



November Newsletter

MAIN LINE FLY-TYERS

-Meetings on third Thursday of the Month-

“Ozzie” Ozefovich’s presentation to feature all about trout “feeding lies”...

Ozzie will be returning to MLFT at the November meeting to give a presentation on *The Underwater World of Trout* and what it means to the angler. Understanding the feeding lies helps answer: “Where are they? Why are they there? What are they eating? How do I recognize what is going on? In this study we go into the streams and examine the facts and get real answers.” This should prove to be one of those unique experiences that grips you and starts your gears to turning at a high rate. The kind of information you pick up at a show like this is invaluable. You’ll be better prepared the next time you step into your favorite creek. 🍷



Don Douple, former club president, presented streamer show in October

The October meeting was highlighted by a presentation by former club president, **Don Douple**, with his usual no-nonsense approach to trout fishing. Using some state-of-the-art video clips he emphasized streamer design features, proper casting techniques, a stealthy approach and some cautions about weighted-fly presentations. Special attention was given to keeping high back casts with weighted streamers and some tips about no-slack line during the fish-striking event. 🍷



Don Douple presents an information-packed program about streamer design and fishing tactics

Inside this issue:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Products: To see or not to see... | 2 |
| Back Casts—Nymph fishing wasn't born; litevolved | 4 |
| The Source (cover page) | 5 |
| The Source (content) | 5-9 |

Special points of interest:

- Cast & Blast November 7th
- A special “thanks” to Len Wasmanski for making and donating the “Outstanding Achievement” award plaques to outgoing officers
- Next meeting November 19th
- “Thanks” goes to the Delaware River Club for providing raffle prizes for each monthly meeting
- Don't miss the Orvis Tent Sale at Greater Philadelphia Expo Ctr in Oaks, PA (Nov.20-22)

Back Casts—Nymph fishing wasn't born; it evolved (cont.)

(Continued from page 4)

say that because it's my ancestry) couldn't be happy with conquering the world, they had to fight with one another on how to fish (yes, these are the guys that fish in tweeds and knickers). The classic battle was between Halford and Skues (look it up if you care) and it continued *for decades!*

Meanwhile, over in the US, the uncouth Yanks were happy to drag around a few wet flies, catch a bunch of poor dumb brookies and pee in the same water that they wanted to fish in. On the surface, things seemed OK but the world was about to

be turned upside down by a little incident called WWII!

This awesome country did what *had* to be done and the boys came home to find that their beloved streams were polluted by the same industrial complex that was so necessary to win the war. The brookies were nearly gone! The salmon could no longer reach their breeding grounds, but the first order of business was to find work.

But all was not lost. The seeds of change had been sown sometime before. The brown trout had taken over some of the brookie streams of the past. They had found a niche and had flourished but they wouldn't take the flies

of the past (Parmachene Belle, Mickey Finn, royal coachman, grey ghost and others).

Just prior to the war, in the 1930s, a guy named Edward R. Hewitt had fished the chalk-streams of England and had been introduced to what would later become the modern nymph patterns.

This, too, was a hard-sell to the stubborn New England fishers who thought you had to entice their quarry with bright colors.

I fish with the ultimate heresy—a dry fly and a nymph! 🪰

Products: To see or not to see...



These "suction on" magnifiers convert your existing sunglasses into bifocals. You can even trim them to fit!

now that I've used these neat little flexible magnifiers that make bifocals out of existing sunglasses. These are a blessing to the guys that need a prescription for distance and need some help during the knot-tying phase of their day a field. They use no adhesive and are applied wet to the inside of your glasses. By squeezing out the air and water with a dry paper towel they suction to the glasses for many days. It's good to clean and reapply them every now and then—just to make sure they stay in place. 🪰

Over the years it's been very difficult to find the right pair of glasses for most on-the-stream conditions. Many of the fly shops have a sun glasses rack and recently the quality of the optics has been steadily improving— but so has the cost. It's not unusual spend around \$100 for a mid-range pair of Polaroid's, and that's just for starters. Maybe you've been lucky and have found a cheaper pair that you love but the years have taken away you're close-in eyesight and you can barely tie a decent clinch knot anymore. You may have added a cheap pair to magnifying readers, that you hang around your neck, only to find that you've managed to scratch your original glasses in the process. We've all been there and have found ourselves buying a new pair of glasses every year or so. I was skeptical about this product, at first, but not

Special Raffle Prize is presented to member Russ Lambert...



*Russ Lambert caringly holds the Special Raffle prize
At the October club meeting*

It was something of a bittersweet moment when we conducted a special raffle at the October meeting that culminated in the presentation of uniquely constructed **Ed Temme** rod—complete with club logo and all. Ed had generously constructed the rod a month or so, ago; just prior to his untimely death. Ed was a craftsman who used great skill and pride in the construction of all of his creations. **Russ Lambert** was the lucky winner of this one-of-a-kind item. He intends to not only cherish this prize but will use it on the stream, as well. Russ says that it's a good rod for his club trips to the Upper Delaware where this 9 ft. 6-7wgt should work just fine. He thinks that it would be a little hard to pack for the

trips out west but will be perfect for some of the larger Pennsylvania streams.

All of us here at MLFT extend our deepest sympathy to all of Ed Temme's friends and family and we feel that this special raffle was a fitting way to honor his memory. An even greater honor is expressed in knowing that his creations will be used on the streams that he loved and that this special rod will perhaps someday be used to land an elegant Pennsylvania trout which, if released, will quietly slip back into the water from which it came — a fitting metaphor for the story of the lives of the brothers and sisters of the angle.

It strikes this writer as somewhat bizarre that Ed wanted, so much, to build and donate this great gift to his fellow clubmates — thanks, Ed! Congrats, Russ!



Fly Tying Demos start at 7pm

Tying demos typically start at 7pm as a preface to the main meeting time at 7:30. Normally, a club member ties a favorite pattern and fields questions from those that are observing. This is an open format where members and guests gather around the tyer and learn via observation and some Q&A.

Here, **John Jungers** ties some Gold Ribbed Hares Ear nymphs for those looking on. Volunteers are encouraged to fill this slot whenever they *get the urge!* Let others benefit from your expertise by jumping in whenever you can. It's a good chance to share your favorite pattern with others.





MAIN LINE FLY-TYERS

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

Club Officers:
President: Frank Howard
Vice Pres.: Mike Ebner
Treasurer: Jim Costello
Newsletter: Dwaine Glidden
Secretary: Al Kotake
Librarian: Ed Sclarow
Website: Mike Ebner

submit newsletter items and suggestions to:
dglidden43@verizon.net

We're on the Web
www.mainlineflytyers.net

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.

Back Casts—Nymph fishing wasn't born; it evolved...

It's been nearly 100 years in coming but the nymph vs. everything else controversy is pretty much over now. The tremendous diversity of trout flies, faced by the modern fly fisher, is almost staggering. A short visit to a fly shop and your head begins to spin. It almost seems like we've gone from a sport that was originally shrouded in secrecy and dogma to one that is now ruled by total chaos and anarchy.

This doesn't matter much to those of us who lived through it but it must be very confusing to the newcomers to the sport. The first thing that new fly fishers

usually try to do is to *take it all in*. It seems that a lot of folks



*Early nymphs resembled wets without wings-
(Maybe the lack of good head cement was to blame)*

probably get lost at this early stage and just give up. This is unfortunate because many of these poor lost souls could be

saved when they realize that fly fishing is not a religion (although most of us mistakenly think of it as one; from time-to-time). It's OK if you don't know the Latin name of the mayfly hatch that you're fishing in this week. Worry more about your presentation and stream-smarts and it'll take you a long way. But I digress...

It looks like the dry fly vs. nymph battle started back in merry old England on the classical chalk-streams. It seems that the crazy Brits (I can

(Back cast to page 2)

THE SOURCE

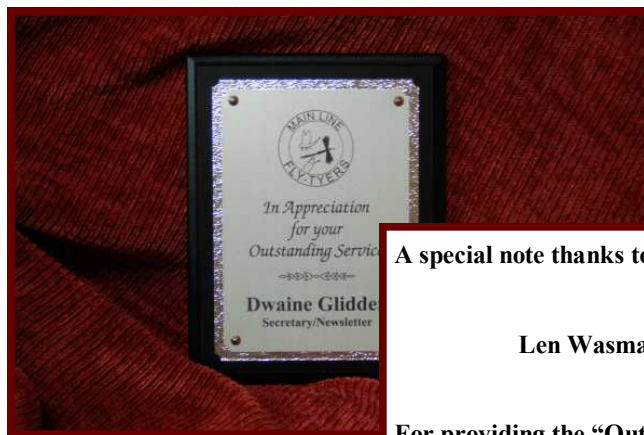
THESE PAGES ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE MEMBERS AND SPONSORS WITH A LOCATION ONTO WHICH THEY CAN POST ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO CLUB MEMBERS.

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.

CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS AND OPINIONS ARE BETTER ADDRESSED IN THE WEBSITE "FORUM".

THE EDITOR REQUESTS THAT ADVERTISEMENTS BE SUPPLIED IN THEIR FINAL CONFIGURATION AND EMAILED AS AN ATTACHMENT SO THEY CAN BE DOWNLOADED AND DIRECTLY INSERTED, AS RECEIVED.

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



A special note thanks to :

Len Wasmanski

For providing the "Outstanding Service" plaques for presentation to some of our members

Notice

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

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

Upcoming Events

Lake Fishing Day

- + Scheduled for Sunday Oct 11th 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 7th 2009
- + Beltsville Reservoir (meet at boat ramp; 8:00 AM for hunting, 12:30 PM for fishing)
- + Take I476 to Lehigh exit 74, ask for directions at toll booth

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

2009 International Fly Tying Symposium - Nov 21st and 22nd 2009 Somerset, NJ

The Fly Fishing Show – Jan 22nd to 24th 2010

Southeast PA Opening day - April 3rd 2010 at 8:00 AM

Not a scheduled Club Event

Learn to fish Day – April 10th 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 17th 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 24th 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 28th to 30th 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

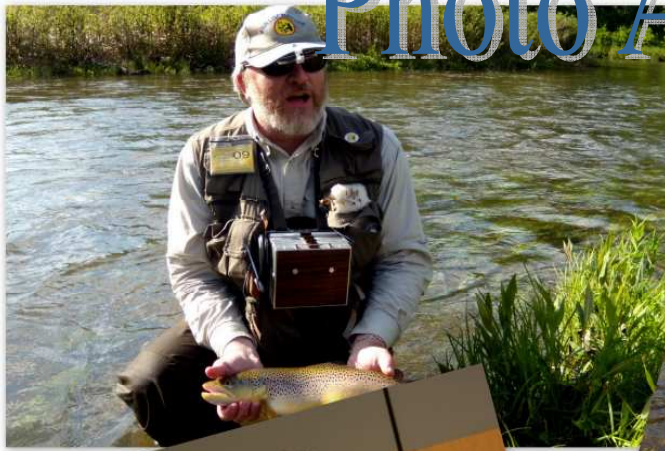
Will break up in groups to fish

Penns Creek - June 11, 12

- + 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

Photo Album





1228 Winterdale Road Starlight, PA 18461
Phone: 570.635.5880

Steelhead – The Late-Fall Trout Experience

As the seasons change and fall is upon us, the steelhead are migrating and moving into the Great Lakes Tributaries. Our guides are anxiously awaiting the upcoming Steelhead fishing season and look forward to showing you the most effective ways to catch Lake Erie Steelhead.

Some of our guides have been steelhead fishing for 10-15 years. It's a great way to extend the fishing season from late fall into early spring. Steelhead are notoriously explosive fish taking you into your backing and cart wheeling down the river, breaking your line and causing you to talk to yourself, but in the end, it's downright FUN!!

We want you to have the best experience possible and therefore, suggest that you book a trip during the week rather than on the weekends if possible. Aside from Elk Creek and Walnut Creek, we also fish some smaller select tributaries and possibly Cattaraugus Creek in order to give you the best opportunity to fight and land steelhead.

A PA fishing license and tributary stamp is required for all Lake Erie tributaries in PA. NY License and reservation permits are required for the Cattaraugus (you can get your reservation permit on site).

In addition to your PA or NY fishing license, you will need waders, sunglasses, warm clothes and your fishing equipment, including a 9 foot 5, 6 or 7 weight rod with a floating line or a 10 foot 6 weight rod. Our guides will provide the appropriate flies.

We are offering wade trips for \$275/day for one person and \$350/day for two people, including lunch. Each additional person is \$150/day. Call the Delaware River Club today to make your reservation.



Some Local Shops

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| <p>Clouser Fly Fishing 101 Ulrich Street Middletown, PA 17057 717-944-6541</p> | <p>Evening Hatch 5 Rt. 940 East Lake Harmony, PA 18624 570-443-0772</p> | <p>Little Lehigh Fly Shop RD 2 Fish Hatchery Road Allentown, PA 18103 610-797-5599</p> |
| <p>Mainstream Outfitters 1121 N. Easton Rd Doylestown, PA 1890 215-766-1244</p> | <p>Slate Run Tackle Shop PO Box 1 Route 414 Slate Run, PA 17769 570-753-8551</p> | <p>TCO Fly Shop 895 Penn Avenue Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 610-527-3388</p> |
| <p>TCO Fly Shop 2229 Penn Ave. Reading, PA 19609 610-678-1899</p> | <p>The Feathered Hook 516 Main Street Colburn, PA 16832 814-349-8757</p> | <p>Wilderness Trekker, Inc. 22 Hughes Street RR3 Box 3 New Ringgold, PA 17960 570-943-3151</p> |
| <p>Yellow Breeches Outfitters 2 First Street, PO Box 200 Boiling Springs, PA 17007 717-258-6752</p> | <p>A.A. Outfitters HC Box 1030 Blakeslee, PA 18610 800-443-8119</p> | <p>Anglers Pro Shop 3361 Bethlehem Pike Soudertown, PA 18964 800-934-4862</p> |
| <p>French Creek Outfitters Rt. 23 Phoenixville, PA 610-933-7200</p> | <p>The Sporting Gentleman 300 W. State Street Media, PA 19603 610-565-6140</p> | <p>Franks Fly Fishing Shoppe 7906 High School Road, 2nd floor Elkins Park, PA 19027 267-475-6055</p> |
| <p>Classic Fly Fisherman 222 S. Broad Street Lansdale, PA 19446 (215)412-3667</p> | <p>The Delaware River Club 1228 Winterdale Road Starlight, PA 18461 570-635-5880</p> | |

