY-TYERS

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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

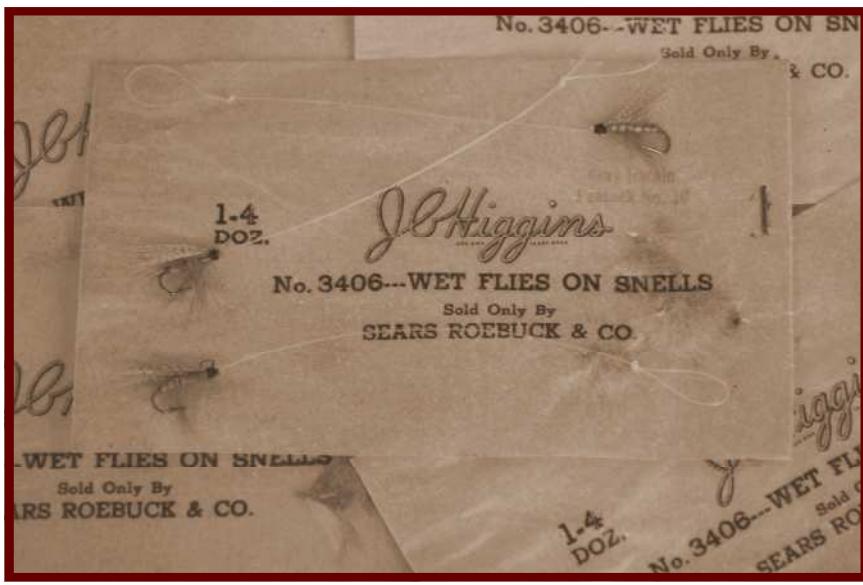
Follow Route 202 to Germantown Pike. Travel EAST on Germantown Pike, through five (5) traffic lights. At the next traffic light, approximately half a mile, turn left onto Jolly Road. The Community Center is on the right at 2910 Jolly Road.

We're on the Web

[www.mainlineflytyers.net](http://www.mainlineflytyers.net)

## Back Casts—has the snelled hook of the past returned?...

If you're an ex-bait fisher or if your fishing days go back further than you'd like to admit then the term "snelled hook" probably doesn't phase you much. Actually, they are still around and are extensively sold at most outfitters. Technically speaking the snelling process involves passing a piece of monofilament through the eye of a hook and tying it to the shank of the hook itself; using a specific knot in the process. The outer end of the mono is terminated with a loop knot that is available for quick attachment to your



*Wet flies on snelled hooks were commonplace*

*decades ago (sold by what was called Sears, Roebuck & Co., back then)*

line. Looking back to when my Dad and I would trout fish, it was very com-

mon to see some wet flies attached in this same manner and carried on a small flat piece of scrap wood that served as a primitive holder of these trout flies. My Dad was mostly into *garden hackle* but he always fished with a fly rod and carried a few flies "just incase" they were needed.

What does this have to do with the modern *sophisticated* fly fisherman? Well the quick-attachment concept is a good one and the storage method system works

well too. Today the system is packaged  
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# THE SOURCE

THESE PAGES ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE MEMBERS AND SPONSORS WITH A LOCATION ONTO WHICH THEY CAN POST ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO CLUB MEMBERS.

IT WILL BE PROVIDED AS A COURTESY AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE ITEMS SHOWN. IT WILL BE A BULLETIN BOARD FORMAT AND SHOULD INCLUDE ITEMS FOR SALE, EVENTS OF INTEREST TO OUR MEMBERS, PHONE NUMBERS OF AGENCIES, AND WILL BE OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE TO OUR SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS.

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THIS IS BEING DONE ON A TRIAL BASIS AND WILL BE MAINTAINED IF INTEREST JUSTIFIES ITS CONTINUATION

**Main Line Fly Tyers**  
**Annual Fall Lake Fishing Day**  
Sunday October 11th  
Scotts Run Lake  
9am till the fish stop biting

Come out and enjoy a good day of fishing as well as a free lunch. The club will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs, but please bring your own beverage. We are asking everyone who is planning to attend to please sign up online (click: <http://www.mainlineflytyers.net/MLFT-ScottsRunSignUp.htm>) so the cooks know how much food to bring.

## Notice (with undates in red):

### 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 **608**.

Fall Class (2009): Oct. 8, Oct 14 (Wed), Oct. 22, Oct. 29, and Nov. **4** - at HS Rm. **608** 7:00-9:00

Winter Class (2010): Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb 11, Feb 17 (Wed), Feb. 25 and Mar. 4 - at HS Rm. **608** 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 **608**



Fall Class (2009): Oct. 6, Oct. 13, Oct. 20, Oct. 27 and Nov. **10** - in Rm. **608** from 7:00-9:00pm

Winter Class (2010): Feb. 2, Feb. 9, Feb 16, Feb 23, and Mar. - 2 in Rm. **608** from 7:00-9:00pm

Instructor: Sam Vigorita, Main Line Fly Tyers Club

[Registration](#)

# Upcoming Events

## Lake Fishing Day

- Scheduled for Sunday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 2009
- Scotts Run at French Creek State Park

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/frenchcreek.aspx>

## Cast and Blast

- Scheduled for Saturday Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 2009
- Tentatively scheduled for Tuscarora Lake

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/tuscarora.aspx>

## 2009 International Fly Tying Symposium - Nov 21st and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009

## The Fly Fishing Show – Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 2010

## Southeast PA Opening day - April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010 at 8:00 AM

Not a scheduled Club Event

## Learn to fish Day – April 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 9:00 AM

- Resica Falls Scout Camp
- Coffee in the AM
- Lunch Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips and Soda

Optional: For Cabin information call Scout Headquarters at 610-688-6900

## Northeast PA Opening day - April 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 8:00 AM

- Brodhead Creek, Stroudsburg, PA
- Meet for lunch at the Park right under the Rt 191 bridge

Lunch Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips and Soda

## Stick day – April 24<sup>th</sup> 2010

- Brodhead Creek, Stroudsburg, PA
- Meet for lunch at the Park right under the Rt 191 bridge

Lunch Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips and Soda

## Delaware River - May 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> 2010

- Pleasant Valley camp ground - Linda, 570-224-4038, Equinunk PA
- Each tent must call up for a reservation with number camping
- Bring your own food
- Must arrange own tenting/Sleeping arrangements

Will break up in groups to fish

## Penns Creek - TBD

- Make reservations at The Feathered Hook, Colburn PA 1-814-349-8757
- Breakfast included
- Sleep two to a room and two rooms share a bath
- Local Restaurants for dinner, pay for what you order, or Grill at the Feathered Hook, everyone splits the cost

Guides available, Contact Feathered Hook

# TCO Fly Shop

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# Some Local Shops

Clouser Fly Fishing 101 Ulrich Street Middletown, PA 17057 717-944-6541	Evening Hatch 5 Rt. 940 East Lake Harmony, PA 18624 570-443-0772	Little Lehigh Fly Shop RD 2 Fish Hatchery Road Allentown, PA 18103 610-797-5599
Mainstream Outfitters 1121 N. Easton Rd Doylestown, PA 1890 215-766-1244	Slate Run Tackle Shop PO Box 1 Route 414 Slate Run, PA 17769 570-753-8551	TCO Fly Shop 895 Penn Avenue Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 610-527-3388
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French Creek Outfitters Rt. 23 Phoenixville, PA 610-933-7200	The Sporting Gentleman 300 W. State Street Media, PA 19603 610-565-6140	Franks Fly Fishing Shoppe 7906 High School Road, 2nd floor Elkins Park, PA 19027 267-475-6055
Classic Fly Fisherman 222 S. Broad Street Lansdale , PA 19446 (215)412-3667		

**Fall stocking schedule for some local creeks (refers to special regulations areas only)**

Ridley Creek	10/4/09
Tulpehocken Creek	10/8/09
Bushkill Creek	10/15/09
Little Schuykill Creek	10/7/09